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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in submitting a proposal to speak at the 45th NCSM Annual Conference in Denver, April 15-17, 2013. The theme for the conference is “Reaching the PEAK of Mathematics Leadership: Guiding Teaching to Support Student Learning.” Your proposal is an important step in helping the Program Committee create an outstanding program and making our conference a success.

Please take some time now to reflect carefully on what you might present to attendees to contribute to their professional learning. Be sure to read the updated Speaker Guidelines for complete information on the proposal review process.

The Program Committee invites proposals that address the Conference’s four strands:

1. *Practices that Support Coaches*: Theoretically-Informed and Research-Based Practices for Content and Pedagogy
2. *Equity for Each Learner*: Equitable Practices to Engage and Build Student Mathematical Knowledge
3. *Assessing What Counts*: Assessment Practices that Lead to New and Different Pathways for Deeper Levels of Understanding
4. *Knowledge for Leaders to Support a Strategic Infrastructure for Student Learning*: Leader Practices that Build Full Knowledge for an Infrastructure to Support High Mathematics Achievement

Because a peer review process is used in proposal selection, I encourage you to look through the Proposal Submission Guidelines and note the criteria that will be used by the Program Committee when reviewing proposals. Please remember that NCSM is a mathematics education *leadership* organization, so your presentation should be a learning opportunity for mathematics education leaders. Also, please take special care in composing your title and description. The Program Committee will look for well-written proposals that meet the criteria and whose titles and descriptions communicate the content of the session in a manner that will attract attendees. Please understand that the Program Committee typically receives many more proposals than it can accept, thus we won’t be able to accommodate many good proposals. On behalf of the Conference Committee, I thank you for your willingness to contribute to the 2013 NCSM Annual Conference by submitting a proposal.

Regardless of whether your proposal is accepted, I hope to see you in Denver for a PRIME professional development and networking experience.

Warm regards,

Suzanne Mitchell

President

