



**'Call for Speakers' for PDA's Annual Meeting
October 4 – 6, 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton New Orleans,
New Orleans, LA**

The Polyurea Development Association (PDA) Planning Committee is currently reviewing potential presentations for the 2017 Annual Meeting; this is a great opportunity to share your expertise with your industry peers! Presentations will be given on Thursday, October 5, 2017.

This year's conference will be held in New Orleans, LA, which is sure to draw a number of contractors, applicators and specifiers. The committee is looking for a variety of business and technical presentations (30 –minutes each) with topics that are directly involved in meeting the needs of the contractor, applicator and/or specifier.

Possible Session Presentations:

1. **Specifying Coatings for the Energy Industry:** From an Architect/Engineer/Specifier on what they do to specify coatings
2. **Development of Coatings for the Oil Sands Industry**
3. **Application of Spray Applied Coatings to help achieve LEED Certification**
4. **New Applications for Thick, Film Elastomeric Coatings:** Illustrate with pictures and explain them and the new application
5. **Advancements in thin film aliphatic technology**
6. **Jobs Gone Wrong:** How to prepare for arbitration/mediation/litigation regarding a case involving design flaws, material failures or workmanship related issues. How do you handle a lien on real property or funds and what to do when a vendor files bankruptcy?
7. **Safety:** Language barriers or age & accidents or confined space entry programs/permits or spotlights
8. **Effective Selling: Do you really know your customer?** Identify effective internal tools and controls resulting in the accumulation of corporate data needed to negotiate work.
9. **Regulatory Changes:** What impact has changes in local, state or federal regulatory requirements had on day to day operations?
10. **New Developments in Polyurea Coatings**
11. **Fire retardant coatings:** Customer specifications
12. **Advances in Spray Equipment**
13. **Importance of light stability in commercial/industrial applications**
14. **Advancements and/or Importance of Primers and Proper substrate preparation for coating applications.**
15. **How to improve your bottom line**
16. **Correct Product Labeling According to MSDS and TDS Sheets**
17. **Hazardous Waste: Correct Cleaning of Guns and Machines According to the EPA**
18. **Best Practices Guidelines for Architectural Coatings**
19. **Robotic Spray Technologies**
20. **Polyure vs Polyurethane: chemical and field understanding'**

The topics listed above are only a suggestion of ideas; the program is by no means limited to the above topics. Please complete the form below and email to Meredith.carr@pda-online.org or fax to 816.472.7765

Name: _____

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Topic Title: _____

Summary: _____
