



ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 13-15, 2024

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Introduction

The Maine Dental Association (MDA) seeks to offer an Annual Conference that promotes the mission to support members in achieving excellence in dentistry. MDA is an approved provider of continuing education units that meet the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) standards. As such, we are seeking quality educational sessions that rise the level of professionalism our dentist members and partners have come to expect given this certification.

Through the Annual Conference, we hope to:

- **engage** member dentist and their work teams as lifelong learners and thoughtful practitioners,
- **facilitate** integrative learning that improves practice and contributes to capacity building,
- **convene** members, organizations, business partners and oral health professionals to establish productive working relationships,
- **leverage** our collective expertise to advance full participation of membership in contributing to the oral health landscape in Maine.

Objectives for the 157th Annual Conference

1. Expand participation, engagement, and dialogue among the full range of stakeholders in the dental profession to enhance learning, improve practice, and contribute to the knowledge base. This includes dental students and allied dental team members.
2. Provide learning and development opportunities that contribute to career and leadership development for member dentists and their work team at all career stages.
3. Showcase and catalyze opportunities that provide innovation.
4. Support the local Maine quality of life, family and team engagement in community, and celebrate professional success throughout the year.

While we welcome submissions addressing all aspects of dentistry, the convention committee is particularly interested in proposals that address the following:

- Wellness in dentistry
- Integrating wholistic perspective of health with the dentistry
- Oral-systemic health and its management through dental care
- Pediatric specialty trainings
- Workforce support and development
- Innovation in clinical practice

Submission Guidelines

Length: Trainings/Lectures must be either one (1) or two (2) hours in length.

Compensation: Limited compensation is considered based upon availability. This will be negotiated, if selected. MDA staff will follow up with additional information.

Deadline for submission: **December 22, 2023 at 12 Noon.**

Submission criteria: Submission must be made in a Word or PDF file and sent to Angie Bellefleur at Maine Dental Association via email at: abelle fleur@medental.org.

Proposal review criteria and scoring will be based upon the following:

- Overall Quality
- Method of Delivery/Engagement
- Target Audience (s) & Inclusion
- Originality & Significance

Proposals MUST include

- Name, contact information (website if available), and brief biography (50 words).
- Title and informative description of the proposal for the MDA Annual Convention program and website (75 words).
- Four objectives that identify what skills or knowledge participants will gain during your presentation.
- A description of at least one thing that participants that attend your workshop will be able to take and use right away (i.e., new skill, resource list, handout for patients, etc.).

MDA will notify applicants of review results no later than January 30, 2024. After notification, negotiations and/or additional information may be requested prior to any contract agreements.