

Conference Session Proposal Form
"Innovation Rooted in Community"

2011 Annual Conference

November 2 - 4, 2011
Kitchener - Waterloo, Ontario

Deadline Extended to April 29th, 2011

Title of Proposal: _____

Author of Proposal: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ **Tel:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Please **check (✓)** session format type and length of session below:

- Workshop:** teaches specific skills in group settings. Experts use active learning methods and techniques. Fees may be charged to cover material costs. Enrollment is limited (half or full day).
- Debate:** deals with a subject head on. Be sure to get quick thinkers with well-developed ideas (1 ¼ hr).
- Panel:** two or more speakers offer different perspectives on professional problems and issues. Each session must have a chair to introduce speakers, moderate discussion, and keep the session on schedule. Try to include panelists from a variety of museum sizes and types (1 ¼ hr).
- Other** (e.g. – interview) – please explain (1 ¼ hr).

(Panels are the preferred format but are not always effective if they are too long and leave no time for discussion. Think about other formats appropriate to the needs of our colleagues. Be creative and combine more than one format if appropriate.)

Target Audience: This session would be best suited for (select all applicable audiences):

Audience Developers	Board Members	Students
Communications / Marketing Managers	Collections Managers / Registrars	Volunteers
Directors / CEOs	Conservators	Emerging Professionals
Event Coordinators	Curators	Mid-Career Workers
Fundraisers (Development)	Educators	Late-Career Workers
Physical Plant / Site Managers/Operators	Exhibit Planners / Designers	Retirees
Membership Coordinators	Gift Shop Managers	Consultants
Museum Assistants	Human Resource Managers	
Visitor Services Managers	Jacks and Jills of all Trades	Others: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please submit the following:

Session description: 250 words or less – consider the focus and intent of proposal, relationship to theme, and overall objectives you wish to achieve.

List of additional presenters: include names, titles, institutions, addresses, phones, faxes, and e-mails.

Please include letters of support and related materials if available (e.g. brochures, presentation slides, hand-outs, publications, photographs, etc). These additional materials will assist the Conference Program Committee plan the best agenda possible.

**Call for Proposals
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The **OMA's Annual Conference** brings together museum professionals, students, volunteers, supporters and stakeholders with diverse experiences and backgrounds from across Ontario. The Conference provides a comfortable environment for delegates to meet, share and learn from each other.

We invite proposals for sessions based on the theme **"Innovation Rooted in Community"**.

Proposals can be based on a number of topics, including, but not limited to:

- Innovative Museum Offerings (e.g. programming, outreach, planning, use of space)
- The Use of Technology in Museums
- The Role of the Museum in the Community
- The Contribution of Museums to the Social and Economic Vitality of Ontario
- The Role of the Museum in Cultural Tourism
- Green Initiatives and Community & Urban Renewal
- Community Economic Development
- Community Outreach and Involvement
- Conservation and / or Restoration Issues/Practices
- New Approaches to Exhibit Design
- Collections Management
- Financial Sustainability
- Succession Planning

Individuals or organizations who would like to present at the Conference are invited to submit proposals and related materials to the address below by **Friday April 29th, 2011!**

PLEASE NOTE: *The OMA and its members appreciate the contribution that presenters make in sharing their professional knowledge and expertise to strengthen the museum sector; however, all presenters are expected to register for the conference. The OMA cannot pay for travel expenses or stipends for session speakers.*

Please return forms to: Conference 2011 Program Committee
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