

California Mathematics Council

Southern Section

Thank you for your interest in submitting a proposal to speak at the CMC-Southern Section Annual Conference, November 4 – 5, 2016, in Palm Springs. The theme is ***Sparking Deeper Understanding***.

This conference is a major event in California mathematics education each year. As usual, the conference will feature two full-days of 90-minute sessions on Friday and Saturday. This year, we expect nearly 300 sessions attended by some 3600 teachers, administrators, teacher educators and teacher leaders.

Every session is 90 minutes and speakers are encouraged to make their session an interactive workshop. Sessions will be held at four sites (Palm Springs Convention Center, Renaissance Hotel, Hilton Hotel and Hard Rock Hotel). We invite proposals for sessions that focus on the mathematics content and pedagogy for their respective levels, and we ask that the title and description of your session highlight the mathematics content that will be included and relate directly to the theme and the suggestions in this letter. Additional details are available on our website: www.cmc-south.org

We are pleased to help offset speakers' expenses as an expression of our appreciation for your time and effort in preparing and presenting a session. For each accepted session, the **primary speaker** is entitled to the following:

- Registration: A discount of \$145 (for CA presenters, \$195 for out-of-state presenters) toward conference registration.
- Travel: Up to \$400 (CA presenters, \$500 for out-of-state presenters) to use towards travel expenses (roundtrip coach airfare from home only or \$0.50/mile round-trip driven, taxi, car rental, or shuttle).
- Supplies: Up to \$65 (or \$100 for sessions in large rooms) for printing and supplies for each session.
- We do not offer reimbursement for food, hotel, or substitutes.

Main speakers may have one co-speaker. After a proposal has been submitted, co-speakers may not be changed. A **co-speaker** is entitled to the same discount on registration as the lead speaker.

If you are exhibiting or selling merchandise at the conference, as well as presenting, we will not be able to reimburse you for your travel expenses. We will offer **commercially sponsored speakers** a discount of \$125 toward conference registration and up to \$65 for printing and supplies.

Please be sure to indicate on the proposal form if there is a commercially available product that is an integral part of your presentation. We realize that there are many products available that are important to and useful for mathematics teaching and learning. However, it is important that participants be made aware when they will be included in a presentation. CMC maintains this policy to address concerns that have been expressed at past conferences.

All speaker proposals are to be completed on-line this year. **Deadline for proposals is May 1, 2016.** Please complete your proposal at www.cmc-south.org

Please consider the following questions and suggestions when crafting your proposal. The Program Committee will be looking for specific evidence related to these prompts, the CCSS Math Practice Standards, and the CCSS Math Content Standards when reviewing proposals and deciding whether a proposal is accepted. The Program Committee reviews hundreds of proposals and is looking to create a well-rounded program meeting the needs of new and experienced teachers at every grade level.

What does Sparking Deeper Understanding look like?

Ideas to consider embedding in participants' experience:

- Multiple representations and visual representations
- Connections to ELD Standards
- Growth mindset
- Deeper understanding
- Differentiation and scaffold
- Collaborative conversations and discourse
- Formative assessment
- Progression of content standards
- Instructional models
- Student led instruction
- Productive struggle
- Student engagement strategies
- Technology integration
- SMPs embedded in daily instruction
- Hot topics: algebraic thinking, number lines, visual representation, transformational geometry, statistics, data analysis
- Authentic performance tasks
- Cognitive demand and depth of knowledge
- Deeper teacher content knowledge
- Reflective conversations among teachers and/or students
- Productive teacher collaboration
- Parent understanding and partnership

We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting conference. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Speakers will be notified of the status of their proposal by June 30th.

Sincerely,
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