**Call for Conference Proposals**

Dear Fellow APA LA Chapter Member:

The 2020 APA Louisiana State Conference Call for Sessions is now open. The theme of this year’s APA LA Chapter Conference, to held in Lafayette on Oct 15-16, is Partnerships: A New Planning Paradigm for Louisiana?

This year’s theme focuses on multi-disciplinary approaches to building communities. At a time when jurisdictions are experiencing a growing need to be more resilient and efficient with declining resources, collaborative approaches to problem solving have become crucial and necessary. Planners are in the unique position to forge partnerships, facilitate collaborations, and to think comprehensively about policy, plans, programs and infrastructure projects. We encourage interdisciplinary session proposals that focus on multi-functional infrastructure projects, private-public projects, citizen driven decision- making, programs with multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency collaborations, or governmental structures that build in cross disciplinary decision-making.

The conference program will consist of various tracks, but will include one of Law and one of Ethics. All sessions will be evaluated for AICP Certification Maintenance (CM) credits but we want topics which reflect the challenges and successes of “Partnerships: A New Planning Paradigm for Louisiana”.

***Presentations which market specific products, vendors and services and incomplete proposals will not be accepted.***

Guidelines & Suggestions for submitting a session:

Sessions are generally 90 minutes in length; please allow for Q&A. If you think your session would not fill 90 minutes, sessions may be combined into panel sessions of similar topics. Please indicate if you are open to joining another panel session in your email when you submit the session. Use case studies to illuminate larger issues and emphasize lessons learned.

If proposing your own panel session, be thoughtful about the number of the speakers on the panel. Will they all have the opportunity to present and answer questions? Try something new. A debate or facilitated discussion can also engage the audience and encourage participation.

Think big picture. Your session may give attendees a new perspective or a thought-provoking idea.

Please send the attached Call for Proposals Form by **May 15, 2020** to cgilbert@lafayettela.gov

We are looking forward to hearing from you,

Program Session Chairs

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| **Presentation Title**  (5 words or less) |  |
| **Topic** **Areas** |  |
| **Format:** (roundtable or panel discussion, traditional presentation) |  |
| **Full Session Description:**  Approximately 50 words or less —please include information about how this is informational or educational for professional planners or allied professionals |  |
| **Moderator**  **Title, Organization**  **Email Address**  **Phone Number** |  |
| **Panelist/Instructor Name 1**  **Title, Organization**  **Email Address**  **Phone Number** |  |
| **Panelist/Instructor Name 2**  **Title, Organization**  **Email Address**  **Phone Number** |  |
| **Panelist/Instructor Name 3**  **Title, Organization**  **Email Address**  **Phone Number** |  |
| **Technical Needs for Session:**  (internet access, other special requests) |  |