

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Conference website: conference.wisconsinwetlands.org

Abstract submission deadline: [November 10, 2021](#)

Wisconsin Wetlands Association invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at the 27th annual Wetland Science Conference, which will be held February 15-17, 2022.

While we hope to be able to hold this conference in person in Stevens Point, we are also laying the groundwork to hold it virtually if that is the responsible, science-based decision to keep our community healthy and safe. If we are able to go in-person, we will also offer a way for people to attend and present virtually. Stay tuned.

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.

This conference will be held over three days and will include keynote speakers, topical oral sessions, a poster session, workshops, working groups, topical roundtables, and field trips to area wetlands.

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.

- Effective wetland conservation partnerships
- Effective wetland restoration and management techniques
- Science-informed wetland policy
- Wetland challenges (invasive species, land use practices)
- Wetland conservation in agricultural landscapes
- Wetland flora and plant communities
- Wetland soils, hydrology, and geomorphology
- Wetland wildlife
- Wetlands and management in a changing climate
- Wetlands and people (history, culture, outreach, citizen monitoring)
- Wetlands and water management (flooding, runoff, water quality)
- Wetlands as solutions in watersheds and communities
- Wetlands as solutions to site-specific issues
- Wetlands 101 – *this session, features presentations tailored for students, newcomers, and those wanting a refresher. Topics could include wetland soils, wetland policy basics, basic wetland hydrology, wetland functions & benefits, wetland amphibians, birds, mammals, or invertebrates, wetland restoration*

Guidelines and more information for interested authors is available on the following page.

For more information, contact:

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Guidelines for oral presentations:

- We will offer two different types of oral presentations: **15-minute "standard" presentations** and **5-minute lightning presentations**. Presenters will express their preference for which of these sessions they wish to be considered for when they submit their abstracts.
- Speakers are expected to present analyzed results and conclusions as well as address the critical “why should we care” question.
- Speakers in the 15-minute presentation sessions will have the option to deliver their presentation live at the in-person conference or virtually. They will also pre-record their presentation and submit this recording to WWA by mid-January, 2022, so that we can make recordings available via the conference app to attendees who are unable to attend the talks live or who wish to watch presentations again. WWA will provide guidelines and technical support for these recordings. These recordings will also be used in the event that we must move the conference online.
- Speakers in the 5-minute lightning sessions will submit their final Powerpoint presentations to WWA by February 1, 2022, so that WWA can compile all of the presentations into one file for efficiency during the session.

Guidelines for poster presentations:

- Posters are encouraged as they allow for extended informal discussions and active participation by authors and co-authors. Appropriate poster content:
 - Any topic that would be appropriate for the oral sessions
 - Preliminary research or projects where data have yet to be collected and/or analyzed
 - Projects that may not have resulted in new information or techniques
- Poster presenters will also be asked to submit a pdf of their poster to WWA by February 1, 2022, so that we can make this content available to attendees (especially anyone attending virtually) via the conference app.
- We anticipate that the official in-person poster session will be **Wednesday, February 16, 2022, from 5:00 – 6:30 pm**. We ask that poster presenters have their poster up by 9am on Wednesday so that interested attendees can view the poster even when the author is not in staffing their poster.
- Posters need to be no larger than 3’H x 4’W to fit on the 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. Oral poster presentation recordings, and poster pdfs will be evaluated by judges prior to the start of the conference, and the winners will be announced during the conference.

We expect to be able to offer scholarships to students to offset registration fees. Priority for these scholarships will go to student presenters. Information on student scholarships will be available this fall.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts for Oral Presentations or Posters

Deadline: November 10, 2021

Abstract Submission Forms available online: conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/call-for-presentations/

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **November 10, 2021**. Find information about the abstract submission and review process, including the information you need to submit your abstract for consideration, at conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/call-for-presentations/. Decisions will be announced by December 20, 2021.

Note: Presenters need to register and pay registration fees in order to help cover conference costs. We encourage presenters to register by January 14, 2022, in order to receive the early bird registration rate. We expect to be able to offer scholarships for student presenters as well as substantial discounts for students and WWA members. Registration information (fees etc.) will be available soon at conference.wisconsinwetlands.org/registration/; online registration will open in December 2021.

All abstract-related inquiries should be directed to Katie Beilfuss at programs@wisconsinwetlands.org or (608) 250-9971.