

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Newspapers and Community-Building Symposium XIV

Papers accepted for Symposium XIV will be presented at the National Newspaper Association's 122nd annual convention in St. Paul, MN Sept. 26-27, 2008

The Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media and the National Newspaper Association Foundation are sponsoring the 14th annual Newspapers and Community-Building Symposium, which helps journalists by promoting research relevant to small-circulation newspapers.

If you can offer insight about "Newspapers and Community-Building" in any of its aspects, we invite you to send a one-page proposal postmarked by **Feb. 15, 2008**. Those selected will prepare a paper for presentation at the National Newspaper Association convention in St. Paul, MN Sept. 26-27, 2008.

Completed papers are due by July 7, 2008.

Each presenter will receive a \$250 honorarium.

We seek research and case studies relevant to newspapers with less than 50,000 circulation.

Possible topic areas are: encouraging community involvement through the newspaper; enhancing readership among specific groups; addressing a diverse audience; using new technology; and solving advertising, ethical and legal issues.

The proposals will be evaluated in a blind review. Please send a separate title page with the title of your proposal, your name, address (including university or professional affiliation), phone and e-mail; please indicate it is a proposal for Symposium XIV. The accompanying one-page proposal should include only the title and proposal, and the text must be double-spaced on 8 1/2" by 11" paper.

Presentations will be 10 minutes each. Please keep in mind that a majority of the audience will be publishers of community newspapers.

Send your one-page proposal postmarked by Feb. 15, 2008, to:

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The Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media

The Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media is in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Kansas State University. The Center's mission is to strengthen local media to create better, stronger communities in America.

The Center encourages journalism educators to include a community media perspective in their teaching and in the

textbooks they author; fosters research that will benefit community media; provides training and development programs for community media; and establishes an information clearinghouse to provide a link between community media and sources of expertise that relate to their endeavors.

The National Newspaper Association Foundation

The National Newspaper Association Foundation was established in 1957 to enhance literacy, print journalism and the role of community papers. NNAF is the nonprofit educational arm of the National Newspaper Association.

NNA, the nation's oldest and largest newspaper organization, was founded in 1885. It has 3,300 community papers as members.

Its membership includes a majority of the weekly newspapers and more than a third of the dailies in the country. NNA represents member newspapers before all branches of government, publishes Publishers' Auxiliary, and helps keep its members up to date on developments affecting newspapers.