Call for Presenters

The Country School Association of America is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and commemoration of the remaining early schoolhouses that once dotted our countryside and now serve as treasured icons of the beginnings of public education so essential to our nation’s democracy.

Each year CSAA holds a conference to share information on preservation efforts and scholarly reflection on the value of these institutions in our nation’s development and history. In June 2019 CSAA will convene at the Claggett Center, outside Frederick MD and within an hour of our nation’s capital, Washington, DC, affording an opportunity to focus on early schooling from a countrywide, national perspective, as well as on regional initiatives such as Rosenwald schools and, of course, on an individual basis as these typically one-room schools were decidedly local institutions.

CSAA invites conference presentations on topics fitting within this countryside/countrywide, local/national framework. These may be (a) oral/Powerpoint presentations, panel discussions, workshops, or re-enactments of either 20-25 or 45-50 minutes in length as well as (b) photographic or artifact displays/exhibits/posters or videos that can be viewed by conference goers during non-presentation times. Presentations will be given Monday and Tuesday, June 17-18. (Varied pre- and post-conference options will also be offered.)

Regarding the latter category (b), depictions/descriptions of preservation of or current programs at schoolhouses within roughly a 50-mile radius of our conference location are encouraged as are presentations regarding (1) typical recess activities, (2) discipline practices in country schools and (3) any connection of country schools to women’s suffrage (as the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote gained congressional approval in June 1919, exactly a century earlier from our 2019 conference, then ratified by the required number of states slightly more than a year later).

Please use the following format when submitting your proposal:

- Presentation Title
- Presenter(s) Names
- Your Street Address/City or Town/State/Zip
- Your Contact Information: E-mail and Phone #
- Organization/School (if applicable)
- Format (e.g., presentation, panel discussion, workshop, exhibit, poster, etc.)
- Length of time: 20-25 minutes OR 45-50 minutes
- 200-Word Summary of Your Presentation
- 100-Word Bio
- Audio-Visual Needs (PC and Mac laptops, digital projectors and audio provided)

Email your proposal to: CSAA2019conference@gmail.com

Deadline for receipt: January 15, 2019

For more information about the conference, venue and accommodations, please visit:

Presenters must register for at least one day of the conference