



# Passive (House) First

It's About Resilience - Not Just Rating Systems

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## CALL FOR SPEAKERS

### Submission Requirements

Please include the information below when submitting an application in response to the Call for Speakers for the 2018 North American Passive House Network Conference.

**1 Presentation Title (15 words maximum)**  
Example: Commercial Passive Retrofit

**2 Type of Presentation (select one)**  
Select the type of presentation that best fits your subject:

- Speaker Session
- Moderator with Panel of Experts
- Case Study
- Poster Session

**3 6 Tracks (select all that apply)**  
The 2018 NAPHN conference includes the following tracks.  
Select the tracks that are most relevant to your subject.

#### 1. Policy, Building Codes, Zoning, and Climate Change

*This track will focus on the policies that have supported, enabled, and required Passive House throughout the world. The Committee hopes to incorporate the United Nations and policies that acknowledge Passive House as a way forward to effectively combat global warming. The Conference Committee also is looking for "how these ideas can be applied in Pittsburgh" in some of the submissions or perhaps in a single talk about the path forward for Pittsburgh.*

#### 2. Social Equity & Inclusion

*This track reflects the International Passive House 2017 conference theme – Passive House for All. Depending on the response received by our call for speakers, this theme might include the success of Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency projects,<sup>1</sup> the importance of improved indoor air quality on asthma incidence in low-income residents, and long-term affordability with energy security.*

1- Reference Article: <https://www.go-gba.org/green-building-ninja-style-pennsylvania-housing-finance-authority-snuck-passive-house-game/>

#### 3. Retrofits

*Commercial, residential, institutional—what challenges were encountered, how were they overcome, and what are the costs and resulting energy usage? Potential introduction to this section: Welcome to Pittsburgh, where over 50% of housing units were built before 1940;<sup>2</sup> and, we are a city with one of the highest energy burdens for low-income residents in the country.<sup>3</sup> How can we fix this?*

2- Reference Article: <http://www.governing.com/gov-data/transportation-infrastructure/age-year-built-for-homes-in-cities.html>

3- Reference Article: <http://aceee.org/press/2016/04/report-energy-burden-low-income>

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#### 4. Health and Wellness

*Studies on the impact of Passive House on occupant health, ventilation, materials that reduce and eliminate indoor contaminants, IAQ, and their interface with Passive House are all of interest.*

#### 5. Solutions Using Passive House

*In this track people can get into the nitty gritty of the challenge: "I encountered X and here's the solution we employed." We think this could be a really useful track for disseminating knowledge, so each of us does not have to reinvent the wheel when similar problems are encountered.*

#### 6. Innovations

*This is a broad theme and includes synergies with other rating systems, cost/benefit analysis, M&V, etc. This track is a good place to discuss Passive House for small vs. large buildings and different R-value/airtightness/material requirements.*

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#### Description of Presentation (250 words maximum)

Provide a formal, detailed description of your proposed presentation's content. If selected, this description may be used in promotional material for the conference.

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#### Learning Objectives

Provide a list of 3 to 5 learning objectives for your presentation. This is IMPORTANT for obtaining AIA, Passive House and other credits for those attending the conference.

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#### Information about Presenter and Co-presenter(s)

The following information is required with your submission:

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone Number

Professional Title

Organization

Organization URL

Photo (head shot)

Brief biography including speaker experience (up to 150 words)

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#### Deadlines

The Conference Committee has established these deadlines:

**Submissions will be accepted through May 9th**

**Notification of acceptance will be made on or before May 25th**

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#### Submission

All proposals should be submitted in PDF format by email to

**[submissions@naphnetwork.org](mailto:submissions@naphnetwork.org)**

Please be sure to sign and include the Release Agreement on page 3 of this document.

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