



11th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America
Chicago 2011 Conference
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers – Chicago, IL
August 31 – September 6, 2011

Hosted by Illinois Deaf Seniors

CALL for PAPERS

The DSA 2011-Chicago Conference workshop committee is seeking creative proposals offering motivating, exciting and informative workshop presentations for its 11th Biennial DSA Conference. Innovative proposals are to focus on the conference theme "We, the People." Workshops will either be 1¼ hrs or 2 hours at length. Proposals may focus on information, skill development, advocacy/leadership, technology, legal issues, comedy/fun/leisure, health/medical, family genealogy, financial planning, Deaf/CODA relations and community resources (additional topics below).

Proposals may either be in a presentation or panel session 1¼ hour format OR a two hour interactive workshop session.

Conference attendees, who are Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deaf-blind, come from all walks of life, and backgrounds from all across USA. As of August 15, 2010, over 1,400 have registered for DSA 2011 Chicago, and more are registering each week.

BENEFITS FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

- There is no workshop fee for accepted presenters. If the main presenter and co-presenters wish to attend other workshops and exhibits on the day of presentation, there will be no charge.
- If the main presenter wishes to register for the full conference, DSA 2011 offers a combo rate of \$230.00. This also applies to accepted co-presenters and panel members.
- A Certificate of Recognition for each workshop presentation.
- Recognition in DSA 2011 Chicago Conference Program Booklet.
- Opportunity to introduce your services and/or your products.

PRESENTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Presenters are responsible for registering for the DSA conference and making their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

- Complete all proposal guidelines and, after proposal acceptance notification, sign an agreement form.
- Presenters are required to provide an electronic copy of their presentation/Power Point slides prior to the conference and no later than August 1, 2011. This is necessary for the conference interpreting committee to provide advanced planning and accurate interpretation.
- Presenters are required to bring their own LCDs and laptop/USB drive.
- Presenters are required to provide their own informational literature and handouts/CDs for distribution.
- Presenters are required to complete an interpreting/CART request form.

Workshop Days/Times:

Friday, September 2	12:00 noon–5:00pm
Saturday, September 3	8:00am–12:00 noon and 3:00-5:00pm
Sunday, September 4	12:00-5:00pm
Monday, September 5	8:00-11:00am

IMPORTANT DATES:

Proposal Deadline:	March 15, 2011
Presenter Notification:	April 1, 2011
Confirmation/Agreement form:	April 30, 2011
Interpreting form:	April 30, 2011
Presentation/PP:	July 31, 2011

All workshop presentations will vary in duration according to the conference schedule shown above. The workshops should focus on subject matter relevant to the theme: "We, the People."

Suggested proposal topics, but not limited to:

- Taking Care of Our Vision (eye care)
- Flippin' Away - Capturing Special Moments of our Family/Grandchildren/Friends
- Daily Yoga and Its Health Benefits
- Long Term Care and Costs – Planning Ahead
- Quality Travel on a Limited Budget
- Have a Will? None? Come and Learn What's Involved
- Financial Planning – Wills/Trusts/Executors
- Keeping Mentally and Physically Alert
- Volunteerism = Satisfaction and Happiness
- Decluttering Our Lives – Tips for a Golden Yard Sale
- Deaf Heritage – What We Didn't Know!
- Death and Dying – What We Need to Know
- Sex for 50+ - Really?
- Community Resources – Senior Services, What We Need to Know
- Using Photo Shop and Picnik – Advancing Our Computer Skills
- Feeling Safe and Secure in our Homes
- Emergency Preparedness
- BB, Apps, EVO and the iPhone – Getting the full Benefit
- Making a Memory Book for Our Children/Grandchildren
- The Art of Fine Dining
- Making the Most of Coupons – Savings Galore!
- Senior Living – Home or Community? Available Options

Conference website: www.dsa2011-chicago.org

Hotel Information: www.sheratonchicago.com (click on hotel reservation)
or 1-800-233-4100 (ask for DSA2011 rates)



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WORKSHOP PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Name of Main Presenter: _____

Presenter is: ___Deaf ___ Hard of Hearing ___ Deaf-blind ___ Hearing

Name of Co-Presenter(s)/ Panel member(s): _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Text Message #: _____

Pager: _____

Telephone/VP: _____ Fax: _____

Presentation Format:

_____ Presentation _____ Panel Discussion _____ Interactive Workshop

Title (to appear in conference program book):

Abstract (no more than 50 words and to appear in program book):

Applicant's Checklist:

- ___ Workshop Proposal form, fully completed.
- ___ Presenter's biography
- ___ Headshot photo in Jpeg format for program book
- ___ Current resume

Complete proposals will be reviewed by the Workshop Committee and final selections will be made by April 1, 2011. Incomplete or late proposal applications will not be reviewed.

Send proposal application and required information, by March 15, 2011, to:

DSA 2011-Chicago Conference

Attn: Workshops

P.O. Box 742

Rosemont, IL 60018-0742

or

workshops@dsa2011-chicago.org

Questions or need additional information? Contact Laura J. Thomas, Workshop Coordinator at: workshops@dsa2011-chicago.org