



Sixth Annual Chapter Meeting – Call for Abstracts

Building on the Midwest Legacy of Restoration: Linking Theory and Practice

March 28 to March 30, 2014

University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota

We invite all interested parties to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster to be presented at the sixth Annual Chapter Meeting of the Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER). The Midwest-Great Lakes Chapter is a regional SER chapter serving Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Our mission is to promote the science and practice of ecological restoration to assist with the recovery and management of degraded ecosystems throughout the Midwestern and Great Lakes region of the United States. Our theme for this year's meeting is "Building on the Midwest Legacy of Restoration: Linking Theory and Practice." Our primary goal is to highlight the legacy of ecological restoration in the Midwest and the importance of the linkages between theory and practice in ecological restoration. Our secondary goal is to bring together all who are interested in ecological restoration and contribute to advancing our knowledge in the science and practice of ecological restoration. Our meeting agenda will be similar to our past five meetings and will include technical presentations, social events, workshops, and field trips.

We encourage the submission of abstracts that are directly related to the meeting theme and abstracts involving any topic related to ecological restoration from all individuals, institutions, and disciplines. Oral presentations will be scheduled in 20 minute segments and a dedicated poster session will be held to provide presenters with an opportunity to discuss their findings with meeting attendees. **The deadline for submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations is January 10, 2014.** Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in December 2013 and authors will be notified of acceptance status as soon as possible. Abstracts need to be submitted via email to the following email address (mwgl.ser@gmail.com) with the author information and abstract attached as a Microsoft Word file (*.doc or *.docx) or Rich Text Format (*.rtf). The subject line of your email should read "MWGL SER 2014 Annual Meeting Abstract". Please follow the formatting guidelines listed below in preparation of your abstract. Abstracts that do not follow the required formatting guidelines will be rejected.

1. Format for author, title, and affiliation information: Use Times New Roman font with a font size of 12. List all authors and indicate the person who will be presenting with an * following their name. Provide abbreviated contact information for each author containing the affiliated institution, City, and State. Additionally, provide the email address of the person giving the presentation. See examples provided below

a. All authors having same affiliation:

Jones, Jane J.* and John D. Doe. Hydrological and ecological responses to implementation of streamside buffers. Jones University, Anytown, Ohio. Email: jane.jones@jones.edu

b. Authors with different affiliations:

Smith, Ann R.*¹, Jane D. Doe¹, and Jim R. Evers². Prairie restoration efforts in Wisconsin. ¹Old School University, Anytown, Wisconsin. ²Deer County Agricultural Agency, Jonesburg, Michigan. Email: asmith@oldschool.edu

2. Format for text of abstracts: The text of the abstract begins two line spaces below the author, title, and contact information. Use Times New Roman font with a font size of 12. The abstract must be single spaced and aligned left with no indentations. **Maximum word limit for text of abstract is 300 words.** An abstract is a single paragraph summary of your entire talk or poster in 300 words or less. It is not an outline of your presentation. It should be concise and to the point.

3. Type of presentation: In the line that is two line spaces below end of the abstract indicate if the abstract is for an oral presentation or poster presentation and if the abstract is a student presentation. We will do our best to accommodate presentation preferences, but we may request you give a poster presentation instead of an oral presentation if we receive a large number of oral presentation abstracts.

4. Student award information: Students who would like their presentation to be considered for best student oral presentation or best student poster award will need to indicate their interest in the text of their submission email in order to be included in the judging process.