



**PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF MEDIATORS
34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
April 23 & 24, 2021
Virtual Space**

REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

PCM is beginning to plan for a new and different conference this year – we are going virtual with the help of outside professionals. While we will miss the unique connections possible only with an in-person conference, we are confident a virtual conference holds the promise of bringing informative workshops to a possibly broader audience that might not otherwise have been able to travel or take on the expense of a hotel stay.

The plans this year are for one day (Friday, April 23rd) for the pre-conference training – Dave Brubaker has committed to carry on with his topic: *Mediating and Facilitating When the Stakes are High*. The next day (Sat., April 24th) will start with the MVP award and presentation. Following that there will be three 1½-hour workshop sessions with concurrent presentations: 10:30-12:00, 12:30-2:00 and 2:15-3:45. We plan to round out the day with a networking opportunity – break-out rooms with designated themes (family mediation, solo practitioners, etc.)

We are looking for workshop submissions for this 2021 Virtual Annual Conference that will provide an opportunity for mediators to network with other mediators, learn new skills and enhance their mediation practice. The audience is a mixture of attorney-mediators, practitioners with training in social work and the behavioral sciences, volunteer community mediators, academic researchers, and others interested in dispute resolution. Workshop sessions are 1.5 hours long and will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2021**.

Previous conference participants have requested workshops on the following topics, but feel free to submit a proposal on a conflict resolution subject of your choice.

- Resiliency, particularly in family and elder mediations
- Unconscious bias and micro-aggression
- Use of language in mediation
- Elder abuse
- A mock mediation with challenging situations. presenting tough situations
- When to have a pre-mediation meeting. Effectiveness of different ways of opening mediations When to use caucus.
- How to handle a mandated mediation
- Behavioral psychology of participants
- Special Education mediation
- Employment mediation
- Marketing for the small mediation practice
- Forms of agreement – nuts & bolts; getting good documentation of the settlement

You can find a description of the conference and examples of past workshops at www.pamediation.org/conferences.html.

Please feel free to forward this form to anyone you think might be interested in submitting a proposal.

Presenters receive complimentary conference registration for the conference on April 24th. Note that this does not cover the Pre-conference on April 23rd, which is a separate fee. Presenters receive CLE/CEUs for their own workshop at no cost; CLE/CEUs for other parts of the conference will be provided at the regular rate.

If your workshop is accepted, we will need your bio, a timed agenda and copies of any handouts to be able to offer CLE and Social Work CEU credits. The presenter does not need to be an attorney/social worker for the workshop to be eligible for CLE/CEU credits.

Please complete the form below to submit your workshop proposal(s). Submissions must be made through this form and emailed, faxed or sent, as indicated on the bottom of the form. We encourage you to submit more than one proposal, in any area relevant to mediation.

The vendor who is working with us will hold an advance session with the presenters to ensure everyone is comfortable with the technology (Zoom). The day of the conference there will be a vendor staff person in each workshop to handle any technical details so you can focus on presenting your content. There will be opportunities to have break-out rooms, if that is something you would like to incorporate into your workshop.

Presenter(s) name and work/professional title/affiliation for brochure description:

Address _____

Day phone _____ Eve phone _____ E-mail _____

Workshop title _____

Target audience or expected experience level _____

Any limitation on number of participants? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

Workshop description, indicating content, goals and objectives (use extra sheet if necessary):

Will your workshop have an ethics component for which we can offer CLEs?

Half hour One hour One and a half hours

We will contact you later about advance presentation prep and any technological questions.

Send proposals to: Barbara Foxman, 43 E. Benezet, Philadelphia, PA 19118
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Please submit by January 8, 2021
Any questions, please contact Barbara.