Meeting Announcement and Call for Proposals

Carolinas Writing Program Administrators Meeting in the Middle

Friday, February 8, 2019

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
(optional Friday evening events)

UNC Charlotte Center City Building
320 E. 9th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

Theme: Reflection and Celebration! Looking Back, Moving Forward

CWPA announces its (lucky) Thirteenth Annual Spring Conference: Meeting in the Middle.

Wild, wacky weather in the Carolinas means that this year's MiM will mark a full year since Carolinas Writing Program Administrators members and friends will have had an opportunity to gather. We have much to catch up on—and much to celebrate!

Our theme for this year's meeting will be reflection—specifically, metacognition in the writing classroom. Metacognition—monitoring, evaluating, and adjusting one's own approaches to learning---is essential for a writer's development. Wendy Sharer and Kerri Flinchbaugh from East Carolina University will lead us in a workshop that focuses on two related areas: 1) strategies for helping students develop metacognitive awareness of their writing processes, and 2) promoting metacognitive pedagogy through WAC–based professional development. Time will be provided for participants to begin planning activities and assignments for their courses and/or to sketch out structures for metacognition-focused faculty workshops.

The lunch break will give you time to check in with colleagues about the "AP3 issue" in North Carolina, meet with others on tenure- or non-tenure track appointments about shared concerns, and any other special interests that span institution and state boundaries.

Other folks will have an opportunity to share their work during afternoon concurrent sessions. See the full CFP below.

And everyone is invited to celebrate our 15th anniversary and the transition to a slightly new executive team: Collie Fulford will be transitioning to past-president, Paula Patch to president, and Kevin Brock to president-elect.

Call for Proposals

Proposal deadline: **Friday, January 18, 2019**. We have a quick turnaround, and presenters will be notified by Tuesday, January 22, so they have plenty of time to make travel arrangements.

You are entirely welcome to attend without presenting, but those whose proposals are accepted will be listed on the formal agenda. This may help you advocate for travel funding. Proposals also help us plan appropriate groups and design activities around members' goals.

We encourage individual or team proposals from people in the Carolinas who are working in any teaching or administrative positions related to writing. We also welcome creative interpretation - and deviation - from this year's theme of Promoting Metacognition in the Classroom.

Three different presentation types reflect members' interests:

1. **Problem:** Describe a teaching, program leadership, or research problem that you would like help thinking about with other attendees. 10-15 minutes includes feedback time.
2. **Showcase:** Share a teaching method or writing program leadership strategy that is working well at your site. Or present findings from a study you're involved in that would interest writing teachers and WPAs. 10-15 minutes includes feedback time.
3. **Other:** You have an idea for that doesn't fit either category. Explain! You still have 10-15 minutes to present.

Proposals include:

- Names and contact information (email, phone, home institution) for each person associated with your proposal
- Type of presentation (problem, showcase, other)
- A title and brief description for the program
- Your specific goals for presenting

Please use this proposal form.

Because of the shorter format of Meeting in the Middle, we are not able to accommodate all of the presentations we had planned for Wildacres. If you submitted a proposal that was accepted for Wildacres, we strongly encourage you to submit a proposal for Meeting in the Middle.

Registration

The registration price of $40.00 includes lunch and the opportunity to bring a guest for free. Carpooling encouraged. Recommended: Add $6.00 per car to prepay parking.

The registration deadline is Friday, February 1, 2019. Registration opens soon on Carolinas WPA website.

When you "Bring a Friend for Free," you must register your friend when you register yourself.

Parking

UNC Charlotte Center City charges CarolinasWPA $6 for each [event parking](#) pass. Passholders have access to a lot very close to the conference building. If you pre-pay for a parking pass, we will email guidelines for printing your pass the week of the conference. If you choose not to pre-pay parking, you will need to find an alternate parking location.

Hotels

[Map of hotels near the conference](#)

Questions or Comments? – Contact Paula Patch at ppatch@elon.edu.