

ABSEL's new track is named The **Professional Development Workshop Track**. This is a three-year project to see if we can expand our annual conferences offerings to include in-depth hands-on workshops that are geared to help young professionals, faculty and students develop critical educational and design skills while providing an opportunity for more experienced faculty and professionals to share their expert practitioner knowledge in ABSEL's core competencies of simulations for management learning and experiential learning.

For 2018 we are planning four working sessions each of 2 ½ hours, with two morning and two afternoon sessions. The four sessions are based on high-priority topics identified in our annual member survey. We could accept one or two replacement sessions for 2018's conference if an ABSEL member proposes to teach a higher priority workshop.

Procedure:

1. The track chair will maintain the prioritized lists of workshops desired by members, solicit proposed workshops from members and present the recommended annual list to the executive committee for approval.
2. The track chair will coordinate the development of workshops for presentation on the first day of the annual conference and provide resources for at least three one-hour web conferences to help members develop their own projects aligned with the purpose of the workshop itself.
3. Workshop presenters will develop prep material suitable for webinar delivery and resources for download posted on the ABSEL website on the PDW track page. Online webinars start not later than one October and go through 31 January to give participants an opportunity to develop their own projects with the intention of completing them by the end of the one-day workshop for use in their professional practice.
4. The track chair will arrange for webinar in workshop recordings to be posted on the PDW track page as a resource for members year-round. The PDW track page will be a repository for work in progress, resource material and project updates to keep members and participants updated on project status.
5. The PDW track is an ideal opportunity for members-at-large to contribute to the organization, and should provide plenty of material suitable for follow-on publication and presentation at the annual conference

2018 PDW topics:

1. The flipped classroom, Part 3: developing your lesson plan. Led by Raghu Kurthakoti.
2. Developing practical exercises for experiential learning in your teaching practice. Led by Ken Long and Dick Teach
3. The applied professional case study method. Topic: is ABSEL a learning organization? Led by Ken Long and Kristie Abston
4. Developing an assessment plan for experiential learning. Led by team from University of Pittsburg.

Contact track chair Ken Long at Kenneth.e.long20.civ@mail.mil or longke@yahoo.com for more information, to offer a workshop for consideration, or to offer support on one of the four topics above.