



## **Call for Proposals for the 2023 AASCB Annual Conference**

The American Association of State Counseling Boards is seeking regulatory-oriented presentations for the **2023 AASCB Annual Conference**, February 7-9, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana. AASCB expects 80+ counseling licensing professionals and regulators to attend. Presentations that incorporate and promote interaction in the form of live surveys, polling questions, etc., are preferred. Proposals will be accepted through September 30, 2022, and submitters will be notified of their session's status by October 31, 2022.

Please review the information below and submit your proposal via the [2023 Call for Proposals Form](#). Contact Virginia Shapland at [events@aacsb.org](mailto:events@aacsb.org) with any questions.

**AASCB welcomes session proposals on all topics relevant to state counseling boards and their members but will give special consideration to proposals that speak to the following topics:**

- Regulating foreign licenses and degrees
- Professional protection versus public protection - How do states handle a patient in your state bringing a complaint against a counselor in another state?
- How states are dealing with specialized areas of counseling (e.g. art/music therapy, addiction counseling, Christian counseling, life coaches, equine)
- Lobbying dos and don'ts for state regulatory bodies
- Best practice for board member training, guideline development, board member responsibilities, etc.
- Building relationships between boards and administrators
- Developing and maintaining stakeholder relationships
- DEI on regulatory boards/board accountability
- Supervisions for independent pre-licensed counselors – what are the requirements, can non-counselors supervise counselors [panel]
- Best practices in the regulation of supervisors (fees, onsite versus off-site, remediation, etc.)
- Comparative look at information collected on applications
- Application data collection, use, and efficiency
- Regulatory implications of DEI initiatives
- Similarities and differences between state boards regarding licensure requirements
- Equity in entry to practice requirements
- AASCB welcomes single or multiple presenters, panel discussions, and roundtable/workshop-style sessions.

### **Presentation Proposal FAQ:**

**Q: What should be included in the session description?**

A: The full session proposal should be limited to 200 words describing the major themes, challenges, lessons learned, and applicability for others. Be as complete as possible to allow the review committee to fully understand the scope and goals of the session.

**Q: Do I have to submit my presentation proposal online?**

A: Yes, the online submission of a proposal is required. Should you encounter any issues with the form, please notify Virginia Shapland – [events@aacsb.org](mailto:events@aacsb.org)



**Q: How will I know if my proposal was submitted successfully?**

A: Once you have finalized your submission, an email confirmation will be sent to the email address provided. Before you submit your proposal, please make sure you have provided all required information and click the "Submit" box. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact Virginia Shapland – [events@aacsb.org](mailto:events@aacsb.org)

**Q: What are the review criteria for proposals?**

A: Proposals will be evaluated based on the following guidelines and criteria:

- Relevant to the [AASCB's mission](#)
- Innovative, researched-based, applicable to daily practice; provides broad impact and new knowledge; includes multi-jurisdictional perspectives. Special consideration may be given to topics that address hot or crowdsourced topics.
- Provides clear learning objectives with opportunities for audience participation
- Description is well-developed and comprehensive
- Identified speaker(s) is/are experienced and highly rated

*Interactive sessions with opportunities for facilitated discussion, as well as sessions with a case-based approach, are preferred. Preference will be given to sessions that include proven and well-regarded speakers and sessions that focus on outcomes and learnings rather than a narrative approach, as well as those that include multiple jurisdictional perspectives and content on the presented topic.*

**Q: When will I know if my proposal has been accepted?**

A: Notification will be no later than October 14, 2022.

**Q: If my proposal is accepted, will I receive any compensation for presenting at the AASCB Annual Conference?**

A: No. AASCB does not provide compensation for speakers to present, nor does AASCB reimburse speakers for conference registration or travel expenses. All speakers must register and pay registration fees if selected.

**Q: When do presentations take place?**

A: Conference sessions are scheduled every day, Tuesday – Thursday (February 7-9, 2023). Sessions begin as early as 8:00 a.m. and end as late as 5:00 p.m.

**Q: Can I request, if selected, the session be placed on a specific day?**

A: While a request can be submitted and every effort will be made to accommodate, a requested day/time cannot be guaranteed.

**Q: If accepted, how much time will I be given to present?**

A: Session coordinators should select which session lengths for which they'd like the proposal to be considered. The Conference Planning Committee will make the final decision on session lengths for each selected proposal.