



## Call for Presentations Proposals

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Inc. (ALDA) is currently accepting proposals for presentations at its annual international convention to be held in Orlando, Florida at the B Resort and Spa on October 11-15, 2017.

ALDAcon is held annually by and for a diverse group of people who have various degrees of hearing loss. All events will be fully accessible through sign language interpreting, real-time captioning and the availability of audio loop systems. The convention will have dozens of exhibitors, offer a wide variety of workshop presentations, and feature keynote speakers at each meal.

We invite you to submit a workshop proposal using the attached Call for Proposals (CFP) form. Listed below are some possible themes for workshops. We welcome and encourage innovative and creative ideas of all kinds. Please complete the attached CFP form and email it to program chair, Steve Larew, at [SLarew@aol.com](mailto:SLarew@aol.com). Completed CFPs will be accepted through March 31, 2017. Our goal is to have our program line-up completed and posted on the ALDA, Inc. website by May 1, 2017.

ALDA regrets it is not able to offer stipends or honoraria to workshop presenters. Presenters who plan to attend the convention must pay appropriate registration fees (daily or full) and are responsible for their travel, meal and lodging expenses. Presenters who do not plan to attend ALDAcon events or workshops other than their own workshop are not required to pay a registration fee but must register to receive a nametag. For more information about ALDA and ALDAcon please go to [www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org).

On behalf of the ALDAcon Program Committee, I look forward to your ideas for presentations and, of course, to seeing you at ALDAcon 2017.

Sincerely,

Steve Larew  
Program Chair, ALDAcon 2017  
[SLarew@aol.com](mailto:SLarew@aol.com)

**The deadline for CFP submission is March 31, 2017**

## Possible presentation topics for ALDAcon

Please note – these are only suggestions. New and creative workshop ideas are WELCOME!

### Living with Deafness

Family relationships, self-advocacy and self-esteem  
Mental health  
Physical health  
Communication strategies  
Diagnosis-specific challenges, i.e. Meniere's, NF2  
Navigating social and work life  
Employment services  
Military related hearing loss  
Volunteerism and community involvement  
Activities (Yoga, dance, arts, sing and sign, etc)

### Technology – emerging technology in:

Phones, tablets, etc  
CART and other captioning options  
Cochlear implants or hearing aids  
Auditory brainstem implant  
Assistive devices or adapting commercial products for assistive use  
Computers

### Advocacy

Self-advocacy, using the ADA  
Systems advocacy  
Grass roots advocacy – the “power” of one  
New legislation  
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)  
Mentors and Peer Support  
Working with your state office for D/deaf and hard of hearing people  
Public Relations  
Networking  
Bringing ALDA to others – ideas for chapter and group leadership

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**October 11-15, 2017**

## Instructions

1. Complete the application form that follows, including the description of your workshop, an abstract of it, and the presenter's bio to be included in the program book.
2. Submit the application before March 31, 2017 via e-mail to ALDAcon 2017 Program Chair, Steve Larew, at [SLarew@aol.com](mailto:SLarew@aol.com). Feel free to contact Steve with any questions.

Presentation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme or Track (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lead Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Co-Presenters (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of Lead Presenter:

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Voice, TTY, VP, Captioned Phone): \_\_\_\_\_

A concise description of your workshop that includes:

- WHAT learning objectives you want to accomplish. (What will your audience take away from your workshop?)
- HOW you propose to present your material.
- Abstract of this workshop - of 100 words or less - to be included in the program book:
- Lead presenters and co-presenters (if any) should each supply a 50-word biography to be included in the program book.

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ALDA will provide the following equipment and services for every workshop and plenary session:

- Interpreters
- CART writer
- Microphones
- Assistive listening system
- Video projector for CART display
- Video projector for PowerPoint display
- Two large screens (one for CART display and one for PowerPoint)

Any other equipment needs to be provided by the presenter, including a laptop for power point, slide and video presentations.

What communication or other ADA accommodations do you need to facilitate your presentation?

It should be understood that transcripts of workshops accepted for presentation at ALDAcon will be considered for inclusion in *The Proceedings of ALDAcon 2017* published on the ALDA, Inc. website. There may be exceptions and this policy may be modified on a case-by-case basis by contacting the Editor of *The Proceedings*. Be aware that no transcripts will be placed on the ALDA website without the full approval of the workshop presenter.

Please sign below, or indicate electronically, that you give permission for the edited CART transcript of your presentation, if accepted, to be published in *The Proceedings of ALDAcon 2017* on the ALDA, Inc. website.

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Reminder: Please review the instructions and requirements before submitting your proposal(s). Be sure all sections of the proposal are included. Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Send the completed form to

Steve Larew at [SLarew@aol.com](mailto:SLarew@aol.com)

**Proposals that are selected will require the following additional submissions:**

**By July 1, 2017:**

**Photo(s) - head and shoulder picture(s) and any company logo(s) for Convention Program Book.**

**By September 1, 2017:**

**Presentation and Materials - such as the presentation PowerPoint, script, or applicable visual aids to allow our interpreters and CART providers to prepare for you presentation.**

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