



2020 Michigan Indian Education Council Native American Critical Issues Conference

Presentations Request for Proposals

Boozhoo (Greetings),

We appreciate your interest in the Native American Critical Issues Conference. This year's theme is *Mother Earth*. The description is:

We are taught that the earth is our mother, Shkaakaamikwe, and the first teacher. The Anishinaabe term used for education is Kinomaage which literally translated means "the earth will show us the way". Humans were the last of the beings to be placed on the earth. We are dependent on her and our older plant and animal brothers and sisters for our survival. We have a covenant with the Creator to live harmoniously in balance with nature and to reciprocate the love given to us every day by our Mother Earth. As humankind it is incumbent upon us to care for Shkaakaamikwe and protect all the beings that live here. Our future depends on it.

This year's conference will be held at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan from March 5-7, 2020.

Every year, the MIEC Board selects a group of highly skilled and interesting speakers to present at our Native American Critical Issues Conference. Presentations are selected based on their alignment with the theme of the conference and their relevancy to Native American education related issues in the State of Michigan. Approved presenters will receive an honorarium, details are included below.

If you would like to propose a presentation at this year's conference, you will need to submit the following information:

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Contact Information: email address _____

Physical Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Title (12 words max)

Description (200 words max)

Delivery Technique (Power Point, Hands-On Workshop, etc.)

How does this presentation relate to this year's theme?

Are you promoting a product, if so describe it here:

Is this intended for a general audience, or a specific audience (i.e, youth, First Speakers, etc.)? If a specific audience, describe here:

Do you have a preference for Friday or Saturday, or for morning or afternoon time slots? (Note: there is no guarantee but we will try our best to meet your needs).

Submission Requirements

This form must be submitted to MIEC as a PDF or Word Document in Times New Roman, 12 point font, with default margins, and double spaced. It must be submitted by November 1, 2019. Late proposals will not be accepted.

By submitting a session proposal, you are consenting to the recording of your presentation.

All presenters and all co-presenters must register for the Annual Conference. Submitting a workshop proposal means you agree to these terms.

Session Presentation Approval and Notification Process

All submissions will be reviewed by MIEC. Final approvals will be made by the MIEC Board of Directors. For those workshops that have been approved, notifications will include the day and time of the presentation and the location. All workshop rooms will be set up theater style with chairs in rows facing the presenter at the front. Notifications will be e-mailed to all presenters by December 15, 2019.

I agree to the arrangements regarding my proposed presentation at the Native American Critical Issues Conference. I understand that MIEC will be responsible for the honorarium; hotel arrangements will be made by MIEC staff; and mileage as described below. Any additional changes to my hotel room will be my responsibility and billed accordingly. And, lastly, any compensation over \$600 will require a 1099 Misc Form sent to me for tax purposes.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

For MIEC Use Only for Approved Presentations:

Allowable Workshop Presenter Costs:

- \$100 honorarium per workshop - not presenter, 1.5 hours per workshop
 - \$100 honorarium for second workshop - not presenter, 1.5 hours if workshop is different topic from first workshop
 - \$75 honorarium for second workshop if topic is the same as first workshop @1.5 hours
 - Lodging (one room per workshop) is allowable if traveling over 60 miles (round trip)
- Travel is allowable if traveling over 60 miles (round trip) at 36¢ per mile
 - One meal per presenter per workshop
 - **Registration fee** for the conference will be the presenter's responsibility
 - The Board President will have the flexibility to negotiate as needed
- PLEASE NOTE: Check will be made out to first presenter listed**

MIEC Contact (board member who made these arrangements)

Mileage: _____miles @36¢ per mile if traveling more than 60 miles round trip

Meal Provision (Thursday Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Friday Dinner, and Saturday Luncheon)

Lodging Arrangements: Thursday night **or** Friday night

Vegetarian? (Yes) (No)

Same address as above to sent IRS 1099 Misc if honorarium is over \$600

(Yes) (No)

Total check amount

\$ _____

Date confirmation sent to presenter by Board Member Contact
