2024 Natural Areas Conference (NAC24)
October 7-10, 2024 | Manhattan, Kansas

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PRESENTER GUIDELINES - Individual Talks

The Natural Areas Conference (NAC) is designed for land and water management practitioners. Those who conduct research or practice on-the-ground stewardship of natural areas to protect biodiversity for future generations. Land stewardship benefits from shared knowledge rich in diverse perspectives. NAC24 invites participation from all viewpoints, backgrounds, abilities, and experiences to enrich learning for all.

We host this gathering because nature benefits when practitioners and researchers come together to share science-based content, applied research, practical methodologies, and experience-based knowledge in a collegial and collaborative setting. In the end, the best outcome is when practitioners become resources to each other.

Individual talks are 15-minute presentations with 5 minutes of Q&A. These presentations are an opportunity for on-the-ground practitioners to convey practices and learning beyond local, state and regional borders.

Talks should fit within the conference topics and can describe a project, methodology, best practice or challenge related to a natural area(s).

Create a 15-Minute Talk with Impact

There is nothing more frustrating (for you and the audience) than a situation where a presenter runs out of time right when they get to the central findings or point of the presentation.

As you develop your presentation, ask yourself, if I was in the audience, what would be the most important information that I would want to take away?

Focus your 15-minute presentation to convey that content.

Use the conference app to upload supplemental resources for those who would like more information, such as the Project Background, Methodology, Literature Reviews, or other materials that support your presentation.

As you outline your presentation, remember:

- Individual Talks are dynamic 15-minute presentations with 5-minutes for Q&A/discussion.

- Each talk will be assigned to a 90-minute concurrent session.

- Conference organizers will group related talks, organized by topic.

- The 90-minute session will be facilitated by one of your peers who has agreed to keep the session on time. Out of respect for all speakers, presenters will not be permitted to run over.

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When planning your slides:

- Rely on the accepted proposal abstract to focus your presentation since it is generally a concise overview of the work.

- Get to the results quickly.

- Make time to discuss applications, implications or other important aspects of the presentation.

- Share supplemental and support materials through the conference app.

- Aim for 10 to 12 slides. Expect that you will talk for at least one minute per slide.

All presenters will have access to the conference app and will be able to upload materials that will support your presentation. These items can include:

- A PDF of your slide deck as presented.

- A PDF of a longer slide deck that includes the slides you needed to cut to fit the time frame.

- A PDF or link to a paper, article or publication related to your research.

- A PDF document that includes references, access to related websites or online materials.

- Samples of plans, work products or other examples that relate to your presentation.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Moira McGinty Klos, mmcgintyklos@naturalareas.org.