

International Listening Association
Annual Convention



March 27th-29th, 2014
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Greetings from South Carolina! March and the Convention are fast approaching! I have included the schedule so that you can make your final travel plans. It is also posted on the website where any edits and changes will be reflected. We had over 55 submissions this year. Although we did not accept all the submissions, you will see that our schedule is full, with very little wiggle room. If you request a time change, that means the entire schedule has to be redone.

We have a variety of programs, panels, dialogues, roundtables and workshops as well as some special entertainment and performances scheduled. In addition, we have several presenters from around the world, which speaks to that fact that ILA's story is continually becoming more international.

You will see an event on the schedule entitled *Storysharing Booth*. We are still working on the logistics for this, but it will be open for you to share your stories about ILA, your listening experiences, your listening research, your listening practices, etc. and share your listening stories. We will add these to the ILA archives.

I have added a dedicated time in the schedule for an "office" hour with me. I do want to hear your concerns, your suggestions, or just get to know you better.

We will end the convention by coming together to share our convention stories--what we learned, the questions we raised, the plans we made.

In terms of AV requests, we received very few—only two. That seems like a very small number. I want to make sure you to know that unless you request AV **prior** to the convention, we can't provide it **at** the Convention. Keep in mind that ILA owns three LCD projectors and two sets of small speakers. Everything else, we have to rent. We do not supply any computers, so if you need one, you will need to bring one or make arrangements with a colleague. We will do everything we can to fulfill AV requests **prior** to the convention that we receive no later than noon, CST, **March 1**. However, after the March 1 deadline and at the convention, we will be unable to honor any more technology requests. Send your requests to me at hoelp@uscb.edu or to Nan at info@listen.org.

I am very excited about the program you and I have put together. I am only the program planner who chose the theme. **You are the program**. It is exciting for me to see how creative you all were with the theme. So, let the storysharing begin! I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!