Ideas for Presentation Topics

This list is only intended to offer ideas for presentation topics. It is not exhaustive, nor are topics listed in any priority order. GPA is especially interested in session proposals that address one or more of these topics for the seasoned professional (intermediate to advanced/master sessions) and in session proposals that directly address GPC competencies. Choosing a topic from this list does not guarantee acceptance of one's session proposal for the conference.

- Budgets—proposal/program budgets and budget narratives, multi-year budgeting, multi-funder budgeting
- Career development—grant reviewing
- Career development—moving into consulting, training, publishing, or foundation positions
- Career development—nonprofit or fundraising leadership
- Career development—supporting new grant professionals, resume building, etc…
- Cultivation—developing relationships with funders
- Ethics—ethical decision making
- Evaluation plans—developing strong but realistic evaluation plans
- Faith-based funding—communicating with funders, access to government grants
- Giving trends—economic and political factors, or by type of funder
- Grants leadership—supporting organizational growth, strategic planning, campaigns, case statements
- Grants management—compliance issues or managing and implementing grants
- Grants management—recruiting, hiring, and supporting new grant writers
- Grants office—managing, business tools, structures/roles
- Insider's views—from any type of grant making agency (government, foundations, or corporate)
- Logic models—especially intermediate or advanced levels, connection to evaluation plan
- Partnerships—facilitating long-term partnerships, meeting challenges of collaborations
- Personal growth—combating burnout, healthy practices, work/life balance
- Program development—understanding/researching evidenced-based and best practice models
- Program development—working with program staff or partners, group facilitation skills, collaborating on objectives
- Program management—differing roles/expectations for grants professionals
- Proposal development—responding to guidelines, obtaining data and content, formatting tips
- Proposal development—writing skills, grammar, content, writer's block
- SIGs—focused on the needs of one or more particular GPA Special Interest Group [link to groups here], such as Tribal Nations or public safety