



Congress of History of San Diego & Imperial Counties  
53<sup>rd</sup> Annual History Conference \* Friday, March 2, & Saturday, March 3, 2018  
Conference Location: Portuguese Hall, Point Loma, San Diego, CA  
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## **Request for Speakers**

Please contact Louise Torio at [HistoricSanDiego@aol.com](mailto:HistoricSanDiego@aol.com)  
By December 1, 2017 to let us know of your potential topic.

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Each year the Congress of History presents a history conference on topics that reflect our region. This year we're asking you to share about something fascinating, crazy, comical, tragic, magical, poignant, or interesting that happened in your neighborhood. With all the neighborhoods in all the cities across two counties, we know there are stories to share about some part of history that makes your favorite location special. What don't we know about it?

For example:

- Your topic may be something not widely known that had a big impact on a place.
- Or It may be about a person who did something great or awful in your region.
- Or it could be about an incident that changed the course of events where you are.
- It could be that your location was the first to do something, or the last to do it well.
- It could be that only you know something about the history of a neighborhood.

**Believe it or not, we want to know about it!**



You don't have to actually live in the neighborhood about which you want to speak. And you don't have to be a professional speaker, writer, or historian. Great presentations come from those who care, and we know you care about your neighborhood! Since this is a history conference, please share something that happened at least 20 years ago. Geographic area: COH organization member range from southern Orange County to northern Baja California. Please use this region as your guide for sharing a historic talk.

**Conference Format:** 16-18 speakers over two days, each giving a 20-minute talk with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers must have a PowerPoint presentation (with lots of photos please, not so heavy on text).

**Conference Speaker Form:** Please fill out the attached form and send to Louise Torio as soon as possible, even if you don't have all details. We're happy to work with you to refine your topic to make sure it fits the theme. Submittals will be reviewed by the Conference Committee. Please share your knowledge about your neighborhood! Authors invited – you're encouraged to bring books about your region to sell after your talk.



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### Presenter Abstract & Biography Form

Email to [HistoricSanDiego@aol.com](mailto:HistoricSanDiego@aol.com) by December 1, 2017

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number / best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization representing, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Talk: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe in a paragraph or two your proposed presentation.**  
(What happened? When? Why is it interesting? Sell it to us!)

**Speaker's Brief Biography** (tell us about yourself).

**Submitting a proposal does not guarantee being chosen to present.**  
**If chosen, we will need your PPT presentation no later than 24 hours before the conference.**

If I am chosen as a speaker, I can present on either Friday or Saturday. \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If available on only one day, which day? \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ Saturday

The Congress of History is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. No speakers are paid.  
Conference speakers may attend the entire conference at no cost, and are given a one-year complimentary membership in the Congress of History for volunteering to share their knowledge.

For COH Conference Committee Use: Acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

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