

# **EAGALA Call for Conference Proposals Guidelines**

The Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, March 3-6, 2010, Layton, Utah  
**Deadline for proposals – September 1, 2009**

The EAGALA Annual Conference is a networking and educational event for professionals who are practicing or just newly interested in Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning. Our conference is specific to the EAGALA Model approach of EAP and EAL.

Conference presenters need to be EAGALA Certified professionals with experience in a specific topic area to share. Other topics may be considered by non-certified professionals depending on the subject matter and relevance to the practice of EAGALA work. Topics may include those specific to actual practice (such as special populations, facilitation skills, ethics, research, theoretical foundations, etc.) or to benefit our members in starting and building successful businesses (such as marketing, business start-up, etc.)

Presenters do not receive any stipend, but do attend the conference free of charge (this applies for up to 2 presenters per workshop). Presenters need to be willing to sign a release allowing EAGALA to tape (video or audio) their presentations which may be sold through EAGALA as part of the conference series.

Thank you for your interest and support by sharing your incredible experience with our membership! Please contact us if you have any questions.

## **Conference Workshop Selection:**

- Arena day workshops – hands-on with the horses. 1 hour time slots.
- Conference center breakout workshops – classroom presentations. 1 hr 20 min time slots.
- Conference center breakout workshops – classroom presentations. 3 hr time slots.

## **Please submit the following for your proposals (must be typed):**

- Title and abstract (see below for information on what to include in the abstract)
- Information sheet to accompany the abstract:
  - Your full name, degree, mailing address, phone number, and email.
  - Information/bio for the presenters along with resumes for each presenter.
  - Note which Conference Workshop Selection (see above) you choose, or if the workshop could fit in more than one selection.
  - List audio visual/horse logistics needs.
  - Conflict of Interest Disclosure – please list any associations with products or services with which you have a current commercial interest and which you have a financial relationship (may receive a financial benefit of some sort) that may be discussed or mentioned in your workshop. This must be disclosed and then approved by EAGALA. See more information below. If there are not conflicts of interest to disclose, please write that there are none in your proposal submission.
  - Brief description for conference brochure (this may be edited).

## **Abstract:**

- The abstract must include sufficient detail so that the Program Committee can evaluate the proposal.
- To satisfy mandatory continuing education requirements, proposals should also include goals and several objectives for the workshop.
- Proposals should describe what each presenter would contribute.

## **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

The content and format of workshops at the EAGALA Conference must provide educational information to help practitioners and professionals improve their businesses and services in EAGALA Model work. As a provider for continuing education, we must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific and academic rigor in all our provided continuing education activities. All presenters must disclose any significant financial interest or other relationship that they or an immediate family member may have with any commercial interest in any amount that creates a conflict of interest that may affect the presentation/activity. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent presenters with a relevant financial or commercial interest from presenting, but to inform EAGALA of any relationships so that conflicts can be resolved prior to the activity. Ultimately, participants of your workshop will decide whether the speaker's interest or relationships effects the presentation.

Sample disclosure: Jane Doe is a presenter. Jane receives a salary (commission, stock, etc.) in company X. Company X products/services will be discussed during the workshop.

Products or services may be mentioned in the workshop if:

- it has been disclosed in the submitted proposal
- it has been approved by EAGALA to mention in the workshop and any potential conflicts resolved
- the primary purpose of it being mentioned in the workshop is to further enhance the topic being discussed and provide resources for gaining further education
- when there are other resources/products available, these are also brought into the discussion
- the financial interest of the presenters is also disclosed to the workshop attendees

## **Abstract will be evaluated according to the following criteria:**

- Goals and objectives adhere to EAGALA philosophies. *\*see below*
- Clear focus on the subject.
- Clarity of expression.
- Knowledge based beyond beginner's level.
- Experience of presenter in the field.
- Topic will be of interest to conference attendees.
- Potential conflicts of interest disclosed and resolved
- Arena presentations – all arena presenters are required to have attended an EAGALA Fundamentals Part #1 or #2 training in 2007 or later to be updated on current teachings in the model

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**Note:** Audio Visual material necessary for the presentation must be prearranged. Overhead, tv, lcd projector, etc. will be available.

**EAGALA Philosophies:**

- Focus on the ground - no riding exercises
- Solution-oriented - this is not about teaching horsemanship, the clients have the best solutions for themselves
- Team approach – promote & support the team approach (equine spec. with mental health pro.)
- Abides by EAGALA code of ethics