



Meeting Announcement and Call for Papers

12th Annual MIDWEST BAT WORKING GROUP Meeting
April 6-7, 2020

Meeting Hosts: Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Department of Transportation

**LOCATION: Runge Nature Center, Jefferson City, Missouri
330 Commerce Drive – 65109**

<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/runge-nature-center>

573.526.5544

DUES AND REGISTRATION: *Deadline for registration and T-shirt orders by mail is COB March 16, 2020.*

- Membership dues are \$15 for students and \$25 for professionals.
- Registration fee is **\$31 for students** and **\$56 for professionals**.
- After 5pm (CST), March 16, registration fees increase \$20: \$51 for students and \$76 for professionals.
- When paying your registration fee and/or dues, please complete the Registration/Dues Form available on the 2020 MWBWG meeting webpage (<http://mwbwg.org/2020-meeting>).
- When paying by check or money order, postal mail registration/dues form and payment to:

Brianne Walters, Department of Biology, Indiana State University, 600 Chestnut Street, Terre Haute, IN 47809. Checks should be made out to MWBWG.

- Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express) is accepted on-line at the MWBWG store (https://mwbwg.org/store/?page_id=126).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS: *Deadline for submission of Abstracts is March 6, 2020.*

- Email abstract submissions with subject line labeled "2020 MWBWG abstract" with attachment of abstract in Microsoft Word format to **BOTH: Dr. Allen Kurta** (akurta@emich.edu) & **Dr. Joe Johnson** (jjohnson@ohio.edu)
- Follow format and content of the abstract example on the MWBWG web site (<http://mwbwg.org/oral-and-poster-presentation-abstracts>) and as shown below.
- Poster and oral presentations should focus on bats and bat ecology.
- 15 minutes will be allotted for each oral presentation.
- Indicate whether you will make an oral or poster presentation and underline the name of the presenter in the abstract.

MWBWG AWARDS:

Are you a student that needs help with travel costs?? Submit an application for the John O. Whitaker, Jr. Student Travel Award. Go to <http://www.mwbwg.org/awards-and-scholarships> for the application. *Deadline for submission is February 16, 2020.*

Consider submitting a nomination for the Dave Redell Lifetime Achievement Award! This award honors a MWBW member who has demonstrated an exemplary, long-term commitment to promoting and preserving bats in the Midwest through research, conservation, education, or other creative projects. Go to <http://www.mwbwg.org/awards-and-scholarships> for the nomination form. *Deadline for submission of nominations is March 16, 2020.*

MEETING AWARDS FOR STUDENTS:

To be eligible for a cash award, indicate STUDENT STATUS when you submit abstract.

- Best Student Oral Presentation Award
- Best Student Poster Award

LODGING: Discounted hotel room rates absolutely expire March 5, 2020. Please *be sure and book your room prior to that date to receive the special conference rate.*

- A block of 60 rooms are being held at the nearby *Fairfield by Marriott* (3621 West Truman, Jefferson City, MO 65109) **until March 5, 2020**. The discounted room rate will be for April 5-7, 2020 at \$96.00+taxes. There are no parking fees.
- Book your room by calling 573.761.0400 and requesting the room block under the group code “**DOCG.**”
- The *Fairfield* is approximately 2 miles from Runge Nature Center. Free on-site parking available with marked handicapped spots near the entrance. We will have schedule shuttles to and from the hotel (the hour before and after the meeting daily). Shuttle sign-ups will be available at the *Fairfield* front desk.

TRAVEL:

- **Flights:** The closest airports are Columbia Regional Airport (COU), St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL), Kansas City International Airport (MCI)
 - <https://www.flycou.com/> Taxi from airport to hotel ~\$70 one-way.
 - <https://www.flystl.com/>
 - MoX shuttle service to Columbia (\$53/ one-way) or groups larger than 8 can Charter a shuttle from airport to hotel. Website: https://www.moexpress.com/mox_ml/home.aspx?L=EN or phone: 573.256.1991
 - <https://www.flykci.com/>
 - MoX shuttle service to Columbia (\$53/ one-way) or groups larger than 8 can Charter a shuttle from airport to hotel. Website: https://www.moexpress.com/mox_ml/home.aspx?L=EN or phone: 573.256.1991

MEALS (included in registration cost)

- Lunch on April 6th
- Breakfast on April 7th
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See Registration/ Dues Form, to mark if you would like the vegetarian option and if you have any special dietary restrictions.

