

Literacy,  
Changing Minds, Changing Lives



State of Maryland  
International Reading Association Council

*Forty-sixth Annual Conference*

April 11-13, 2018  
Delta by Marriott, Hunt Valley Inn  
Baltimore, Maryland

## ***General Information***

1. The 46th Annual State of Maryland International Reading Association Council (SoMIRAC) Conference will be held April 11-13, 2018 at the Hunt Valley Inn Baltimore, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.
2. Conference theme is ***“Literacy Changing Lives, Changing Minds”***
3. Concurrent sessions will be sixty minutes in length

### **4. Proposals for concurrent sessions must be received by **October 31, 2017.****

Presenters must be current (2017-2018) members of a local reading council which includes membership in SoMIRAC. If you are not a member your proposal may not be considered for this year’s conference.

### **5. ALL PRESENTERS ARE EXPECTED TO REGISTER AND PAY ALL CONFERENCE FEES BY **JANUARY 31, 2018.** FAILURE TO REGISTER BY THIS DATE MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE PRESENTER’S SESSION.**

6. As a professional, nonprofit organization, SoMIRAC is unable to reimburse concurrent session presenters for travel, honorarium, and/or hotel expenses.

## ***Guidelines for Proposals***

1. Each proposal must include the completed application form and attachments included in this brochure with, if applicable, a list of additional presenters with complete addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.  
**ALL PRESENTERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF SOMIRAC, REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE, AND PAY FULL CONFERENCE FEES.**
2. The person submitting the proposal must receive advance consent from each additional presenter.
3. The person submitting the proposal is responsible for sharing membership and registration information with co-presenters.

4. A chairperson/facilitator will be provided for each session.

## **\* NO AUDIVISUAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED**

**(A screen will be provided for each room.)**

## **Topic Suggestions**

- Emergent/Early Literacy
- Primary/Intermediate Literacy
- Adolescent Literacy
- The Middle School Reader
- High School Literacy
- Curriculum Integration
- Differentiating Instruction
- Best Practices for Instruction
- Comprehensive Literacy Program (Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension)
- Family Literacy
- Title I/ESSA
- Multicultural Education
- English Language Learners
- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Struggling Readers/Reading Intervention
- Literacy Coaching
- Literacy Data Analysis
- Library Media and Classroom Connections
- Content Area Reading/Nonfiction Text
- The Writing Process
- Technology and Literacy
- College and Career Readiness Standards
- Building the Administrator’s Role in Literacy Instruction

Applicants submitting proposals will be notified by email as to acceptance or non-acceptance by **December 1, 2017.**

Proposals will not be returned. Please make copies.

**Direct all questions to  
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**SoMIRAC Conference 2018**  
**Concurrent Session Proposal Form**

Submission Deadline: **October 31, 2017**

SoMIRAC 2018 Conference: April 11-13, 2018

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

Name(s) of Presenters: (4 maximum)

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Program description as desired for conference program: (25-30 word limit)

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**Grade Level Match:**

Birth to Pre-K       K-2  
 3-6                     5-8  
 8-12                     Post Graduate

**Target Audience: *Check all that apply.***

Classroom Teacher     Reading Specialist  
 Administrator         Title I  
 Intervention Teacher    Special Educator  
 College Professor       College Student  
 Instructional Assistant

**Person Submitting Proposal:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

School System and School: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever presented at a SoMIRAC Conference? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ (local) Reading Council.

**\*\*NO AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Presenters must provide their own laptops, LCD projectors, speakers, and other audiovisual equipment. Screens, however, will be provided for each room.**

**Names, Titles, Home Addresses, Email Addresses and Phone Numbers of Additional Presenters in Group. All presenters must be 2017-2018 members of a local reading council and must register and pay for the conference prior to **JANUARY 31, 2018.****

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**Program Abstract (attachment):**

In a brief outline or description of approximately 200 words, address the following points. These will be used for evaluation of your presentation by the conference program selection committee.

- A. Objectives of the Session
- B. Highlights of Content
- C. Presentation Methods
- D. Organization of Time for Presentation
- E. Each Presenter's Responsibility
- F. Audience participation

**Information for Session Chairpersons (attachment):**

**Attach a brief biography of all speakers for use during introductions to session presentations.**

**Please email concurrent proposal form to Bonnie Schmeltz  
at [beareader50@gmail.com](mailto:beareader50@gmail.com)**