



Symposia 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 the identified conference topics.

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

Format

- Symposia facilitate the exchange of information and ideas around a topic of regional or national priority for natural areas protection and/or management through a series of by multiple presenters and an organizer (who may also be a presenter).
- The organizer is responsible for the coordination and communication of the session with the presenters to organize content and to moderate the session.
- A symposium will be organized into two 90-minute concurrent sessions that follow chronologically in the agenda.
- We encourage each symposium to include a 30-minute facilitated discussion after the presentations have concluded..
- The symposium moderator ensures that presenters stay on time and do not run over.

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.

- **Symposium title**

- **Brief presentation description** for the website agenda
- **A bullet agenda of the five topics to be addressed** in each presentation and the other presenters (if known).
- **Symposium 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.