Local Restaurants and Pubs:

- Love Sushi (lovesushimo.com)
- Manuel's Taqueria
- Lutz's BBQ (places.singleplatform.com)
- Big Whiskey's (bigwhiskeys.com)
- High Street Pub
- Prison Brews (prisonbrews.com)
- Paddy Malone's (paddymalonespub.com)

2020 MWBWG SILENT AUCTION:

- The 2020 annual meeting will be hosting a silent auction fundraiser that will run during the Poster Session and Social on Monday, April 6 from 6 – 8 pm. As always, proceeds of the silent auction will be used to support state bat festivals, bat conservation outreach events, and to support student travel scholarships. **Please contact at least one of the following individuals if you plan to donate an item for the silent auction. PLEASE consider donating an item for this excellent fund-raising opportunity!**
 - Lisa Powers: lisa.e.powers@gmail.com
 - Jocelyn Karsk: jkarsk@illinois.edu
 - Brian Heeringa: brian.heeringa@gmail.com
 - Joe Johnson: jjohnson@ohio.edu

PRE-MEETING SOCIAL

- An informal *Early Bird Social* for those of you arriving the night before will be held at Prison Brews from 6 – 8 pm on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

ADDRESS: 305 Ash Street, Jefferson City, MO. 65101; Phone: 573.635.0678

<https://www.prisonbrews.com/>

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Use the format and content of the abstract example as shown below.

Please **circle** if you intend to present an: **Oral Presentation** or **Poster Presentation**

If the presenter is a student, do you wish to compete for the student awards? YES _____ NO _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for presentations and posters will be accepted through **March 6, 2020**. Abstracts should include name, organization, address of authors, and title. Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper. The

Abstract should (1) state the principal objectives and scope of the investigation, (2) describe the methods employed (briefly), (3) summarize the results, and (4) state the principle conclusions. The abstract should be < 300 words. Indicate whether the preferred presentation is oral or poster.

Follow the format guidelines below when preparing your abstract (see example below):

- Title should be in all capital letters, bold, and centered at the top of the page.
- Include names and current addresses of authors after the title (and underline presenter's name).
- Italicize addresses of authors.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Use 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Left justify authors and text only.

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EXAMPLE:

**ALLEGHENY WOODRAT (*NEOTOMA MAGISTER*) HABITAT
CHARACTERISTICS IN VIRGINIA**

Michael T. Mengak, Steven B. Castleberry, and W. Mark Ford. *D. B. Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 (MTM, SBC); USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Newtown Square, PA (WMF)*

GUIDELINES FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

A total of 15 minutes will be allotted for presentations, including time for answering questions (3 min). **All oral presentations must be in Microsoft PowerPoint.** All presenters should bring a copy of their presentation on a flash drive to the meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF POSTERS

- No larger than 36 inches tall x 48 inches wide.
- Readable from a distance of 2 meters.
- Title should be capitalized with lettering **at least** 20 mm high (e.g., 72 pt).
- Authors and institutional affiliations should be in upper- and lower-case lettering **at least** 11 mm high (e.g., 42 pt).
- Text lettering should be **at least** 9 mm high (e.g., 36 pt) with a line thickness of at least 1 mm.
- Text for Literature Cited section can be smaller if space is limited (e.g., down to 20 pt)
- Information should be well organized and concisely presented. Most posters include the following sections: Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusions, Literature Cited.
- Keep written text to a minimum (remember the rule of thumb "less is more"). "Bullets" and short phrases are effective. Consider using no more than six illustrations (large graphs, flow charts, diagrams, and photographs). Keep captions and legends short and informative.

***Note: A final agenda will be available in late March after all abstracts have been received and processed.**

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you in Jefferson City in April 2020!

