**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Melissa Johnson, Conference Manager

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**RE:** PLA 2022 Conference Update

**DATE:** October 8, 2021

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:** Report

**OVERVIEW**

Plans for the PLA 2022 Conference in Portland, Oregon - March 23-25, 2022, are in progress. PLA staff are moving forward with a live, in-person event, along with an expanded virtual conference. The official conference website is live at [www.placonference.org](http://www.placonference.org), and registration and housing are now open!

**KEY CURRENT ACTIVITIES/METRICS**

Registration & Housing

Registration and housing for the PLA 2022 opened on Monday, October 4th. As of Friday, October 8, there are 261 full conference registrants and 73 exhibitor representatives registered for the conference. The early bird deadline is January 7, 2022, and the advance registration deadline is February 18, 2022.

Exhibits

As of October 8, 2021, 120 companies are confirmed for the conference.

PLA 2022 Conference Programming

The PLA 2022 Conference call for proposals closed on June 21, 2021, with a total of 439 proposals (426 for programs and 13 for preconferences). This represents fewer proposals than were received for PLA 2020 (588), PLA 2018 (562), and PLA 2016 (513); but more proposals than were received for PLA 2014 (383) and PLA 2012 (320).

The PLA 2022 Conference Program Subcommittee reviewed all proposals in July and, through a combination of real-time and asynchronous collaboration, completed selection decisions in August and September. A total of 99 programs and 4 preconferences were accepted for presentation, and notifications were sent on September 15 to everyone who submitted a proposal.

Through this competitive selection process, PLA will offer a robust slate of outstanding programming, with over 100 educational sessions available to attendees in Portland. All accepted programs and preconferences can be found on the conference website at [placonference.org/programs.cfm](https://www.placonference.org/programs.cfm) and [placonference.org/preconferences.cfm](https://www.placonference.org/preconferences.cfm).

**PLA STRATEGIC GOAL LINK (check all that apply)**

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