



# Blue Skies: Reaching New Heights



## THE 2019 ROCKY MOUNTAIN APPA (RMA) AND WESTERN CANADIAN PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATORS (WCUPPA) CONFERENCE **CALL FOR EDUCATIONAL SESSION PROPOSALS**

September 16 to 18, 2019: Banff, Alberta, Canada

Hosted by: University of Calgary

### OVERVIEW

The Annual Rocky Mountain APPA and WCUPPA Conference provides an opportunity for all members and guests to meet, generate new ideas and share knowledge with peers and professionals. The 2019 event will take place in the beautiful and tranquil environment of Banff, Alberta. We are confident that the Banff Conference Centre and environs will provide stimulus for all who shall gather to reach new heights as we generate innovative ideas through collaborative discussion and learning.

The 2019 Rocky Mountain APPA (RMA) and Western Canadian Physical Plant Administrators (WCUPPA) conference will be a unique event, combining RMA and the Western Canadian Universities Physical Plant Administrators (WCUPPA). The host committee are pleased to make a call for educational session proposals from all interested parties.

### The Objective

**Blue Skies: Reaching New Heights** is an energizing theme set by the host committee to encourage next generation sustainable solutions on the challenges we face today, in all education sectors, for experts who seek to present in educational sessions. The objective is to stimulate thinking, interactive discussions and learning around an array of issues related to the following educational tracks:

- **Sustainability** Sessions included explore how to protect and preserve our campus resources, both natural and cultural. These presentations showcase the practical, cost-effective nature of sustainable practices and explore how to track and promote sustainable behaviours on campus.  
*i.e. Institutional Sustainability Strategies – The role of facilities management.*
- **Leadership** Sessions encourage participants to be leaders at their institutions by utilizing current trends and technology to navigate the changing world we live in. These sessions explore how to celebrate the strengths of each member of the team, as well as using existing and emerging resources to better problem-solve and inspire others to take that example.  
*i.e. Organizational Knowledge and Talent Management – The power of knowledge*  
*i.e. Managing Change and Transformation with Minimal Disruption to Customer Service*



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- Innovation** Sessions investigate methods and practices that integrate ever-evolving technology and the increasing need to be ecologically consciousness in how we plan, build and maintain facilities. Attendees will receive insight in how to get the most efficiency out of existing systems, and strategies they can implement to embrace the changing facilities landscape.
  - i.e. *Waste Management and Recycling – Next Generation Strategies*
  - i.e. *Energy Utilization in a Zero Waste Environment*
- Technology & Strategy** Sessions are designed to equip participants with tools that improve business processes and job performance. Participants will increase their awareness of the inherent benefits and challenges of innovative problem-solving methods and, by using session examples and deliverables, will leave ready to apply these techniques at their own institutions.
  - i.e. *Technology, Innovation and Effects on Carbon Footprint Reduction*

## The Opportunity

The 2019 Rocky Mountain APPA conference provides a unique opportunity for presenters. This event will combine RMA and the Western Canadian Universities Physical Plant Administrators (WCUPPA) conferences. A unique opportunity for networking, learning and knowledge sharing. As a presenter at the educational sessions, you will not only share or provide knowledge and understanding, but the opportunity to demonstrate subject matter expertise to a broader audience across Canada and America also beckons. Beyond the educational session lies further opportunities in the shape of recognition and accolades. Educational sessions are not restricted to individuals only; collaborative group presentations are highly encouraged.

## PROPOSAL

There will be up to six (6) forty five (45) minute educational sessions which will run simultaneously per each time category as per the schedule below:

Tuesday, September 17			
9:15am – 10:15am	11:00am – 12:00pm	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday, September 18			
10:15am – 11:15am	11:30am – 12:30pm	2:00pm – 3:00pm	3:30pm – 4:30pm

Proposals are being accepted for the aforementioned sessions to occur on September 17 and 18, 2019.

Presentations should be appealing and preferably interactive. Presenters are encouraged to get creative and experiment with presentation formats. Some creative examples can include the use of: multimedia, storytelling, debates, panel discussions, simulations and role playing, knowledge checks, and problem-solving exercises. All presentation topics should be related to at least one of the four listed educational tracks.

Collaborative group presentations are encouraged, but each proposal must include at least one presenter from an RMA institution. Presenters and co-presenters must be committed to attending and be able to present at any time during the professional development sessions. All presenters must agree to the terms of participation.



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## CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

The 2019 Rocky Mountain APPA (RMA) and Western Canadian Physical Plant Administrators (WCUPPA) conference will prove to be an engaging platform for leaders in physical plant administration. All proposals are required to include the following:

- ◆ Program abstract, including presentation title and paragraph-length description
- ◆ Three anticipated learning outcomes
- ◆ Format of presentation (lecture, discussion, break-out session, etc.)
- ◆ Requirements for presentation (A/V equipment space or room setup needs)
- ◆ Submissions from business partners must include stated partnership with an educational entity
- ◆ An excerpt, sample, or outline of your presentation (examples: a section of a power point presentation; a list of potential debate topics; potential scenarios or problems for collaborative group work; an event description and materials list for skill-sharing workshop; etc.)

Completed proposals should be sent to [rma.wcuppa.2019@ucalgary.ca](mailto:rma.wcuppa.2019@ucalgary.ca).

Proposals may be submitted at any time **until April 1, 2019**. Proposal submission does not guarantee presentation participation. All speakers and presenters will need to complete an acceptance form as a condition of confirmation. Accepted presentations will receive official confirmation correspondence by May 15, 2019. The date and time of the presentation will be solidified by June 15, 2019.

Selected speakers are responsible for expenses incurred in conjunction with the 2019 RMA Annual Conference. This includes travel, registration, and housing costs. Although conference registration is still required for our speakers, we are offering a reduced speaker registration fee of only \$350 CAD, plus fees for any selected networking events. In addition, presentations should not be an advertisement opportunity for a specific company or product in any way.

RMA/WCUPPA reserves the right to revise presentation titles, reassign the identified topic area, or edit the session, description of selected presentations for RMA/WCUPPA promotional and program publications.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We look forward to working with and supporting all applicants through the application process. If you have questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the 2019 RMA/WCUPPA Host Committee at your convenience by email at [rma.wcuppa.2019@ucalgary.ca](mailto:rma.wcuppa.2019@ucalgary.ca) or by phone on 403.210.7171. We will respond within a week to arrange a follow-up conversation.

For up to date conference information visit us at <http://rma.appa.org/2019-annual-conference/>.