

## CONTRIBUTED POSTER SESSION

Given last year's success with the MAA Contributed Poster Session (CPS), the MAA is pleased to continue with this session at MathFest 2019 in Cincinnati. We will rotate the poster categories throughout the meeting and the number of rotations will depend on the number of accepted posters. The MAA will provide corkboards or trifolds for the posters – you just need to bring your poster.

Submitting an abstract for the poster session in the areas of mathematics, pedagogy, and undergraduate mathematics curriculum is no different than when one submitted an abstract for the contributed paper session. To submit an abstract for MAA MathFest 2019, go to [www.maa.org/mathfest/abstracts](http://www.maa.org/mathfest/abstracts) and follow the instructions found there. The deadline for submission of abstracts is April 30, 2019. Early submissions are encouraged. When you submit your abstract, you will be asked to place it in one of the following categories:

- Assessment
- History and Philosophy of Mathematics
- Interdisciplinary Topics in Mathematics
- Mathematics and Technology
- Mentoring
- Modeling and Applications
- Outreach
- Teaching and Learning Advanced Mathematics
- Teaching and Learning Calculus
- Teaching and Learning Developmental Mathematics
- Teaching and Learning Introductory Mathematics
- Teaching and Learning Other Mathematics
- Algebra
- Analysis
- Applied Mathematics
- Geometry
- Graph Theory
- Linear Algebra
- Logic and Foundations
- Number Theory
- Probability and Statistics
- Other than the above

Why poster sessions?

Our partner disciplines have long used poster sessions to share ideas and increase opportunities for networking at meetings. While the MAA hasn't extensively used poster sessions, the practice has been growing, and the success of those efforts are encouraging.

The poster session format offers participants quality time to share their work. As such, the session will take place in a high-traffic space within the exhibit. Posters showcased by categories for 45 minutes and all the presenters will be available to discuss their poster.

The overwhelming consensus among organizers and participants is that poster sessions provide an excellent opportunity to share their work, and make it easier to network with attendees who share interests with the presenters. Our goal is to leverage the poster session format to increase engagement between presenters and their audience.

We recognize that our members are likely familiar with creating a poster, but below are some guidelines for anyone who is new to creating posters. Powerpoint poster templates and information regarding creating and printing posters can be found at

[http://www.posterpresentations.com/html/free\\_poster\\_templates.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5b\\_cvNXf2AIVFJd-Ch07qgnBEAAYBCAAEgLZ3vD\\_BwE](http://www.posterpresentations.com/html/free_poster_templates.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5b_cvNXf2AIVFJd-Ch07qgnBEAAYBCAAEgLZ3vD_BwE).

### **Poster Guidelines:**

- The MAA's standard poster dimensions are 36" high, 48" wide, for a trifold
- Ensure your poster reads from top left to bottom right, as though reading a page.
- Maintain a good contrast between the background color and the text color. Consider using a light color background and dark text.
- Limit minimum image resolution to 150 dpi to ensure their ability to print. Note that images copied from the web are low resolution (72 dpi) images and do not print with good quality.
- All graphics should be pictures (e.g. .tif, .gif for transparency, .jpg for non-transparent images) inserted directly into PowerPoint. The preferred image format for all inserted images is **JPEG** if you do not need a transparent background.
- If you have graphs or charts from Excel to include in your poster, simply copy/paste from Excel.
- Sans-serif fonts are the best for posters, particularly for the title, subtitle, and headers and font size should be no smaller than 18 points.
- The title should be approximately the entire width of the poster with the main text broken into multiple columns, usually three or four depending on the size of the poster.