The Florida Library Association Conference Planning Committee is accepting proposals to present Lightning Round sessions at the 2015 Annual Conference at the Caribe Royale in Orlando.

**Date:** The Lightning Rounds event will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 1pm - 2pm.

**Description:** A Lightning Round is a time-limited and slide-limited presentation format. Each presenter gives a 5-minute presentation accompanied by 20 slides that advance automatically every 20 seconds.

Only 8 presenters will be selected to present during this event.

**General Submission Information**

To apply to present, fill out the online submission form at [http://bit.ly/1yN10d4](http://bit.ly/1yN10d4)

- The deadline for submitting proposals is 11:59pm on Friday, March 6, 2015. Proposals will not be accepted after 11:59pm on this date.
- All Lightning Round presenters must be registered for the conference (either the full conference or for Thursday, May 14). March 6, 2015 is the cutoff date for early registration, which offers a significant discount.
- Proposals for presentations should be related to the program theme "Inspiring Innovation" chosen by current FLA president Linda McCarthy. For more information on the conference theme, please visit: [http://www.flalib.org/conference_2015/PrelimProgram12.17.2014.pdf](http://www.flalib.org/conference_2015/PrelimProgram12.17.2014.pdf)

**Selection**

Selection will be made by members of the FLA Lightning Round Committee:

- Michelle Demeter, Florida State University, Chair
- Lois Albertson, SEFLIN
- Anna Stoute, University of Miami
- Gary Austin, University of South Florida

Acceptance emails will be sent out by March 20, 2015.

**FAQs**

1. **What is a Lightning Round?**

   Each speaker is allocated five minutes of presentation time and is accompanied by 20 presentation slides. During presentations, each slide is displayed for 20 seconds and then automatically advanced.
2. **What do presenters need to provide?**

The meeting room for the event will be equipped with a computer, projector, screen, and microphone. Presenters must bring their presentation on a USB drive. All presentations will be preloaded onto the meeting room computer before the start of the event to reduce transition time between presenters.

3. **Can I use multimedia in my presentation?**

Yes. However, due to the size of the room, it becomes difficult to hear audio slides.

4. **Can my presentation run longer than five minutes?**

No. At the end of your allotted time, your session will be cut off.

5. **Where can I learn more about the Lightning Round format?**


**Presentation Tips**

- The key to a great presentation is to present something you are passionate about.
- Practice to ensure that the timing of your presentation matches the content of your slides. The slides will advance automatically so you can't pause or veer off-topic.

**For more information, contact the Lightning Rounds Committee Chair:**

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