

Conference Announcement & Call for Papers

General Conference Information

In January 2018, the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society (NEAPMS) will be holding its annual meeting at the Wentworth by the Sea, a Marriott Resort and Spa, in New Castle, New Hampshire.

Conference dates are Tuesday January 9th to Thursday January 11th, 2018. Tuesday will feature a workshop format followed by a welcome reception in the evening. Dinner is on your own Tuesday night, either at the hotel or in nearby Portsmouth, NH. Wednesday will include a full day of technical presentations on a variety of topics, followed by a poster session and awards banquet. Thursday morning will include several technical presentations, and we conclude with a luncheon and conference adjournment at 1pm.

Hotel Information



A room rate of \$119 + tax (sgl or dbl occupancy) per night is available at the Wentworth by the Sea. More information on the venue can be found at www.wentworth.com.

Wentworth by the Sea Resort and Spa, New Castle, NH

After December 16, 2017, we cannot guarantee room rate or availability, so please do book by the deadline.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Wentworth by the Sea by *December 16, 2017*, at 877-762-2876. Please reference the NEAPMS Conference when making reservations. *In the event that you book a room and need to cancel, note that the hotel cancellation policy states that "all reservations that are not cancelled three days prior to the arrival date will be charged as a no show to the individual who reserved the room."*

Conference Registration Rates

Conference registration rates and deadlines will be announced by the end of September 2017. Both mail-in registration and online registration options will be available, and full details will be provided shortly. Please check the NEAPMS website for further updates at www.neapms.org.



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Presenting
at our
Meeting!

Abstract
Submittal



ONLINE ABSTRACT
SUBMITTAL PROCESS!

Simply go to the link provided below and fill in the blocks provided for your information, and click "submit" when done.

<http://www.neapms.org/abstract-submittal-1/>

Students!

Student talks and posters are also being requested and encouraged. A student poster competition will be held again this year, with special prizes planned for the winner and runner up.

Program Information

To help develop our program, we are seeking technical presentations and posters in all areas of aquatic plant management. In particular, the following special interest topics are requested this year, though other topics related to aquatic plant biology, ecology and management are certainly welcome:

- Emerging and imminent threats: What's next?
- Biology, physiology and ecology of invasive plants
- Harmful algal blooms and algal toxins
- Alternative control technologies
- Balancing aquatic plant management goals with other designated uses of the waterbody
- Aquatic plant harvesting programs through the years
- Changing climate as a driver in aquatic plant growth and management strategies

Presentations are assigned 30-minute time slots.

Powerpoint presentations on USB Flash Drives are expected, unless other arrangements are made in advance. Presenters should prepare 20-25 minute talks, leaving 5-10 minutes for discussion/questions.

Sponsors and Exhibitors

Sponsorship: Sponsors contribute financially to the Society to help support programs and events. Time is allocated during the conference for sponsors to provide industry updates or related informational presentations. We offer a variety of sponsorship levels, as well as distinguished sponsorship opportunities each year. Sponsors are acknowledged through signage and inclusion of their company name or logo on our final program.

Exhibits: Exhibit space includes a 6-foot table with the booth space, and electrical hook-up can be provided with prior notice. Space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Exhibits that focus on plant management products and education are encouraged.

Sustaining Membership: Sustaining Membership includes a bronze level sponsorship, exhibit space and listing of your company information on the NEAPMS website.

Anyone interested in exhibiting or sponsoring may visit the NEAPMS website, or contact Glenn Sullivan, NEAPMS Sponsorship and Exhibitor Coordinator at gsullivan@solitudelake.com

Instructions for Abstract Submittal

In order to offer approved re-certification credits for conference attendees, presenters must provide complete information on presentations and posters they plan to present.

Please provide the following information:

- Presenter name, title, and professional affiliation
- Presenter address, telephone, fax, and e-mail
- Abstract- About 250 words, explaining purpose, approach, results, and management implications, as appropriate. Please be specific enough to allow independent evaluation of the professional value of the presentation or poster. This will encourage conference attendance when we make the program abstracts available, and will help gain re-certification credit for attendees.
- Presenter biography

Abstracts are due via the online submittal system

<http://www.neapms.org/abstract-submittal-1/>
by September 29th, 2017

For questions about the NEAPMS program and submitting an abstract, please contact Chris Doyle, NEAPMS Program Coordinator at

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