



# 2019 Annual Conference

November 13-16 – Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia

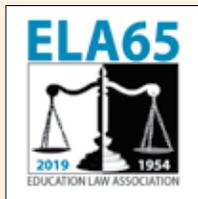
## March 2019 Updates

### Deadlines for 2019 Annual Conference Proposals

**The deadline for concurrent session presentations was extended to Tuesday, March 5.**

**Proposals for roundtables and poster sessions for the 2019 conference will be accepted until July 15.** You will find the form for these under Roundtable/Poster Sessions in the conference section of our website.

- Name / Degree(s) / Address / Presenter’s Title / Telephone / Fax / Email
- Short biographical sketch and contact information for each presenter.
- A title, description, learning outcomes explanation, and brief summary of the presentation (not to exceed 25 words) for program purposes.
- Agreement to ELA conference presenter terms



### Critical Dates for All Presenters

- March 1, 2019: Conference proposals must be submitted by March 1, 2019.
- April 23, 2019: Authors of accepted conference presentation proposals will be notified during the week of April 23, 2019.
- July 15, 2019: Deadline for poster session and roundtable proposals.
- September 15, 2019: All presenters must register and pay for the conference by September 15, 2019. You may not be included in the conference program materials until you complete your registration and payment.
- October 1, 2019: All concurrent session presenters must submit a written, narrative paper of the presentation material, including legal citations, no later than October 1, 2019. Those who miss this deadline risk being removed from the program. In the alternative, your proposal outline may be expanded to not less than 12 pages, with added legal and legislative citations.

Mark your calendars for ELA’s 65th Annual Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, Nov. 13-16

The essential factors of good pricing, enough meeting space, plus accessibility for travel—combined with the appealing factors of being near water, restaurants in the vicinity, and a vibrant selection of things to do—brought the Waterside Marriott in Norfolk to the top of the list in choosing the site for the 2019 annual conference.

“It’s a balancing act,” said Executive Director Cate Smith of the site selection process, which takes place years ahead of the event and requires negotiations with bidders, proposal review, on-site visits, and board approval. “Big cities and resorts are far too expensive for us to keep conference prices in line, and hotels in small cities may not have enough breakout rooms or be near a good airport. Then there’s the matter of the weather in November.”

Norfolk is a notably historical region located near Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg, and there hasn’t been an ELA conference in this part of the country since the 1980s (Washington in 1988).

ELA’s 65th annual conference will celebrate this traditionally “senior” number with a panel discussion by some long-standing members discussing changes in education law over the decades.

Learn more details about the annual conference in bimonthly issues of ELA Notes, and watch both your email and the website for important updates. Registration should open in April.

### Introducing your 2019 Annual Conference team



Annie Blankenship-Knox

Conference co-chairs Annie Blankenship-Knox (assistant professor of educational leadership and higher education at University of Redlands in California) and Regina Biggs (assistant professor of education leadership at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA) have been working on the conference with 2018 co-chairs Susan Bon and Joy Blanchard, along with immediate past president Suzanne Eckes, in advisory roles. Also named to the conference committee this year was Tiffany Puckett, assistant professor at Illinois State University.



Regina Biggs

Duties of the committee include selecting the proposal reviewers; helping to fit the selected proposals into a schedule that pairs presenters with complementary subjects within subject tracks; working on preconference or post-conference sessions; helping identify potential speakers for the feature sessions; and assisting with promotion and publicity for this biggest event of ELA’s year.



Norfolk’s Waterside Marriott (left tower) at night