Call For Proposals

Building a Museum Community – A Capital Idea!

2018 Annual Meeting and Conference
Charleston, WV
March 22 - March 24, 2018

We are pleased to announce that the West Virginia Association of Museums' annual meeting and conference will be held March 22 - March 24, 2018, in Charleston, West Virginia.

The mission of the West Virginia Association of Museums is to serve, educate, advocate for, and enhance communications within the museum community. By listening to its members, serving their interests, and keeping members abreast of current national standards and activities, WVAM works to benefit institutions, professionals, volunteers, and others interested in the museums of the Mountain State.

The theme of our 2018 conference is “Building A Museum Community: A Capital Idea!” We continue to hear from our members that we need to strengthen and grow the relationships between our state's museums, cultural heritage and art organizations, and the people that are associated with them. From state agencies to consultants, conservators to artists, professionals to students, and volunteers to donors - if we work together, network, and share information, just think of how much we can accomplish!

We are now accepting proposals for papers, presentations, workshops, exhibits, and poster sessions addressing our theme, “Building A Museum Community – A Capital Idea!”. As always, we are also accepting sessions which focus on collections care and management, interpretation, non-profit management, grant writing, exhibit design, fundraising, and emergency preparedness - as well as proposals which address materials conservation, history, and preservation-related issues. We especially encourage hands-on sessions that will teach our members new skills. Don’t worry if your idea does not fit into one of the categories above (there is only so much room in this paragraph!) Just reach out to us if you have any questions or ideas about a topic. You can email the conference committee at museumsofwv@gmail.com or talk to Bekah Karelis at 304-830-3485.

The deadline for submission of proposals is October 15, 2017.
WVAM 2018: Building a Museum Community – A Capital Idea!

Proposal Submission Form
Submission Deadline: October 15, 2017

Title of Session/Panel/Workshop: ____________________________________________________________

Description: (Please include goals, session abstract, and relevance to WVAM’s purpose or conference theme. 150 words maximum. Use back or attach sheets if necessary.)
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Session format and length:
__ 45 minute paper/session            __ 90 minute paper/session
__ 45 minute panel discussion       __ 90 minute panel discussion
__ Other (please describe)

Is session sponsored by a Professional Interest Group? Which one? ____________________________________

Media Needs:
__ Flip Chart                           __ Laptop & Projector      __ VCR & Monitor
__ Dry Erase Board                      __ DVD & Monitor
__ Other (please describe) ________________________________

Presenter/Session Leader:
Name: ______________________________ Affiliation, if any: ________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________
Telephone: _________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

Additional Participants: (please include name, affiliation, and contact information, as well as session contribution for each presenter. Attach additional sheets as needed)
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Important Note: WVAM does not pay honoraria or travel expenses.

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