NCPEA Summer Conference 2013:

Innovation, Inventiveness and the Imagination:

Leading into the Future

Call for Proposals

2013 NCPEA SUMMER CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

The National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) announces its summer conference theme of INNOVATION, INVENTIVENESS, AND THE IMAGINATION: LEADING INTO THE FUTURE to be held in Rutherford, New Jersey, August 6-9 2013.

Early deadline for submissions: February 1, 2013

Presenters will imagine the future for schools, leaders, and preparation programs just as we are leading into the future. NCPEA believes that, morally and strategically, leaders at every level should pursue this work on behalf of their organizations. As educational leaders, forethought and positively influencing education for current and future generations is our responsibility. Thus, we as a leading national professional organization in educational leadership have committed to being “at the forefront in anticipating issues that need to be addressed” (Hackmann & McCarthy, 2011, p. 284).

NCPEA welcomes proposals from new members, established members, students, practitioners, scholars, and educators that explore research, scholarship, and practice connected to these and other pressing questions:
1. What innovations are emerging in the field of educational leadership that speaks to the inventiveness and imagination of educational leaders? What obstacles and challenges might they encounter and how can they go about addressing or resolving them?

2. What trends and forces currently impacting preparation and practice will be strongly influential in the future?

3. What warning signs do we need to heed in the educational leadership field and perhaps creatively respond to?

4. What sociopolitical conditions and challenges might future leaders face? What breakthroughs in quality of life and education, the welfare of children and youth, and the betterment of schools might we anticipate?

5. What technology zeitgeist and innovations might be on the horizon that could influence school resiliency, leadership effectiveness, and/or student learning?

6. What are the anticipated effects of changes for educational leadership preparation, democratic schooling, and public service?

**Session Formats: Presentations**

You are invited to submit abstracts for individual research papers as well as panel proposals for inclusion in the NCPEA Conference 2013. All abstract proposals will be evaluated by double-blind peer review. The key dates for submissions and notification of acceptance are as follows:

- **November 1, 2012** Abstract proposal submission opens
- **February 1, 2013** 1st Deadline for early proposal submissions with day/time preference considered
- **February 15, 2013** Notification of acceptance or revisions requested
- **May 15, 2013** Final Deadline for all proposals
- **June 1, 2013** Final notification of acceptance or revisions requested
- **July 1, 2013** Full papers due in electronic format to program committee either via email or Drop Box (final papers will not be edited – author/s accept full responsibility for content)

**Note:** Full papers (formatted as Word documents, TNR 12) are required for both Single and Panel presentations. Papers are not required for Round Table presentations, but presenters are expected to provide handouts or other material to session participants.

**Note:** All conference papers will be prepared as conference proceedings, and posted on NCPEA web sites by July 15, 2013. Conference attendees are expected to have computer
access to the papers at and during the conference. Presenters do not have to bring hard copies to the conference.

**Single Presentations**

Single presentations will be 15-20 minutes in length. If you submit your proposal alone you will be placed with like presentations for a session. Three single presentations will be scheduled for each 55 minute session. Each session will have a facilitator present to assist with timing of presentations.

**Panel Presentations**

Panels consist of 3-4 presenters who are coordinating their presentations around a central theme related to a narrowly defined topic of interest within the field of education administration. Sessions typically run 50 minutes. Each presentation will be 10-15 minutes in length, or other procedure determined by the panel. Within the word limit of 500 words (excluding the title and 5 key references), the panel proposal should include the following information:

- Background information of the topic
- Purpose of the panel
- Number of presentations within the session; the themes and speakers of these presentations
- An outline of the structure of the panel (e.g., time to be allocated for each presentation and discussion)

Information (including name, affiliation, and email address) of the panel organizer and the speakers should be included on a separate page.

**Roundtable Presentations**

Round tables are talks designed around a specific theme and are often highly audience interactive. One or more speakers will address a central question from a variety of angles, and then open the question to the audience and answer audience questions.

**Virtual Presentations**

One session 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday will be set aside for 3-5 virtual presentations. NCPEA will support presentations accepted and presented by members who cannot physically attend the conference. Sessions will be supported for audio and visual presentation by Internet streaming.

**QuickTalk Presentations**

A new form of presentation will go on trial basis this conference. We will schedule a number of presenters who only want a 5 minute time slot to present a PowerPoint focused on a special topic. We will schedule 8-10 during one regular 50 minute time slot. Please see President Mullen’s Initiative call to submit a proposal.
Abstracts

All presentation options require an abstract with proposal. Abstracts should be based on research that is completed or clearly in progress, with a well-formulated research question and a good description of the types of data used (if the work is empirical), the theoretical and methodological approach, results, and conclusions. The word limit of abstract is 500 words (excluding title and references). References are optional but do not include more than five references. Since the reviewing process is strictly anonymous, names of authors should not be included in the abstract. Submit as a Word document and upload it with the submission (PDF files can not be accepted). Please indicate your preference for Round Table, Single Presentation, or Panel at the end of the abstract.

Submitting Proposals

All conference proposals must be submitted through the NCPEA Manuscript FastTrack system at: http://ncpea.expressacademic.org/login.php The link to this process is also posted on both the NCPEA Website (www.ncpeaprofessors.org) and NCPEA Publications Website (www.ncpeapublications.org)

Note: Each presenter accepted for Single and/or Panel presentations will be asked to serve as a “facilitator” for one (1) other session. Facilitators introduce the session and presenters, and monitor and facilitate the session, making certain time-frames are adhered to.

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