Call for Proposals

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POD
The Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education

Developing Our Profession and Ourselves:
Faculty, Instructional and Institutional Development in the Education Decade

15th Annual Conference
November 1-4, 1990
Granlibakken at Lake Tahoe, California

POD has a 15-year history of supporting faculty, staff, and administrators committed to strengthening the quality of teaching and academic life. Our conference theme this year invites us to examine our profession, reflect on our practice, and renew ourselves as we enter a decade of promise and challenge in higher education.
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We invite proposals in three broad categories:

- **Developing Our Profession**
  Proposals in this category reflect upon the field itself, perhaps critically analyzing its founding assumptions and implicit metaphors, or exploring its contributions to the understanding and advancement of educational quality. Knowledge needs and ethical dilemmas of our profession might be examined, or the relationship between theory, research, and practice. New perspectives from many disciplines, as well as practitioner experience, could enrich our understanding of the profession and its evolution.

- **Developing Ourselves**
  Proposals in this category satisfy our insatiable thirst for new knowledge and skills, including those that help us take care of ourselves when multiple roles collide. Possibilities include using research to improve practice; becoming more reflective about day-to-day practice; leading, managing, and collaborating; disseminating innovations; working with new groups; moderating stress; and understanding career transitions.

- **Viewing the Profession in Context**
  Proposals in this category consider our professional role in light of changes in the higher education community. Sessions might address changing student and faculty shortages, our role in technological innovation, and pressures for institutional accountability. What do these trends imply for our work with faculty? How are we responding to them now?

As always, we welcome creative, well designed session proposals that might not fit clearly into any of these categories, or that mix categories. If you have questions, call Marilyn Leach, (402) 554-2427.

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**Proposal Guidelines**

POD members prefer sessions that exemplify the best principles of teaching and learning to communicate our ideas, theories, and practices. Proposal reviewers will look for sessions that:

- relate to the overall conference theme
- offer fresh, significant perspectives
- are well designed and have interactive components

Preference will be given to proposals which do more than merely inform, describe or report on a project or strategy. POD members look forward to sessions which are practical and interactive, ones which help them develop a new skill or approach through active participation.

POD will continue to encourage sessions which are substantive even while informal and interactive. This year we'll be asking some of you to try a new format for POD—**Poster Sessions**. Poster session leaders prepare posters or other visuals to summarize and share their information; then make themselves available during a common poster session time to discuss and respond to questions and comments raised by people who share their interests. We'll be sending out more details to everyone submitting a proposal.

POD is a non-profit educational organization and therefore does not provide financial assistance to concurrent session presenters.

Note: Only typed proposals will be reviewed and authors will be notified regarding acceptance by June 15, 1990.

Proposals (four copies) should be postmarked/delivered via fax by **May 1, 1990**. Please send to:

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Please submit four photocopies of the front and back of this form. Type and be as clear and specific as possible.

PROPOSED SESSION TITLE: In 10 words or less.

SESSION DESCRIPTION: One descriptive sentence, which is straightforward, and which will appear in the program as well as in pre-conference publicity. Please write clearly.

SESSION OUTCOMES: Describe in one clear sentence, what you hope participants will take away from the session.

SESSION CONTENT: In 50 to 75 words, describe your session content.

Author Identification

NAME and ADDRESS(ES): No more than four presenters per session. First name should be the designated contact person. If you want your notification (in June) to be sent to a different address, please provide appropriate information in the blank space below.

1. Name and title: ____________________________
   Institution/organization: ____________________________
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STRATEGIES/METHODS: Briefly describe the instructional format you plan to use.

TOPICS: Which topic does your proposal best address? Please check only one.
- Developing Our Profession
- Developing Ourselves
- Viewing the Profession in Context

AUDIENCE: Check here, if your session is designed for an audience with little or no previous knowledge of the subject or experience.

TIME ALLOTMENT: How much time is required for your session?
- 30 minutes
- 45 minutes
- 90 minutes
- 3 hours
- I prefer 45 minutes but can do a condensed version of 30 minutes
- I prefer 90 minutes but can do a condensed version of 45 minutes
- I prefer 3 hours but can do a condensed version of 90 minutes

EQUIPMENT: Only the equipment listed below can be provided at the conference site. Please check the needed equipment for your session.
- Overhead projector/screen
- Carousel slide projector
- 1/2" VHS player and monitor
- Cassette audio recorder
- Flip chart and pen
- Other, please specify

Please note that no computer support can be provided for presenters.

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