



# Wetland Science Conference

**2020** Wisconsin Wetlands  
ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Conference website: [conference.wisconsinwetlands.org](http://conference.wisconsinwetlands.org)

Abstract submission deadline: [November 15, 2019](#)

**Wisconsin Wetlands Association invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Wetland Science Conference.** We seek proposals for oral presentations and posters on wetland research, restoration, and management projects. We welcome presentations on work done in all wetland community types and from the Midwest region, as long as the content of the presentation applies to wetlands of Wisconsin. **We especially encourage submissions on topics related to the theme, *A Clear Vision for Wetlands*.**

This 2-day conference will include a keynote address, organized symposia, topical oral sessions, a poster session, working groups, a banquet, and wetland field trips.

We ask that authors submitting abstracts for oral presentations select up to three topical areas from the list below that best fit the presentation's focus. This will help conference planners to assign accepted abstracts to the most appropriate session. We reserve the right to change session titles to best accommodate accepted abstracts into the conference schedule.

- Science-informed wetland policy
- Wetlands as solutions in watersheds and communities
- Wetlands as solutions to site-specific issues
- Wetland conservation in agricultural landscapes
- Wetland soils, hydrology, and geomorphology
- Wetlands and water management (flooding, runoff, water quality)
- Effective wetland restoration and management techniques
- Effective wetland conservation partnerships
- Wetlands and management in a changing climate
- Wetland flora and plant communities
- Wetland wildlife
- Wetland challenges (invasive species, land use practices)
- Wetlands and people (history, culture, outreach, citizen monitoring)
- Wetlands 101 – *this is a new offering this year in response to requests from students, newcomers, and those wanting a refresher. Topics might include:*
  - Wetland soils
  - Wetland policy basics
  - WI wetland community types
  - Basic wetland hydrology
  - Wetland functions & benefits
  - Wetland amphibians, birds, mammals, or invertebrates
  - Wetland restoration

February 18-20, 2020 • Osthoff Resort • Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

Abstracts that address the theme *A Clear Vision for Wetlands* will receive priority consideration in the review process. **All abstract-related inquiries should be directed to Katie Beilfuss at (608) 250-9971 or [programs@wisconsinwetlands.org](mailto:programs@wisconsinwetlands.org).**

**Guidelines for oral presentations:**

Speakers are allowed **15 minutes for presentations** and 5 minutes for questions, and are expected to present analyzed results and conclusions as well as address the “why should we care” question.

**Guidelines for poster presentations:**

Posters are encouraged as they allow extended informal discussions and active participation by authors and co-authors. Posters are displayed for a full day, and interested persons can view the poster even when the author is not in attendance.

**Formal Session:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

**Content:** Anything that would be appropriate for the oral sessions as well as preliminary research or project where data have yet to be collected and/or analyzed or describes a project that did not result in new information or techniques for wetland restoration and management.

**Size:** Posters need to be no larger than 3'H x 4'W to fit on this year's display boards. Please plan accordingly.

**Student presentation competition**

As part of our ongoing efforts to encourage and support the next generation of wetland scientists and practitioners, Wisconsin Wetlands Association will host a student presentation competition again this year, awarding cash prizes to the best oral presentation and best poster presentation by a student. Current students and recent graduates who are presenting their student research at the conference are eligible to participate. Those interested in participating should indicate this when submitting their abstracts.

We also expect to be able to offer scholarships to students to offset registration fees. Priority for these scholarships will go to student presenters.

**Instructions for Submitting Abstracts for Oral Presentations or Posters**

**Deadline: November 15, 2019**

**Abstract Submission Forms available online:** [conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/call-for-presentations/](http://conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/call-for-presentations/)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **November 15, 2019**. Find information about the abstract submission and review process, including the information you need to submit your abstract for consideration: [conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/call-for-presentations/](http://conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/call-for-presentations/). Presenters will be notified of acceptance by December 20, 2019.

*Note: Presenters need to register and pay registration fees in order to help cover conference costs. We encourage presenters to register by January 17, 2020, in order to receive the early bird registration rate. Scholarships may be available for student presenters. Registration information (fees etc.) will be available soon at [conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/registration](http://conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/registration); online registration will open in December, 2019.*

**For more information, contact:**

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