



Speaker Guidance

IAEM 67th Annual Conference

November 15 – 20, 2019

Savannah International Trade &
Convention Center

Savannah, Georgia

Call for Speakers

Opens Jan. 14,
2019



Closes Feb. 15,
2019 at 5pm
ET



Selection
Notices Sent
by May 1, 2019

Conference Dates

Pre-Conference Training and Symposiums	November 15 – 17, 2019
Breakout, Spotlight and General Sessions	November 18 – 20, 2019
EMvision Talks	November 19, 2019
Post-Conference Training	November 21 – 22, 2019

Non-Commercial Nature of Sessions

IAEM provides an opportunity for open dialogue and a creative exchange of ideas among participants. Speakers may not endorse brand names or specific products in their presentation. Under no circumstances may this platform be used as a place for direct promotion of a speaker's product or service. Any presenter who violates this policy jeopardizes his or her opportunity to present at future IAEM conferences.

Breakout Focus Areas

Theme: Honor the Past, Treasure the Present, Shape the Future

The Conference Committee requires presentations that are specifically developed for the IAEM Annual Conference audience and for the current years theme. When developing your submission, select one of the following topic areas or suggest one of your own.

1. Honor the Past

Emergency Management has a long and impressive history. The field has rapidly changed over the decades. What improvements have you witnessed? What past practices and events have impacted you, solidified your commitment to expand and improve current practices? What were the most impactful events in the past? What challenges have you faced and met with success? What are the greatest lessons learned?

2. Treasure the Present

The present is all we have. The world is rapidly changing, and we must embrace the “new normal.” In today’s world, it is imperative to expand our connections and engage others in our field by sharing ideas, resources and best practices. How do you do that? How has working with others improved your practices? Made you more effective? What obstacles do you face today? How do you share best practices? How do you develop and enhance partnerships? What do you do today when you face obstacles that impede your success? What public-private collaborations do you engage in today to achieve new opportunities in the “whole community”?

3. Shape the Future

The future of Emergency Management will look different than today. What challenges do you anticipate? What will be the biggest obstacles to overcome? What innovations, technology and practices will impact how you do your work? What emerging issues do you anticipate? What are you doing now to prepare for the future? What is your vision for the future of emergency management? What practices, training, professional development and experience will be most critical for success?

Breakout sessions last 60 minutes. Structure your presentation to allow time for Q&A within the 60 minutes allocated.

Online Application Tips

- **Read all instructions carefully**
- Complete all fields – incomplete applications will be disqualified
- *There is not a save function* – gather all documents and wording for requested fields before you begin
- Character field limits without spaces:
 - Abstracts: 1500; Bios: 1000; Speaker introduction: 500
- Double check for typos before you submit

Scoring Applications

Applications are scored based on: A complete and accurate application – **INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND REMOVED FROM REVIEW**

- Quality of submitted presentation
- Speaker experience and qualifications related to the topic
- Compelling presentation “story” that will engage the audience
- Adherence to theme

File Upload

1. **Only 1 Past Presentation Required: PDF format only** (e.g.PPT, Keynote, Prezi.)
 - Upload a prior presentation that demonstrates your presentation style
 - Title the presentation “Prior Presentation – *Last name*”

Please compress large pdf files at <http://smallpdf.com>.

Financial Support

- Complimentary full registration for one speaker per session
- All co-speakers receive a discounted speaker rate

Please seek financial support from your individual organizations. If it is not available, IAEM can provide up to \$500 *per session* (not per speaker). If you require financial assistance, check the box on your online submission. The request for financial assistance does not impact the selection process.

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