

# 2020 NLA Conference

## “Together Facing Forward”

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What kinds of conference program proposals are available?**

Pre-conference Wednesday (half-day afternoon) or regular 50-minute conference programs (lecture, workshop or panel formats) on Thursday and Friday

### **When do I submit a proposal for a pre-conference or regular program to be offered at the NLA 2020 Annual Conference?**

Proposal submissions are due by Saturday April 11, 2020.

### **How do I submit a proposal?**

Complete the information found on the [google form](#) created for conference submissions.

### **How do I submit more than one proposal?**

Complete the [google form](#) once for each proposal.

### **When will I be notified if my proposal has been accepted?**

Notification for accepted proposals will take place before May 31, 2020.

### **How many program sessions will be offered at the 2020 Annual Conference?**

At this time, we plan to have 8 breakout rooms and 8 sessions over the course of both days (Thursday and Friday) for a total of 64 possible sessions. Among those sessions we will likely be scheduling business meetings for the Round Tables of NLA.

### **What criteria will the Conference Program Selection Committee (CPSC) use to evaluate and select the programs?**

The CPSC will use a blind submission process. It will be important to omit presenter names from the descriptions of programs.

The CPSC will evaluate whether program submissions meet the following criteria:

- Content is relevant to Nebraska libraries and librarianship
- Content is unique and different from other programs
- Content identifies clarity of purpose and is relevant to selected target audience(s)
- Content could be repurposed (e.g. webcast, online course, article) to ensure it has a life after the program

**Will proposals from individuals and proposals from sections, interest groups, or division-level committees be evaluated the same way?**

Yes. All proposals will be evaluated using the same blind selection criteria.

**How will the date and time of a presentation be determined?**

Programs will be scheduled by the NLA Conference Planners. Programs will be spread across the entire array of time slots. Potential presenters will need to indicate specific limitations - e.g. "should not conflict with...", "speaker only available on Thursday," etc.

**Is a Section, Interest Group, or Committee required to submit a program each year?**

No, a section, interest group, or committee is not required to have a program annually. Some groups may want to sponsor programs every other year. Groups may also consider co-sponsoring programs with other sections, interest groups, or committees.

**What if I need funding for a program, including travel expenses or honoraria for non-librarian speakers?**

The various units of the Nebraska Library Association may have funds available for programs that require an honoraria, travel expenses, etc. Individuals are encouraged to reach out to a relevant unit for advice on availability of funds. Those units are listed below:

## SECTIONS

- [College and University Section \(C & U\)](#)
- [Paraprofessional Section \(PARA\)](#)
- [Public Library & Trustee Section \(PLTS\)](#)
- [School, Children's and Young People's Section \(SCYP\)](#)
- [Special and Institutional Section \(S&I\)](#)

## ROUND TABLES

- [Intellectual Freedom Round Table \(IF\)](#)
- [New Members Round Table \(NMRT\)](#)
- [Technical Services Round Table \(TSRT\)](#)