CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

In 2012, APPI Council adopted the Competency Tree which outlines areas of knowledge, skills and expertise needed by planners to serve our clients, organizations, and the public. Jasper 2013 focuses on the development of our own "competency trees" as individuals, and as the planning profession in Alberta.

How will we do this?

Jasper 2013 explores our "Competency Trees" in three unique program streams:

Stream 1:
Planting Your Tree:

Planting into your profession, planting the plan

Taking the "first steps" into the planning profession, and, when working on a new plan or project, requires several key competencies to be successful. Competencies outlined in this stream provide the foundational steps towards a planning career, as well as the first steps towards a successful plan. This stream examines the several competencies needed to begin "planting" the steps towards developing plans, and our careers.

Competencies focused on in this stream:

- Plan & Policy Making
- History & Principles
- Government Law & Policy
- Critical Thinking
- Human Settlement

Stream 2:
Shaking your Tree:

When has your competency Tree been shaken? When have you had to shake your tree?

Planners need to "shake our competency tree" every once in a while. Complex plans or projects may challenge us to re-examine our own concepts of leadership, ethics, and interpersonal relationships. By "shaking our Tree" through developing and "fine tuning" the competencies outlined in this stream, planners will better face the complex, challenging and controversial planning projects ahead of them.

Competencies focused on in this stream:

- Plan & Policy Development
- Leadership
- Interpersonal
- Ethics

Stream 3:
Sustaining Your Tree:

Implementing and sustaining your profession, implementing the plan

Similar to the projects that planners work on, our competency trees need to be sustained. Competencies in this stream include several "implementation competencies" that need to be developed by planners to achieve success throughout their careers, as well as on the plans and projects they work on. This stream highlights the key competencies required for the "implementation" of our plans, projects, and our careers. Since "implementation" is such a complex process, several competencies in this stream are a combination of competencies from the other two streams.

Competencies focused on in this stream:

- Plan & Policy Implementation
- Leadership
- Interpersonal
- Critical Thinking

ALBERTA PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE
Annual Conference, October 6-8, 2013
Jasper, Alberta

Plant, Shake, and Sustain your Tree:
Which Competency are you Developing?

What are we looking for?

The Jasper 2013 Committee is looking for unique and exciting presenters for this conference. Case study examples, panel presentations, and other presentation formats are encouraged as a means to explore the core competencies outlined in the streams above. The goal for each presentation is to explore how the subject material has developed (planted), challenged (shaken) or implemented (sustained) one or more of the key competencies.   Preference will be shown to presentations that focus on "lessons learnt," in terms of the core competencies, as well as presentations that provide new insights into the presenters' individual, or collective competency development.

Submission Criteria

Proposals from students and professionals (planners and non planners) representing the public, private, non-profit sectors, and involved in regional, rural, urban, social and health care, Aboriginal and environmental planning areas are encouraged. Submissions from the development industry, planning organizations, and advocacy groups are equally encouraged. Professionals and groups outside of Alberta are also encouraged to submit a presentation proposal.

The following criteria should be included when submitting your proposal:

1. name of presenter(s), job title, academic and professional experience, and contact information (telephone number and e-mail);
2. listing of previous speaking experience for each speaker;
3. title of the presentation, and which program stream the presentation falls under;
4. abstract of the presentation, no more than 250 words long, explaining the program stream, and the competencies the presentation will cover. The abstract should clearly detail how the presentation material relates to the development, challenge of, or implementation of the competencies listed in this call for proposals; and,
5. a brief explanation of the presentation format (i.e. panel presentation), and audio-video requirements.

Note

Successful presenters are responsible for their own conference registration, accommodation, travel, meals (outside of conference-covered meals) and incidentals. Additional conference information can be found at http://www.albertaprofessionalplanners.ca/

Notification of successful proposals will occur on May 24, 2013.

Selection Criteria

Selection of presentations will be based on the following:

* how well the presentation submission meets the conference theme, and links the presentation material to the program streams and competencies;
* the submission's consistency with the submission criteria;
* overall applicability of the presentation to a wide range of professionals;
* how the proposed session fits within the conference structure; and,
* presentation selection will ensure a balance of public/private/non-profit presentations that represent urban, rural and regional perspectives.

Note: Program sessions typically run 1.5 hours in duration.

Submission Deadline & Presenter Responsibilities

Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 19, 2013 at 5 PM MST. No submissions will be accepted after that time. Presentations must be submitted in PDF format, and sent to mfrigo@parklandcounty.com. Please ensure the subject line reads 2013 APPI Conference Submission.

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