Presentation Guidelines

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This guide has been designed to help you prepare for your presentation. Below are some guidelines, tips and advice to follow in preparation for a successful presentation at APA 2019.

Your convention presentation may be recorded, including video, audio, photographs and whatever you show on the projection screen. To ensure we obtain the best footage and create a top-quality product, there are a several guidelines we ask you to follow prior to and throughout your presentation.

**General Advice**

- **Do not use copyrighted materials.** This includes unpublished results or any other material you are not comfortable sharing publicly.

- **Remember that presentation is important.** While we do not have a standard APA 2019 PowerPoint template for speakers, we recommend you follow the accessibility guidelines. (More below)

- **Make sure your slides are formatted for 16:9 (widescreen).** If you use 4:3 formats (standard), the slides will not look as good in the room or online.

- **Use the provided house microphone or and/or a wireless lapel microphone.**

- **Don’t forget to make direct eye contact with the audience.** This makes for a very engaging presentation for your audience.

- **Repeat audience questions prior to answering.**

**Making Your Presentation Accessible**

Every presentation should be designed and conducted with the full participation of all APA members and student affiliates in mind. All presenters should review APA’s Accessibility Guidelines for APA Conference Speakers to make all programming accessible to their respective audiences.

If you require a ramp/lift to a stage/riser at your presentation, please send an email with session details to the APA Convention Office by June 15, 2019.

**Poster Instructions**

If your paper has been scheduled in a poster session during convention, you may want to consult APA’s Instructions for Poster Presentations for requirements and helpful guidelines.

**Media Coverage**

Media coverage of the convention depends upon the availability of papers. We will be accepting papers by email, on a flash drive, or on a disc.

To meet media demand, please email your convention paper(s) or send on a disc or flash drive no later than July 15 to:

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The top page should list your name, affiliation, address, business phone, email, and title of paper. Please add “Presented at 127th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association at Chicago, IL,” and note day and time of presentation. Papers completed after July 15 can still be emailed to us. Otherwise, please bring a copy to the APA Press Room at the convention on a disc or flash drive at least 24 hours before presentation.

**NOTE** All papers, and their specific findings, are embargoed for release to the media.