

2012 Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies Conference

“... and Justice for All”

Sunday, March 18 & Monday, March 19, 2012

Information and Policies for Submitting Presentation Proposals

WCSS invites presentation proposals for conference sessions and workshops. Presentation proposals should be related to the social studies, international and global education, and to the conference theme: “... and Justice for All”. Presentation proposals about foreign languages, sciences, arts, and humanities that are linked to the social studies and international/global education are encouraged. WCSS seeks quality conference sessions and workshops that (a) actively engage elementary, middle, secondary, post-secondary teachers and instructional leaders, (b) result in curriculum and instructional improvement, and are linked to the standards.

Submission of Presentation Proposals. Please submit all presentation proposals ONLINE. A link for doing so can be found at the WCSS website (www.wcss-wi.org/conference). If for some reason you cannot submit the presentation proposal online, you may submit a presentation proposal form by downloading the form off the WCSS website and emailing to Rhonda Watton at wcss2013@gmail.com.

Deadline. The deadline for presentation proposals is Wednesday, January 11th. Notification will be late January or early February. There will a slight extension of the early bird deadline just for accepted presenters.

Registration for the Conference. It is expected that all presenters register for the Conference, and it is the responsibility of the Primary Presenter/Organizer to have ALL presenters registered. The Primary Presenter/Organizer should send in all the registrations with payments together, if possible. If payment is not received within two weeks of acceptance, the session will be dropped and not listed in the program.

Conference Sessions. Conference sessions are either 50 or 100-minutes.

- A 50-minute session has an expectation that at least 10 minutes is devoted to Q & A, discussion, and interaction among the speaker(s) and among participants.

- A limited number of 100-minute sessions will be offered and are designed to cover a topic in greater depth and include hands-on activities, instructional materials, lesson plans, or teaching strategies and techniques leading to instructional improvement. During a 100-minute session at least 20 minutes needs to be allotted to Q & A, discussion, and interaction among the speaker(s) and participants.

Academic Papers. Academic papers are expected to be read at the conference whether they have been published or not. The academic paper session should allow time for Q & A/discussion. All academic papers are invited to be submitted to WCSS for potential publication in one of the WCSS publications. The deadline for academic paper proposals is January 11, 2012; however, the actual academic paper need only be prepared by the time of the conference, March 18-19, 2012.

Poster Sessions. Undergraduates in teacher preparation programs are encouraged to participate in the conference by submitting a proposal for a poster session.

Handouts. Presenters are encouraged to bring about 25 copies of materials to include (a) an abstract of the presentation, (b) summary of key ideas, (c) Internet and bibliographical resources, (d) copies of the PowerPoint slides, and (e) professional contacts. Any leftover copies can be left on the conference table in the Exhibit Area. Presenters are also asked to pause a moment at the registration booth to download their presentation or to provide a CD of materials for inclusion on the WCSS website.

Hotel Copying. The Conference does not have copying capability and will not reimburse for hotel copying. Copying done by the hotel is expensive and cannot be charged to the conference.

Days and Times. All sessions will be scheduled Sunday afternoon, March 18 and Monday, March 19, 2012.

Audio-Visual. Please carefully read these policies on A/V equipment.

In order to control costs and keep the registration fee affordable, WCSS has changed its A/V policy slightly.

Presenters **MUST** provide their own computer, monitor, projection devices, TV/VCR/DVD, etc. Rooms will include screens and extension cords. High speed wireless internet will be available upon request.

Personal or School AV Equipment: Personal or school A/V equipment may be brought into the Madison Marriott Hotel and used in the conference rooms. Please note there will be NO blackboards, writing boards/markers, or capacity to tack or pin things on the walls. Please come prepared.

AV Equipment in Rooms: Each breakout room will have chairs or narrow tables and chairs for participants and an 8 foot table for the presenter. There will also be screens and extension cords. Please mark needs below.

Technical Assistance: The conference does NOT provide assistance for any AV equipment. Consequently, presenters need to know how to setup, operate, and troubleshoot all the AV equipment used for their presentation and may wish to have a contingency plan in the event of an AV failure.

If you have questions or concerns regarding A/V, please contact Rhonda Watton at wcss2013@gmail.com.

Responsibility for Primary Presenter/Organizer. All communication from the conference will be with the Primary Presenter/Organizer. The primary presenter/organizer has the responsibility to communicate with the other presenters about the proposal, acceptance, day and time of presentation, A/V policies and needs, and assuring that all presenters are registered for the conference. If payment is not received by mid-February, the session will be dropped and not listed in the program.

Questions. Questions about presentations may be addressed to Rhonda Watton (wcss2013@gmail.com) (262) 674-1075.

Presenter Contracts. All accepted presentations must complete and submit the presenter's contract prior to the conference. The contract can be found at <http://www.wcss-wi.org/documents/WCSS.contract.language.pdf>.

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