



CULTIVATE

September **2023**

2023 MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Request for Session Proposals

September 19-21 | In-Person - Missoula, Montana
September 26-28 | Virtual Conference

Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA) invites your proposal for our 2023 Annual Conference. This year's conference will begin in person with an audience of around 200, to be followed by a virtual conference experience the following week for entire teams, an anticipated audience of 800-1,000. Nonprofit executives, staff, and board members will once more be welcomed at the flat Whole Organization rate to participate in the virtual event and can also send delegates to the in-person event for an additional cost for deeper learning and connection.

Conference Theme | Cultivate

Cultivation is the process of intention, growth, renewal, and transformation. By focusing on doing the little things right, we create space for big things to grow – whether that's tending our mission, repotting our succulents, caring for our employees, weeding garden beds, feeding our relationships, or finding rest. This year's conference invites participants to consider all the ways in which we cultivate our organizations for the future, from investing in employees and processes to tending supporters, centering those we serve to allowing for rest. How can we cultivate a strong personal, organizational, and community-wide approach to a brighter, stronger, future for Montana?

We are looking for presenters that deliver exciting, engaging, and content rich sessions built on principles of nonprofit best practices and effective instruction. With a whole org audience, we are seeking sessions that provide value and learning for entry level staff members, experienced EDs (Executive Director), and board members. Sessions that explore timely topics and/or dimensions of equity and diversity within their topic area are preferred. We are also interested in 201+ level sessions that can provide a deeper level of learning for attendees. Presentations may be general enough for a large audience or developed for a specific job function or level of experience.

We will have opportunities for both in-person and virtual presentations. You can note your preference on your submission form.

The deadline for submitting your proposal is 11:55pm on **Monday, June 19th, 2023**. You may submit proposals [HERE](#) for breakout sessions. We are working to curate an exceptional experience for our attendees of all backgrounds and experience levels. If you would like to connect on your workshop proposal prior to submission, please email srogala@mtnonprofit.org directly.

As a Conference presenter, you will:

- Receive 1:1 support in developing your session outline for our audience.
- Receive a complimentary virtual and in person conference registration (*non-exchangeable*)
- Meet, network, and share your expertise with nonprofit professionals.
- Have your name and business affiliation published in conference materials and on MNA's conference website.
- **If you are selected for a longer format session (over 90 minutes) we will be able to offer an honorarium.

We are unable to offer compensation for breakout session speakers or provide attendee contact lists.

Timeline:

- Monday, June 19th | Submission Deadline
- Tuesday, July 18th | Sessions Selected + Submitters Notified
- Tuesday, August 1st | Conference Registration Opens
- September 19th – 21st | In Person Conference, Missoula, MT
- September 26th – 28th | Virtual Conference

Topics of high priority include:

- Innovation, collaboration, and changes
- Navigating cycles of rest, growth, change and the cadence of working in the nonprofit sector
- Emerging trends in fundraising including cryptocurrency
- Volunteerism, including attracting, training, and retaining and trends such as micro-volunteerism
- Transition + Succession Planning
- Cybersecurity
- Managing a flexible, hybrid, or remote workplace
- Board development and governance
- Fundraising and development that explores fundamentals and new challenges
- Human Resources, exploring equity in organizational practices and policies
- Work-life Balance and Wellbeing
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice including Accessibility and Belonging
- Savvy Communications in an increasingly virtual world

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about Montana Nonprofit Association's 2023 Conference or this Request for Session Proposals, please contact Shelby Rogala at srogala@mtnonprofit.org

Overview of Proposal Requirements

It is recommended that you complete your answers in another document before submitting through the online form. You may submit more than one proposal. If you are interested in connecting with MNA on your workshop or submitting a proposal for a keynote or deep dive session, please contact srogala@mtnonprofit.org.

Please submit your session proposals online here- <https://bit.ly/mna2023rfp>

Information to prepare prior to submission:

Presenter Information

1. Presenter(s) contact information, with a primary point of contact determined.

Session Information

2. Proposed session title.
3. Have you presented this session or other sessions of this nature before?
4. Please provide a summary description of 150 or less words for conference materials.
5. Please list three learning objectives. Participants will explore/master/understand/practice the following:
6. Idea format for presenting this session.
7. Please describe the intended audience for this session. Examples include: "New Executive Directors, Multi-Hat nonprofit leaders, Board members, etc"
8. Is this content geared towards experienced or new nonprofit audiences?
9. What type of organization is this content and presentation best suited for?
10. MNA is committed to better exploring, understanding, and sharing how diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice impact nonprofit management and missions. How do you approach these topics and incorporate them into your session?
11. What is your approach to adult learning, and how does that inform your session?
12. Which guiding principle for nonprofit excellence does this session most relate to?
13. Is this content geared toward experienced or new nonprofit audiences?
14. Are there any days you will not be available to present?
15. Do you have any requested accommodations to ensure you are able to present and engage fully? This may include audio, visual, mobility or other needs. Please share below:
16. I understand I will not be compensated for this session but will receive complimentary registration to both the virtual and in person conference:
17. MNA believes diversity to be vital to our organization's success. We strongly encourage and welcome consultants or businesses led by traditionally underserved people to apply and place a special emphasis on vendors that are traditionally underserved and/or based in Montana. Do you classify as a traditionally underserved person, defined as a person who identifies as a racial or ethnic minority, female, non-gender conforming, or LGBTIA+?