



CALL FOR SESSIONS

RRNW is soliciting **Session Proposals** for our
19th Annual Stream Restoration Symposium
At Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, Washington, USA
February 4th through 6th, 2020

The intent of each Annual RRNW Symposium is to convene, share information, and foster dialogue on a multi-disciplinary approach to stream restoration and watershed sciences. Participants typically include planners, designers, engineers, biologists, hydrologists, geomorphologists, regulators, scientists, landscape architects and land/resource managers. Program presentations are organized in topically grouped sessions to facilitate cohesive discussions that forward the practice and science of river restoration. While all session topics that contribute to the mission of RRNW and scientific collaboration are considered, suggested topics for the 2019 Symposium include the following:

Lessons Learned – Constructability and Adaptive Design
Endangered Species, Invasives & Shifting Equilibriums
Climate Variability, Wildfire & Watersheds
Urban Systems and Multi-Objective Planning
Scientific Communication and Community Involvement
Ecosystem Services & Environmental Markets

For additional information about RRNW, our 19th Annual Symposium, and links to past Symposia program session and presentation topics, please visit: <http://www.rrnw.org/>

DEADLINES

Session Proposals

Session Proposals complying with all of the following instructions must be received via online submission by 3pm PST on Monday **August 12, 2019**.

Oral/Poster Presentation Abstracts

Oral/Poster Presentation Abstracts complying with all of the following instructions must be received via online submission by 3pm PST on Monday **September 16, 2019**.

INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCESS FOR SESSION PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

General

1. Submissions **will only be received electronically**, via our new online system at <https://rrnw.confex.com/rrnw/2020/presentations/sessions/index.cgi>
2. **No more than two** submittals per person (as lead convener author/presenter)
3. Submittals **must not be**:
 - a. autobiographical;
 - b. commercial/promotional; or,
 - c. previously presented/published (unless integrating or reviewing a large body of work, compilation by multiple authors, and/or substantial new information or interpretation).

Session Proposals

1. Active RRNW membership is preferred for the lead convener of a session; any participating conveners/**presenters are required to register** by January 1, 2020 and attend the symposium.
2. Session format is generally three to four oral presentations that are grouped according to the content/topic and given to an audience of approximately 400 from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Topics should acknowledge the many disciplines and viewpoints among the river restoration community, and consider out-of-channel factors and conditions.
3. **Session proposals must list at least three (3) proposed component presentations**, solicited and identified by the convener.
4. Evaluation of session proposals could include decisions to merge proposed sessions and/or avoid duplication of sessions on similar topics; committee would notify conveners if session proposals should be revised or if sessions should be merged prior to final acceptance.
5. Session proposal screening, ranking, and decisions will be completed at least two weeks prior to the deadline for individual presentation abstract submissions. Conveners will be notified of session acceptance (or non-acceptance). Conveners are expected to ensure that all proposed component presentations' abstracts are submitted by the September deadline, and that each presentation submission clearly indicates the associated session title.
6. Acceptance of a session proposal **does not ensure** that all associated presentation abstracts for the session will be accepted.
7. Conveners must work with their individual presenters to confirm their abstract submissions are strong and meet all requirements. Each submitted presentation within an accepted session is subject to individual review and ranking; it must be selected on its own merit for inclusion.
8. RRNW reserves the right to cancel an accepted session if an insufficient number of component presentations are selected during the abstract review process.
9. RRNW reserves the right to include additional/replacement presentations in an accepted session based on the pool of accepted abstracts.
10. Please see www.rrnw.org/AbstractExamples for examples of previously accepted session proposal abstracts.

SESSION SELECTION CRITERIA

All submittals are subject to review by the RRNW Program Committee, comprised of current and past members of the RRNW Board of Directors. The Program Committee reserves the right to reject multiple proposals from the same convener(s) and will review all submissions based on the following:

1. Initial screening on a Pass/Fail basis for adherence to submission requirements and instructions.
2. Rating and ranking according to the following, equally weighted criteria:
 - a. **Relevance** - to river restoration science and of interest to range of disciplines.
 - b. **Contribution** - to advancement of the science and practice of river restoration.
 - c. **Originality** - to provoke fruitful debate and discussion.
 - d. **Creativity** – as stimulus for plenary session audience interaction.
 - e. **Rigor** - (esp. for Case Studies) in approach, monitoring data to support conclusions.
 - f. **Organization** – (for Session Proposals only) with sufficient focus, detail, variety and appropriateness of component speakers and topics.

Thank you for your interest in presenting at RRNW's Annual River Restoration Symposium. If you have questions, please contact submissions@rrnw.org