



Individual Presentation Guidelines

The Natural Areas Conference (NAC) is designed for those whose work focuses on the management and stewardship of ecologically significant landscapes who conduct research or practice on-the-ground management of natural areas to protect biodiversity in perpetuity. Land stewardship benefits from shared knowledge rich in diverse perspectives. NAC26 invites participation from all viewpoints, backgrounds, abilities, and experiences to enrich learning for all.

The conference theme and topics of interest are [posted on the website](#). Successful submissions will relate to one or more of identified conference topics.

Good to know: All presenters must have a paid registration to participate as a speaker and will be responsible for their own travel and related expenses.

Format

- An individual presentation is a 15-minute talk followed by 5 minutes of Q&A.
- Accepted presentations will be organized by topic into 90-minute concurrent sessions.
- Each session will include an assigned facilitator who will ensure that presenters stay on time and do not run over. **Please review the [Individual Presentation Guidelines](#).**
- Individual presentations can focus on:
 - Completed or current research/projects
 - New or emerging methodologies
 - Experience-based land management strategies
 - Practices/strategies that may relate, but are not limited to:
 - communications
 - community engagement
 - strategic and management planning
 - other related areas that support natural areas stewardship

Proposal Submission

We recommend assembling the following information prior to beginning the [NAC26 Call For Proposals electronic proposal submission](#). Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2026.

- **Presentation title**
- **Brief presentation description** for the website agenda
- **Abstract** in the style of a peer-reviewed journal article for the conference app (not to exceed 500 words).
- [Conference topics](#)

Proposal Review Criteria

Designated members of the conference planning team will review proposals according to the criteria below and determine whether the proposal fits into the overall program. The committee may accept, decline, or offer an opportunity to present in a different format.

- Focuses on a current concern, concept, skill and/or practical approach, appropriate for a professional audience.
- Content is relevant to natural areas conservation, restoration and/or management.
- The subject is of interest and relevant to those who steward natural areas.
- Conference submission is well-organized, clear, and concise.