



**PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF MEDIATORS
35th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
April 29 & 30, 2022**

REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

PCM is beginning to plan for the 2022 Conference to be held April 29 & 30, 2022. We expect to hold an in-person event at the Harrisburg Hilton. We are seeking proposals for workshop presentations.

Current plans are for a full-day pre-conference training on April 29th. The evening program on April 29th will feature a networking opportunity, dinner and the Most Valuable Peacemaker (MVP) Award and presentation. On Saturday, April 30th, following an opening plenary, 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 are looking for workshop submissions for this 2022 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 30, 2022**.

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.

Presenters who plan to attend the full conference will receive a 50% discount on the registration fee for the conference. This includes the MVP Award program the evening of April 29th and the conference day on April 30th. Note that this does not cover the Pre-conference on April 29th, 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). We encourage you to submit more than one proposal, in any area relevant to mediation. Please feel free to forward this form to anyone you think might be interested in submitting a proposal.

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 technology questions.

Send proposals to: Barbara Foxman, 43 E. Benezet St, Philadelphia, PA 19118
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Please submit by Dec. 15, 2021
Any questions, please contact Barbara.