

2018 Educational Conference: Request for Speaker Proposal

The 2018 Washington State Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Educational Conference Planning Team is accepting speaker proposals. Scheduled for April 15-17, in Seattle, Washington at the SeaTac Hilton Hotel, the convention will bring together an estimated 300-350 food and nutrition professionals.

Presentations will reflect cutting edge research and practical applications, with a special emphasis on interactive sessions. The Washington State Planning Team is accepting proposals for general and concurrent sessions (April 16 and 17), as well as a pre-convention workshop(s) for April 15th.

Section I: General Guidelines

- All proposals are due on or before **August 15, 2017** by electronic submission to the e-mail address (and via the submission link) shown in Section IV.
- See section II for specific topics & format that the convention planning team is seeking for 2018 educational sessions
- Only advanced sessions (Level II or III) in all suggested topic areas will be accepted. We strongly encourage Category III submissions. Proposed speakers should be seasoned professionals with experience in presenting the topic(s) to professional groups.
 - **Category II:** Assumes that the participant has general knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is to enhance knowledge and application by the participant.
 - **Category III:** Assumes that the participant has thorough knowledge of the literature and professional practice within the area(s) covered. The focus of the activity is synthesis of recent advances and future directions.
- Up to two (2) submissions per individual or group will be reviewed.
- Speakers should have demonstrated experience in presenting to nutrition professionals with an audience of 100 or greater.
- Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.
- All potential conflicts of interest must be fully disclosed at time of proposal submission.

Section II: Speaker Topics & Format

- The Washington State speaker selection committee is open to most topics (see above information regarding advanced sessions). Major topics that the convention planning team is seeking include:
 - Alternative and complimentary nutrition therapies
 - Social media and emerging tools
 - Leadership development
 - Ethics
 - Writing/publishing
 - Wellness programs
 - Community nutrition and wellness
 - Current/leading edge therapies (diabetes, CVD, HTN, etc)
 - Food insecurity/hunger prevention
 - Nutrition focused physical assessment
 - Weight management
 - Culinary and/or food topics
 - Sustainability

Section III: Evaluation Criteria

- Topic relevancy and cutting-edge or new information, the proposal's overall relevance to the identified topic areas, as well as importance and benefit to members.
- Applicant's experience in practice, research, and presenting on the proposed topic(s).
- Affordability. Washington State strives to have the best possible program while managing registration costs for attendees. Requested honorariums and estimated expenses are included in the review process.

Section IV: Submission Requirements

All of the following are required:

1. Completed 2018 Convention Speaker Proposal Online Form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018WAspeaker>
2. Curriculum vitae, or bio and resume, for every proposed speaker.

Please limit curriculum vitae to four (4) pages maximum and email to wsand@quidnunc.net. Your file name should be your last name with first initial – CV (jones,d – CV.doc).

The Convention Planning Committee will begin discussions with proposed speakers in late August/early September. Notification of decision on all submissions will be sent via e-mail by no later than the second week in November.