



Greetings Prairie Grouse

32nd Prairie Grouse Technical Council

Please plan to attend the 32nd Prairie Grouse Technical Council meeting in Dickinson, ND. The dates are set, and registration is \$185 per person. We will meet from October 17th – 20th, 2017 in Dickinson, ND. Dickinson is situated approximately 100 miles west of Bismarck.

Tentative Agenda

32nd Prairie Grouse Technical Council Dickinson, North Dakota

Tuesday, 17 October:

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Evening Social and Registration

Wednesday, 18 October:

7:00 a.m. Registration desk opens

8:00 a.m. - Noon Presentations & lunch on site

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Field trip to historic grouse lek census blocks

6:30 p.m. Dinner at hotel.

Thursday, 19 October

8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Presentations

Noon Lunch on site

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Continue presentations; Business Meeting

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction, Social and Poster Session

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Awards banquet

Friday, 20 October

Dispersal

Registration is open!

The cost is \$185 per person through 9/17/2017. The North American Grouse Partnership has established a PayPal link for those who wish to pay by credit card; the link is

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/32nd-prairie-grouse-technical-council-meeting-2017-registration-36558111295>

If you prefer to **register and pay by mail**, please send a check in the appropriate amount to:

North American Grouse Partnership
NAGP – PGTC Registration
11 Beavertail Rd
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Please make your own lodging arrangements

Ramada Grand Dakota Hotel: 532 15th Street West Dickinson, ND # 701/483-5600

Make your reservation from the block of rooms held for the PGTC through 9/17

2017 Room Rates- 10/17/17-10/20/17

Standard Rooms-60

\$79.00*

Suites Rooms- 10

\$99.00*

**Plus 9.5% or current tax – subject to change*

Field trips: Retired ND Game and Fish biologist Jerry Kobriger has volunteered to guide us on a tour of one of the longest surveyed grouse blocks in ND. Also, during the drive, everyone can see firsthand the drought conditions ND is experiencing.

State Reports

Please send state and other appropriate program updates to RJ Gross no later than October 1, 2017.

Participants are encouraged to bring donated items for our silent auction.

Please direct any questions to Conference Chair RJ Gross via email ragross@nd.gov or by phone: 701-328-6339

Call for Papers – 32nd Prairie Grouse Technical Council

Abstracts for the 32nd Prairie Grouse Technical Council meeting are now being accepted. **The deadline for receipt of abstracts is 4 September, 2017.** Authors will be notified about the acceptance of their submissions by 18 September. Selected papers will be scheduled at 20-minute intervals. Presentations should be limited to 15 minutes to allow 5 minutes for questions and comments.

An example of the abstract format follows. First, give title in caps, double space, and then provide author(s) and their affiliation. Capitalize all authors' names and state abbreviations. In cases of two or more authors, place an asterisk after the name of the person presenting the paper; then double space again and start the abstract. Do not indent any part of the abstract. Abstracts, including authors and title lines, should be no more than 250 words (including title and authors).

Abstracts should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods used, presentation of results, and a summary of conclusions/inferences drawn.

Following the abstract, provide the following information:

1. E-mail address (if available) for corresponding author
2. Full address of corresponding author
3. Telephone number of corresponding author
4. Type of presentation (Paper or Poster)
5. Audio-visual needs (E.G. SLIDE PROJECTOR, POWER-POINT PROJECTOR, OVERHEAD PROJECTOR, VIDEOTAPE PLAYER, AUDIO TAPE PLAYER, etc.)
6. Any additional comments about the presentation

Sample abstract:

ALL PROBLEMS OF PRAIRIE GROUSE RESOLVED.

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Biologists have been plagued by problems of prairie grouse conservation since time immemorial. Our research has shown that the solution to all of these problems is ...

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Please e-mail your abstract along with a brief biography to RJ Gross in MSWord or plain text format: ragross@nd.gov

1st Call for Hamerstrom Award Nominations

The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Hamerstrom Award for the 31st PGTC Conference. This award was established in honor of Fred and Fran Hamerstrom, pioneers of prairie grouse research and management. The award will consist of a plaque with the engraved name of the recipient and will be presented during the banquet on Thursday, October 19. **The deadline for nominations is 15 September 2017.**

Hammerstrom Award Criteria

1. To recognize an individual(s) and organization(s) who have made significant contributions in prairie grouse research, management or other support programs which have enhanced the welfare of one or more species of prairie grouse in a particular state or region.
2. The contribution should be evidenced by a sustained effort over at least 10 years.
3. The contribution may be related to research, management activity, promotion of an integrated program, or some combination thereof. The relative importance given to these three categories of contributions is the prerogative of the Awards Committee but it should be based on how it has helped the overall welfare and survival of prairie grouse.

Selection Procedure:

1. The selection of award recipients will be made by the three-member Executive Board and two additional members appointed by the Chair.
2. Nominations will be accepted at large as well as from members of the Awards Committee.
3. Nominations will be submitted to the designated Awards Committee Chair at least one month before the biennial meeting of the Prairie Grouse Technical Council.
4. A maximum of two individual awards and two organization awards may be presented at a biennial meeting. No awards will be given if the Awards Committee feels that no deserving individuals or organization are available at the time.
5. Nominations should include the following information:
 - a. Name, address, and phone number / email address of nominee.

b. Biographic sketch of individual or brief history of an organization.

c. Overview of contributions indicating the nature of the contributions, duration, how it has contributed to the welfare of one or more species of prairie grouse, and the geographic area influenced by the contributions.

Email nominations to David Dahlgren: **dave.dahlgren@usu.edu**