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Call for Proposals

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BCNPHA 17th Annual Conference - November 16, 17 and 18, 2009 Best Western Richmond Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond BC

For the past 16 years, BC Non-Profit Housing Association has hosted the largest non-profit housing conference in Western Canada. The Association continuously strives to develop a program that addresses the educational needs and interests of the BCNPHA membership, as well as individuals, businesses and other organizations with an interest in the non-profit housing sector.

Our conference typically draws delegates from a wide range of housing societies and organizations – small, large, urban and rural. The audience consists of (and is not limited to): board members; administrators, executive staff, front-line and support staff and volunteers. Some are new to their positions, and some have been involved in non-profit housing for many years. In an effort to continue to meet and enhance our primary goal of serving BCNPHA's members, we are also interested in attracting housing researchers, students, and policy-makers who add further value to our mandate.

In order to deliver high-quality sessions that meet the needs of our diverse audience, we are inviting interested participants to submit proposals for various presentations in the following formats: Presentations, Workshops, Forums and Panel Discussions (definitions of each format are listed on the Conference Session Proposal Template).

Presentation themes, which describe BCNPHA's strategic priority areas, are outlined on the following page. We have included sample topics for your reference. We welcome submissions on these or any other suggested topics within the parameters of the themes.

We invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in our 2009 Conference, influence the educational curriculum offered to attendees, present new and relevant housing research, and address the latest challenges, practices and trends in the non-profit housing sector.

How to submit a proposal:

Complete the attached Conference Session Proposal Template and send to Kate Nielsen, Education Program Coordinator.

Submission deadline:

Deadline for proposals is **April 15, 2009**.

Questions?

Call Kate Nielsen at 604-291-2600 ext. 224 or 1-800-494-8859 ext. 224 or email kate@bcnpha.ca.

Successful applicants will be contacted by April 30, 2009. BCNPHA thanks you for your interest.

Presentation Themes

Note: Potential topics outlined below are not exclusive, and we welcome submissions on these or any other suggested topics within the parameters of the themes.

Themes	Potential Topics
<i>Housing & Conceptual Change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-defining the continuum of affordable housing ○ Innovative strategies for sector sustainability ○ Change management theory and applications
<i>Growing Sectoral Capacity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management & leadership training ○ Non-profit organizational issues ○ Board & staff development ○ Housing operations (e.g. maintenance, budgeting, health & safety issues) ○ Policy & legislation
<i>Strategies for New & Redevelopment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creative approaches to (re)development (e.g. densification strategies) ○ Tenant participation methods ○ Strategic and multi-sectoral partnerships
<i>Impacts of Affordable Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Affordable housing as community development ○ Housing and employment ○ The social and economic value of affordable housing ○ The social and economic cost of homelessness
<i>Green & Sustainable Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green building practices & resources ○ Smart Growth strategies ○ Energy efficiency techniques
<i>Housing & Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental health issues and service provision ○ Building healthy homes ○ Innovative partnerships with health service providers ○ Smoke-free housing options ○ Housing and child development
<i>Housing & Human Rights</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors issues ○ Housing for new immigrants ○ Housing needs for women fleeing violent relationships ○ Aboriginal housing ○ Families living in poverty



BC Non-Profit
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Conference Session Proposal Template

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1. **Session Title:** _____

2. **Indicate the Session Format and Presenter Information by selecting one of the following options:** (Note: only 2 people max. permitted for facilitating presentations, workshops or forums)

- a. **PRESENTATION** involves an expert speaker who provides information on the topic in a lecture format, with a question and answer period at the end.

Presenter(s) name:

I will be the only presenter (your name): _____

I will be co-presenting with: _____

- b. **WORKSHOP** involves a developed curriculum facilitated by a trained instructor. Generally, workshops are interactive and involve a variety of instructional techniques.

Presenter(s) name:

I will be the only presenter (your name): _____

I will be co-presenting with: _____

- c. **FORUM** involves a broad general topic, such as 'Board Governance', and provides an opportunity for participants to bring their concerns, questions, and ideas for discussion or information. There is no set agenda, and the facilitator is an expert in the field who can skillfully guide the group discussion.

Presenter(s) name:

I will be the only presenter (your name): _____

I will be co-presenting with: _____

- d. **PANEL DISCUSSION** involves 15-minute presentations per panelist (who are experts on the topic) followed by a question and answer period. A moderator introduces the topic and the panelists, acts as timekeeper, and manages the question and answer period.

Suggested Panelists (4 max):

Note: BCNPHA reserves the right to alter panel representation

3. Session Length:

Indicate your preferred choice:

- 1.5 hours
- 3 hours

4. Audience Experience Level:

Please indicate which level of knowledge and experience would be relevant to those attending the presentation:

- Introductory (new to the housing sector and have a basic level of topic knowledge)
- Intermediate (some experience in the housing sector and some level of topic knowledge)
- Advanced (lengthy experience in the housing sector and high level of topic knowledge)

5. Session Description and Rationale:

On a separate page, please outline the following details for your session:

a) Abstract

Provide a 125-150 word paragraph summarizing the purpose and content of the session, and indicate who the intended audience is. (This paragraph will be used in BCNPHA's conference promotional material, subject to editing.)

b) Objectives

Provide a brief overview of session objectives, including 3-4 specific learning objectives.

c) Contribution

Explain how the session will contribute positively to the BCNPHA Conference.

d) Speaker Biography

For each speaker, please include a brief biography which includes the following:

- Name
- Position and employer
- Address
- Phone, email, and fax details
- Professional certification (if any)
- Familiarity with target audience/affordable housing issues.

Audio-Visual Note: BCNPHA is happy to provide standard audio-visual equipment which includes a LCD projector, laptop, screen and flipchart with markers. Please specify any audio-visual required other than the standard, and explain the need for the request. Note: Special requests are subject to availability and cost and therefore are not guaranteed.

Proposal submitted by (print or type name): _____

Phone and email: _____

Date: _____

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