

Program Chair Report
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Thanks to program assistant ~ Christine Crane

Paulette is looking for Program Committee members who will do a digital vetting of proposals in early July for creation of the preliminary program. Please sign the sheet that I will pass around with your personal email address, cellular number and subject area/specialty.

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.) Sue sent it to us all last week.

The Palliser District Teachers' Convention (all Alberta public teachers from south of Red Deer, excluding Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat) invites you to submit a proposal for our February 21 & 22, 2019 event via the following link:

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

We have a preference for selecting LOCAL speakers, and YOU are a LOCAL speaker if you work for one of our school divisions!

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. 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.) Please read our Speaker Guidelines (available at the same link) when you submit, to learn more about how we pay honorariums, travel costs, etc.

Please note, this invitation to apply and/or a past acceptance of a session does not guarantee anyone a spot in the 2019 Program.

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.

We hope you will consider the Palliser Event. (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, ELL and other specialized curriculums.)

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