

Program Chair Report May 27/28, 2022

Keynotes for 2023:

Keynotes are still being considered. I wanted to know whether we would be online or in person before actively searching.

Alison is looking for **Program Committee** members who will do a digital vetting of proposals the first two weeks in July for creation of the preliminary program. Please fill out this google form: <http://bit.ly/summervetting2022>

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.

(Please also send this to your Local Secretary for distribution to ALL your teachers.)

Sue will send this to us all this 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 23/24 2023 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 July 1st and an initial program is created in July, with initial contracts forwarded in late August/early September. 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 2023 Program.

Last year, for our on-line convention, we had over 500 submissions but for an in-person convention, we will only be selecting approximately 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, French as

a Second Language, CTF/CTS, Band/Music, Indigenous/Reconciliation, Religious Studies, ELL and other specialized curriculums.) Some areas we struggle to fill are High School academic sciences and mathematics, differentiation and inclusive education.

If you have any questions about our 2023 program, please reach out to Program Chair, Alison England at: program@pdtca.org