

SWPBA

Southeastern Water Pollution Biologists Association

Letter from the President

Hello everyone, I hope summer has treated you well so far and things aren't too hectic! I know everyone is anxious for information so I'll get right to that first.

The conference will be in Savannah this year on the week of November 3rd- 6th and will be held at the Coastal Georgia Center <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/cgc/>. The cost for registration will be \$100 (banquet and T Shirt included), and I will send out a registration form in the near future. We have a block of rooms at Country Inns and Suites on 320 Montgomery St. <http://www.countryinns.com/savannah-hotel-ga-31401/gasahist>, and they have given us a rate of \$98 a night which should keep everyone at the Per Diem rate for Savannah. Unfortunately, there is a \$12 day/car parking fee but that is pretty much the norm in most places there. **To get the negotiated room rate please call the hotel directly at 912-921-5300 for reservations and use the group code: 1411SWPBA2. The deadline for room reservations is October 2nd.** If anyone has any problems please let me know ASAP so we can get it worked out. Please contact me for additional hotel information if this one fills.

Now that that is out of the way, I would like to thank the folks in Mississippi for a great meeting last year in Natchez! That one will definitely be extremely hard to top. We will certainly do our best to put together an informative, interesting and entertaining conference this year as well.

We are still working out the design and option details for this year's shirt and we will send out design images and other pertinent information as soon as it is finalized. Remember to send in your nominations for the Biologist of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards, the deadline for nominations is September 15. The photo contest categories this year will be Scenic Landscape, Aquatic (location or biota), Terrestrial (location or biota), Historical (for those time you run across some really cool old building or man-made item/structure), Whimsical/Other, and of course Best Overall. If you wish to participate in the photo contest please submit those to Katie Zornig Katherine.Zornig@dnr.state.ga.us and CC me as well at Cody.Jones@dnr.state.ga.us, please state in the subject line "SWPBA Photo contest" and state in your message the title of your photo and the category it fits into best. The photo submission deadline is Friday October 3rd. Please have your newsletter information compiled and submitted to Michele Brossett Michele.Brossett@dnr.state.ga.us by October 1st.

Michele will be sending out an abstract form for the presentations shortly, but here are some important deadlines to remember concerning presentations: Submit presentation title by September 15th, submit abstract form by October 17th, and submit Powerpoint presentation by October 27th.

We are planning on a CADDIS workshop for Monday and would like some feedback on interest level from everyone. We would also like to know if there is any interest in a poster session.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in November!

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