



Sixth Annual Chapter Meeting – Call for Workshop and Symposia Proposals

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 submissions of proposals for workshop or organized symposia for 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.

We encourage the submission of workshop and symposia proposals that are directly related to the meeting theme and proposals involving any topic related to ecological restoration. It is not necessary to be a member of the Midwest-Great Lakes SER Chapter to organize a workshop or symposia for this meeting. Workshops and symposia will be allocated a two hour block in the meeting program. We would like to offer at least two workshops and two symposia. **The deadline for submission of workshop and symposia proposals is January 10, 2014.** Proposals need to be submitted via email to the following email address (mwgl.ser@gmail.com) with the proposal information 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 Workshop/Symposia Proposal". Please email us at mwgl.ser@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding the development of workshop or symposia proposals. Please provide the information below in preparation of your proposal.

1. Type of proposal: Indicate whether your proposal is for a workshop or symposia. Workshops focus on practical applications and are intended to convey specific technical knowledge, skills, or methodologies. In contrast symposia provide a forum for the exploration and discussion of special topics or themes.

2. Format for workshop/symposia organizer title, and affiliation information: Use Times New Roman font with a font size of 12. List all organizers of the workshop or symposium and provide abbreviated contact information for each with the affiliated institution, City, and State. Additionally, provide the email address of all organizers. See examples provided below

a. *All organizers having same affiliation:*

Jones, Jane J. and John D. Doe. Past, present, and future use of streamside buffers in agricultural watersheds. Jones University, Anytown, Ohio. Email: jane.jones@jones.edu; john.doe@jones.edu

b. *Organizers with different affiliations:*

Smith, Ann R.¹, Jane D. Doe¹, and Jim R. Evers². Innovative prairie restoration techniques. ¹Old School University, Anytown, Wisconsin. ²Deer County Agricultural Agency, Jonesburg, Michigan. Email: asmith@oldschool.edu; jane.doe@dcaa.gov; jim.evers@dcaa.gov

3. Workshop or Symposia Abstract: 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 proposed workshop or symposia in 300 words or less.

4. Names and affiliations of individual presenters and presentation titles (Symposia only): Provide the names and affiliations for all individuals who will be part of the proposed symposium and the titles of their presentations. Please ensure the author, title, affiliation information for individual presentations follows the same format listed above for the overall symposia. If the proposed symposium is accepted as part of our meeting program then we will request the organizers to provide us with the abstracts from the individual symposium presentations.