Proposal Impact/Interest & Quality	Low Impact/Interest, Poor Proposal Quality, Incomplete/Non-compliant Submission	Medium to Low Impact/Interest, Questionable Proposal Quality	Medium Impact/Interest, Potential for Improved Proposal Quality	High Impact/Interest, Strong Proposal Quality	Very High Impact/Interest, Excellent Proposal Quality
Scoring	**1**	**2-4**	**5-6**	**7-8**	**9**
Relevance and significance	**Limited Relevance:** Does not clearly establish the topic's significance to human genetics and genomics or its value to ASHG attendees.	**Some Relevance:** Identifies a potentially relevant topic, but its significance or value to ASHG attendees is weakly supported.	**Clear Relevance:** Addresses a meaningful, relevant topic with clear value to ASHG attendees.	**High Significance:** Addresses an important topic with substantial value to ASHG attendees.	**Exceptional Significance:** Addresses a consequential topic with compelling implications for ASHG attendees; demonstrates exceptional value through broad relevance or substantial importance.
Contribution and timeliness	**Limited Contribution:** Offers little substantive insight or advancement in understanding, discussion, or practice; largely repeats already-published information or recent programming without establishing meaningful added value.	**Modest Contribution:** Offers some useful perspectives or information, but the contribution or timeliness is weakly developed; relies primarily on already-published information, with limited new insight or unpublished content.	**Meaningful Contribution:** Offers a clear contribution through evidence, analysis, perspectives, or practical approaches; establishes a reasonable case for addressing the topic now. Provides meaningful new insight into published information or includes relevant unpublished information.	**Strong Contribution:** Offers substantial insight, synthesis, critical examination, or practical value; clearly explains why the session is timely and includes substantive unpublished information.	**Exceptional Contribution:** Offers compelling potential to advance understanding, inform practice or policy, or deepen engagement with a consequential issue; makes an especially strong case for its contribution and timeliness and integrates substantial, well-supported unpublished information.
Proposal organization and content	**Poorly Developed:** Presents an unclear session purpose, organization, and learning objectives; abstracts provide insufficient detail to assess the proposed contributions.	**Underdeveloped:** Presents a general session purpose, but gaps in organization, learning objectives, or abstract detail make its value to attendees unclear.	**Adequately Developed:** Presents relevant content and generally clear learning objectives, but connections among session components and supporting detail in abstracts need development.	**Well-Developed:** Presents a clear, cohesive session with substantive content, well-defined learning objectives, and abstracts that sufficiently describe and support the proposed contributions.	**Exceptionally Well-Developed:** Presents a compelling, thoughtfully integrated session with substantive content, clear learning objectives, and abstracts that provide specific detail and compelling support for the proposed contributions.
Balance* *(career stage, institution, geography, discipline/perspectives)*	**Limited Balance:** Participants are heavily concentrated within a single career stage, institution, or geographic region, with little complementary expertise or perspective to support a well-rounded session.	**Developing Balance:** Participants bring some variety in career stage, institution, geography, or perspective, but substantial concentrations or gaps limit the breadth of discussion.	**Moderate Balance:** Participants bring a relevant mix of career stages, institutions, geographic regions, and perspectives, though some contributions could be better integrated to broaden the discussion.	**Strong Balance:** Participants bring a thoughtful mix of career stages, institutions, geographic regions, and complementary perspectives suited to the topic that supports a well-rounded discussion.	**Exceptional Balance:** Participants bring a thoughtfully integrated mix of career stages, institutions, geographic regions, and perspectives that deepen the session and foster meaningful exchange across backgrounds and areas of expertise.

**Balance remains an important consideration in the evaluation of proposals but carries less weight in the final score than the other criteria.*