

Workshop

Workshops are half-day (three-hour) or full-day (six-hour) sessions organized by conference partners where participants advance an initiative and/or develop knowledge and skills through active, hands-on engagement. Workshop formats (demonstration, classroom, etc.) are flexible and the range of potential topics is broad. Please contact the Natural Areas Conference (NAC) program committee to discuss your workshop concept before submitting a proposal. Previous workshops include:

Dendrochronology: Understanding Long-term Forest Change with Tree-rings
Grass Identification: Lemmas and Ligules and Glumes, Oh My!
Common Bees of Pennsylvania: Identification and Natural History
Pennsylvania's "Big River" Mussels Identification: Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela
Adapting To Climate Change: Updating Our Approach To Land Protection And Site Management Decisions
Best Management Practices For Pollinators

By submitting a workshop proposal, you are indicating that you are willing to collaborate with the NAC committee to build a professional, useful and enriching experience for conference attendees. Your responsibilities as a workshop instructor will include communicating with NAA staff and your workshop co-leaders before and during the conference regarding workshop content, organization, schedule, and logistics.

Proposal Submission

Please have the following assembled before beginning the electronic proposal submission.

- Workshop title.
- Instructor: Name, affiliation, email address, and phone number of the person organizing and leading and/or teaching the workshop. This person will serve as the main point of contact for the NAC committee.
- Co-instructors: Name, affiliation, email address, and phone number of each person contributing to the planning and/or execution of the workshop.
- Workshop description: workshop activities, expected learning outcomes for participants, and how it addresses conference topics. (75-150 words)
- Workshop agenda: Schedule of workshop activities with instructors responsible for each activity identified.
- Special equipment and/or supplies: List of non-personal gear and materials (microscopes, identification guides, specialized tools, software, specimens), where these can be obtained (organization or retailer name) near the conference location, and an estimate of cost per participant. Please also include special requests for A/V equipment and/or participant transportation.
- A maximum number of participants (typically less than 30) based on equipment capacity and instructor: participant ratio.

Proposal Review Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed and scored by the NAC program committee. The program committee will also consider how the proposed workshop relates to other proposed workshops and fits into the overall program. The committee may accept, decline, or offer an opportunity to present the workshop in a different format.