

California Mathematics Council – Southern Section

59th Annual Conference

Thank you for your interest in submitting a proposal to speak at the CMC-Southern Section Annual Conference, November 2 – 3, 2018, in Palm Springs. The theme is ***Mathematical Journeys to Empower All Students***.

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 over 3700 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.

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 **Lead 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 (round trip coach airfare from home only OR \$0.50/mile round-trip driven; taxi/shuttle).
- Supplies: Up to \$65 (or \$100 for sessions in large rooms) for printing or supplies for each session.
- We do not offer reimbursement for food, hotel, or substitutes.

Lead speakers may have up to one Co-Speaker. After a proposal has been submitted, Lead Speaker and/or Co-Speaker names may *not* be changed. The one **Co-Speaker** is entitled to the same discount on registration as the Lead Speaker. The one **Co-Speaker** is not entitled to any other travel or supply benefits.

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 \$105 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 online. **Deadline for proposals is March 31, 2018.** Please complete your proposal at www.cmc-south.org

Please consider the following questions when crafting your proposal.

- What does *Mathematical Journeys to Empower All Students* look like?
- How are you going to engage your participants in the mathematical journey you are presenting?
- What specific experiences will your participants have to address access and equity?

The Program Committee will be looking for *specific evidence* related to these prompts, the CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice, the CCSS Mathematics Content Standards, and Access, Equity, Empowerment, and/or Social Justice when reviewing proposals and deciding whether a proposal is accepted. The Program Committee reviews hundreds of proposals and is looking to create a balanced and well-rounded program meeting the needs of new and experienced teachers at every grade level.

Consider writing a thoughtful and provoking Title and Description that grabs the attention of attendees and make them want to attend your session. There will be follow up questions for the Program Committee to read to gain a deeper understanding in what you plan on having your participants doing during your session. All proposals will be thoroughly read and considered when creating a well-balanced program. Not all sessions can be accepted. Some strong proposals may not be accepted into our program so as to create a balanced and full program that meets the needs of our attendees and matches our theme of the conference.

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 May 30th.

Sincerely,
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