

The Alberta Association of Architects

Call for Presenters

Banff Session 2018

May 11 + 12, 2018



the **CREATIVES**

Every two years, the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) holds a conference in Banff, Alberta - nestled in the picturesque Rocky Mountains. The conference, appropriately titled *Banff Session*, has a long and illustrious history. Having a well established reputation with consistent and enthusiastic support from participants and attendees, Banff Session 2018 will also host the 2018 Prairie Design Awards Ceremony.

Banff Session provides an opportunity for those involved in the practices of architecture and interior design to discuss their work, ideas, beliefs and attitudes in an arena of open dialogue in a unique context unencumbered by the everyday pressures and activities of the workplace.

The conference has historically been attended by a full house of approximately 450 architects, interior designers, academics and students from all parts of Canada and the United States.

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Be Part of Banff Session 2018

Contribute to the professions of architecture and interior design by submitting a presentation that will incite thought and spark discussion.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Banff Session Committee and the Professional Development Advisory Committee and evaluated on the following criteria:

- Clarity of subject matter and relevance to the practices of architecture and interior design;
- Topic areas that contribute new information and insights along with clear learning objectives;
- Relevance to the structured learning topics (see page 4)
- Relevance to at least one sub-theme within *the creatives* (see page 3);
- The qualifications and level of experience of the speaker; and
- Compensation or honorarium requested.

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the creatives

Explore the sources of creativity all around you - people, the arts, technology and the unexpected or unusual sources of inspiration you encounter everyday.

Subthemes

Generational Inspiration

We are shaped by the past and influenced by the future. Our elders entrust us with their deep-rooted processes and our contemporaries influence new design trends. Engage with the past, present and future in our ongoing search for inspiration through generational symbiosis.

Arts Inspiration

Professionals in music, design, movement, literature and architecture are passionate about their craft. We often look to the work of our creative counterparts to spark an idea. Join us as we explore how we can draw inspiration from professionals that are artists.

Technological Inspiration

Technological innovation expands the bounds of what is possible and inspires us to reach further. Yet it is our imagination that fuels technological advancement. Make the most of this dichotomy and learn how both archaic and new technologies can be used to improve your work.

Unusual Inspiration

Inspiration often occurs in the least expected and most unusual ways. We may be inspired by the forms and shapes found in nature, or influenced by everyday experiences. Learn how to tap into unique sources of inspiration that can take your project to the next level.

Speaker Guidelines and Instructions

Presentation Guidelines

Presenters are asked to be mindful of the following general guidelines as they relate to Professional Development Sessions:

- The sessions must be educational in nature with clearly stated learning objectives.
- The session must be current and relevant to the practices of architecture and interior design, and focus on at least one of the following structured learning subject areas:
 - » Legal issues and legislation
 - » Safety, health, accessibility, fire protection, and energy conservation
 - » Planning, design, and technology
 - » Practice, project, and business management
 - » Energy and the environment
- The sessions should tie into at least one of the 4 sub-themes of “the creatives”.
- The sessions should not be sales-oriented or seen as endorsing a particular product or service.
- The session should be 1.5 hours in length in order to fit the format of our event.

Instructions & Information for Presenters

1. Proposals must be received by December 15, 2017. Electronic submissions are preferred and can be sent to events@aaa.ab.ca.
2. For submissions with more than one presenter, all communication will be sent to the submitting presenter who will be responsible for forwarding any relevant information to the other presenter(s).
3. The Banff Session Committee reserves the right to make the final selection.
4. By submitting a proposal, it is understood that the presenter(s) agree(s) to present and to participate as proposed, if accepted.
5. All proposals are to include an accurate presentation description, as it should appear in the final program. The AAA reserves the right to edit abstracts.
6. There is a small budget to pay a modest honorarium to presenters. Therefore all presenters will be offered free registration to the event. Travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed on submission of original receipts and boarding passes. If you wish to receive an honorarium, please indicate this in your proposal.
7. Upon request, audio-visual equipment and other equipment will be provided to presenters including data (video) projectors, screens, flip charts, DVD players, and internet access. All equipment must be confirmed and pre-approved. Presenters are asked to bring their own laptops for use in their presentation.
8. Presenters may submit more than one presentation. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis given the number of presentation proposals available.
9. It is the responsibility of the presenter to provide adequate copies of any handouts for their presentation at the session.
10. By submitting a presentation proposal, it is understood that the presenter(s) agree(s) to be part of an evaluation process where conference participants are asked to evaluate each session they attend.
11. The AAA may take photographs or video recordings of this event for communication, promotional and/or educational purposes. By submitting a presentation proposal, it is understood that the presenter(s) agree(s) to grant the AAA the right to use your name, photograph, and recordings for such purposes.

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Presentation Application Form

Please provide all details as you want them to appear in the final program.

Title of Presentation	
Name of Submitting Presenter (Contact person)	
Description of Presentation (100 words or less) *an attachment with a longer description of the seminar can be submitted	
Description of how your session aligns with one or more of the conference sub-themes (50 words or less)	
Please check off all the structured learning topics that apply to your presentation	☐ Legal Issues and Legalization ☐ Safety, Health, Accessibility, Fire Protection, and Energy Conservation ☐ Planning, Design, and Technology ☐ Practice, Project, and Business Management ☐ Energy and the Environment ☐ Other _____
Learning Objectives: *learning objectives should describe what participants will gain as a result of attending the session	Learning Objective #1:
	Learning Objective #2:
	Learning Objective #3:
	Learning Objective #4:
Length of Presentation	☐ 1.5 Hours ☐ Other: _____

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Presenter #1 Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Biography: (60 Words or less)	
Presenter #2 Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Biography: (60 Words or less)	
Presenter #3 Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Biography: (60 Words or less)	

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Total Honorarium Requested: (for all presenters)	
Audio Visual Needs: (presenters are asked to supply their own laptops)	☐ LCD projector and screen ☐ Podium ☐ Lapel microphone ☐ Podium microphone ☐ Wireless remote for slides ☐ Flip chart ☐ Audio ☐ Other _____

Please return completed submission electronically by 4:00 pm MST on December 15, 2017 to:
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