



What happens after I submit a Session Proposal?

AASLH asks that you submit your session proposal online by mid-December. But what happens to your proposal after that?

In August, AASLH chooses a committee of 40-50 volunteers who serve as the program committee for the next year's conference.

In late January, the entire committee meets at the site of the upcoming annual meeting to choose sessions for the conference.

- Every proposal is reviewed online by each committee member and discussed in-depth in a small group of 8-10 committee members.
- The small groups report to the full committee on sessions they recommend for the program, as well as sessions they do not. Justification for small group decisions are given in writing to AASLH staff.
- The full committee discusses the small group recommendations and comes to an agreement on which sessions will be included in the program.

AASLH staff does not have a vote on sessions reviewed by the program committee. The role of AASLH staff is simply to coordinate the review process and report the results of the committee to session chairs.

Session chairs are notified in February by letter from AASLH about the committee's decision.