

Program Report - May 27 & 28, 2016
Submitted by Andrea Craigie - Program Chair

- Thank you to those who volunteered for the Program Sub-Committee.
 - **Members:** Paulette Morck (Program Assistant), Christine Crane, Michael Shain, Theresa O'Neil and Wendy Ruzicka
- Program Committee members will do a digital vetting of proposals in early July for creation of the preliminary program.
- Thursday morning Keynote Speakers (titles TBA):
 - Temple Grandin – Autism Awareness
 - George Couros – Innovation in Education
 - Mark Tewksbury (pending partial sponsorship from Morgex)- LGBTQ
- All Board Members – please think of anyone in your professional network who might make a great convention presenter. Please personally invite these people to the link on our website and encourage them to submit a proposal. **Copy / Paste the template below, if you'd like.** (You might also send this to your Local Secretary for distribution to ALL your teachers.)

The Palliser District Teachers Convention invites you to submit a proposal for our February 23 & 24, 2017 event via the following link:

<http://www.pdtca.org/submit-speaking-proposal.html>

Our proposal site closes on June 30th and an initial program is created in July, with contracts forwarded in August. We would be excited to receive one or more session proposals from you. (And please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues - particularly those who may have sessions to share in the areas of: French Immersion, CTF / CTS, Band, FNMI, Religious Studies and other specialized curriculums.) Please read our Speaker Guidelines (available at the same link) when you submit, to learn more about how we pay honorariums, travel costs, etc.

Our event is held in downtown Calgary at the Telus Convention Centre and Hyatt Regency. (We do not have kitchens, science labs or hard court gymnasium spaces.) Last year we had over 400 submissions for just 200 program spots. We strive to create a program that includes topics across all curricular areas, and speakers from throughout the province (or Canada!), all the while being cognizant of a limited budget. A couple of "hints" to being selected is to propose an interactive session and/or one with a catchy title! If you would be requesting travel expenses or substitute release costs, proposing multiple sessions for one day would give us a better bang for your buck too.

Questions may be sent to Program Chair Andrea Craigie at palliserteachers@gmail.com We hope you will consider the Palliser Event.