



Annual Conference

Nov. 13-15, 2022
Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Due April 30, 2022

Minnesota Rural Education Association seeks workshop and breakout session proposals for its 2022 conference to share best practices, solutions, and research on education and student learning in Greater Minnesota and rural areas.

Proposals should help maximize K-12 educator and school board learning and knowledge, focused on developing and sharing narratives from a position of rural strength and vitality. Submissions are encouraged in all contexts and focus areas at all experience levels.

Focus Areas

MREA members want to learn how rural colleagues are solving educational problems and addressing these focus areas:

- **Sustainable Rural Living and Vitality**
 - Leading rural school and community transformation around old and new values
 - Leveraging local assets to strengthen community development
 - Expanding broadband access to rural communities for education and workforce efforts
 - Creating “grow-your-own” programs to recruit and retain a skilled local workforce
- **Local and Global Learning Perspectives**
 - Promoting pathways that are pipelines to living-wage careers
 - Improving student learning through community partnerships and innovative programs
 - Leading successful school-to-work transitions
 - Preparing students to be successful in a highly competitive global economy
 - Exploring how diversity, equity, and inclusion redefine student success
- **Inclusive and Welcoming Places and Spaces**
 - Building teacher capacity and meets diverse learner needs
 - Ensuring access to high-quality learning opportunities and support for all students
 - Supporting student resiliency and social emotional health
 - Creating positive school climate and safe learning spaces

- **New Developments and Services Shaping Education**
- **Qualifying Topics for MN Educator License Renewals**

Session Guidelines

Sessions will generally host from 25 to 70 participants each, depending on room size.

Sessions and workshops are offered in shorter and longer durations over two days:

- **50-minute Breakout Sessions** Monday and Tuesday morning sessions should provide an overview into a specific innovative or promising practice or research.
- **75-minute Workshops** Monday afternoon sessions should provide more depth into innovative or promising practices or research. This format is best for an in-depth and interactive learning experience to a panel discussion, to an informal conversation where audience participation is the main component.

Proposal Development

Preference will be given to proposals with at least one Greater Minnesota educator as co-presenter. Sessions may be accepted on the condition that a rural school representative will be co-presenter.

Proposals must include:

- **Compelling Title** as it should appear in conference promotion (FIVE words maximum). MREA reserves the right to edit titles.
- **Session Description** clearly identifying:
 - Topic being addressed
 - Target audience among school administrators, teachers, and school board members
 - Two learning outcomes
 - Engagement activities
 - Participant resources
- **Contact Information** for presenter and co-presenter. Names and organizations must appear as you would like them listed in event promotions.
- **Recent Groups** to whom and when this presentation was delivered

Proposal Submission & Selection

Submit your proposal online by midnight Saturday, April 30.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the Conference Committee. Presenters and co-presenters will be emailed mid-June regarding proposal status.



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Conference Information

Here's what else you need to know about this premiere Greater Minnesota education conference.

Dates: Sunday-Tuesday, November 13-15

- Sunday: Greater Minnesota education awards and banquet
- Monday: Opening keynote speaker, breakout sessions, workshops, networking, legislative update and Gallery Walk vendor showcase
- Tuesday: Breakout sessions, networking, capstone speaker

Audience: 500+ Education Practitioners & Influencers

- School board members, K-12 teachers, and administrators
- Representing every corner of Minnesota
- Attending from 100+ Greater Minnesota school districts

Venue: Cragun's Resort & Conference Center

- In the heart of Brainerd Lakes Area on beautiful Gull Lake
- Comfortable spaces and technology
- Updated, spacious accommodations

Registration & Expenses

- Conference registration is required after your proposal has been accepted. Details will be sent.
- Up to two (2) presenters per breakout session/workshop will receive free and/or discounted registration.
- Additional presenters and panelists beyond 2 must be pre-approved by MREA and will pay the full conference registration fee.
- Presenters attending Monday only have free admission until 3 pm.
- Travel and lodging coordination and expenses are not provided.

Questions?

Contact Diane Vosen, Administrative Coordinator at 320.762.6574 or diane@mreavoice.org.

Complete your [online proposal here](#).



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