



# Florida American Sign Language Teachers Association 2012 Annual Conference ■ February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Embassy Suites Hotel-Tampa/Westshore  
555 North Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609-1923

## "Vision – Action - Results"

### CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Are you interested in being a part of the Florida American Sign Language Teachers Association’s 2012 Annual Conference? FASLTA is seeking proposals for creative, exciting, and informative conference workshops that will broaden horizons, enrich experiences, and challenge participants. The theme of the Conference is “*Vision-Action-Results*” and will be held in Tampa, Florida. We are expecting 100+ participants to be in attendance and would like to invite you to join us, February 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as we continue to explore the practice of teaching ASL.

Participants at our annual conferences include Deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing individuals from Florida as well as other states who are currently teaching or interested in ASL instruction for foreign language, interpreting, or personal interest. All participants are expected to be fluent in ASL. All workshops will be conducted in ASL without voice interpretation. ASLTA professional development points and RID CEUs will be provided to participants. So are you interested? You are invited to submit workshop proposal which fits into our theme, “*Vision-Action-Results*” The list below is not inclusive of all possible topics, we welcome your ideas as well. You may submit more than one proposal, however please be sure to use a separate form for each workshop. Workshop forms will be submitted electronically at <http://www.faslta.org/SubmitProposal.html>. The deadline for submission is **October 30, 2011**.

#### Curriculum related topics...

- Choosing the right curriculum
- Appropriate sequencing
- Incorporating Deaf culture/Multi-cultured Deaf
- Research of ASL teaching
- ASL Linguistics/Linguistics vs. Language
- Books & other materials
- Instructional strategies, activities & assessment

#### Technology related topics...

- Using technology for assessment/evaluations
- Student assignments using technology
- Using the discussion board feature in online teaching
- What are VLOGS? And How to use them
- Using webcams in ASL instruction
- Creative use of technology in the classroom
- Using Language Labs in ASL instruction

#### History related topics...

- History of ASL/Deaf culture
- History of Deaf, Black Deaf, Women, Artists
- “Deafhood”
- ASL Folklore/Literature/Arts

#### Other... (What else can you think of?)

- ASL Clubs/Groups
- Grant writing
- Professional development ideas
- Managing/Motivating students in the classroom



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## Presentation Specifications

**1. Presentation Length:** The majority of workshop time slots will be 60 minutes in length. Longer workshops will be considered if they address the needs of entry-level or seasoned teachers.

**2. Presentation Format:** (Handouts are encouraged)

- Presentation- a lecture or paper on a topic of interest or issues
- Workshop-Hands-on experience to learn and apply new skills or techniques
- Be certain that your topic is relevant to the concerns of the professionals in the field
- Show originality, creativity and/or new insight
- Be sure that your proposal describes specifically what the presenter(s) and participants will do, and avoid general terms such as “discussion”, “review” or “lecture”
- Make your presentation as active and interactive as possible, as appropriate to content
- Describe clearly how participants will be able to use the presented information

**3. Call for Proposals Timeline:**

- Deadline for submission of proposals: **October 30, 2011.**
- Selected presenters will be notified via email by **November 10, 2011.**
- Presenters must **confirm** participation by **November 18, 2011.**

**4. Criteria of Selection:**

Presentation proposals will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposal (rationale, objectives, organization)
- Practical application for ASL instruction
- Innovation and creativity
- Program balance
- Presenters will be notified by email of acceptance or rejection of proposal on an ongoing basis (until all slots are filled), as proposals are received and reviewed
- Presenters whose proposals are accepted, must confirm participation no later than November 18, 2011.

**5. Equipment provided:**

- Projector screen (8 ft.)
- LCD Projector
- PC Laptop
- Wi-Fi
- Extension cord/power strip
- Risers

**PLEASE NOTE:** Conference registration is required for all presenters. You will be given the registration rate of \$100.00. All presenters are responsible for their own transportation, lodging, and meals. If you require any presentation aids other than those provided (i.e. wireless mouse, overhead projector, TV and/or VCR, chart paper, or other equipment) you must include that information with your proposal. Failure to include this information on your proposal may result in FASLTA being unable to provide the equipment you needed. Questions? Please email [confcommittee@faslta.org](mailto:confcommittee@faslta.org).

**Conference proposals MUST be submitted via our website:**

<http://www.faslta.org/SubmitProposal.html>