



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

# How to Prepare a Proposal to Speak at Safety 2027

ASSP Professional Development Conference & Exposition

June 15-17, 2026

Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

# Call for Presenters

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ASSP invites those interested in presenting at its  
2027 Professional Development Conference  
(PDC) to submit a proposal for the Conference  
Planning Committee to review.

# Questions We'll Answer

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- What are attendees looking for?
- What is the process?
- How are proposals accepted?
- What happens next?



# What Are Safety Conference Attendees Looking For?

Speakers provide a forum for attendees to:

- Identify key issues
- Expand their knowledge
- Prepare for the challenges
- Engage in the discourse
- Understand emerging issues
- What are you passionate about?

# How to Submit a Proposal

- All proposals must be submitted online:  
<http://www.assp.org/call-for-presenters/>
- This will go live in July



# Submission Instructions & Policies

- Complete the application following all instructions
- **Maximum two proposals per speaker**
- Sessions last one hour
- Do not submit promotional material
- Incomplete submissions are not accepted
- **Deadline Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – No Extensions**



# What is Asked in the Submittal Application?

1. Completed application form
2. Presentation description (Max 600 words)
3. Learning outcomes (1-3)
4. Topic relevance (Max 150 words)
5. Biographical information (Max 600 words)
6. Short session description (Max 50 words)



# Key Elements of Proposals

- Presentation description
- Learning outcomes
- Topic relevance
- Speaking experience
- Biographical information
- Short session description



# Getting Accepted

Sessions are reviewed and selected by the PDC committee:

1. ASSP member volunteers
2. Diversity of industry sectors
3. Follow a set criteria as they make their selections

# Evaluation Criteria

1. Contribution to meeting the conference/program objectives
2. Presentation skill of the speaker
3. Desirability of the topic

# Additional Criteria

- Cutting edge
- Advanced
- Very technical
- Research-based
- Innovative, new, and/or fresh concept, procedure, or application
- Case studies or lessons learned cited



# You've Been Selected!



Notification expected by January 31, 2027



Acknowledge acceptance – timely



Follow-up materials



Note the deadlines

Questions?



# New Orleans June 7–9



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