



GUIDELINES FOR 2017 AOC CONFERENCE POSTER SESSION

March 29-30, 2017

Eberhard Conference Center, Grand Valley State University

Grand Rapids, MI

Background: The 2017 AOC conference will solicit posters from interested individuals or organizations with an AOC theme to them. This is not a juried poster session and we will accept posters until the space is filled.

Procedural details:

- There is space for 20 posters in the main concourse area at the conference venue.
- Posters will be accepted on a first come basis.
- **Deadline for poster submission will be Friday, March 10, 2017.**
- The official poster session with light refreshments will be from 5 to 6 pm on the first day of the conference, Wednesday, March 29, 2017.
- Posters should be a maximum of 2 feet x 3 feet and do not need to be mounted on poster board.
- Large poster boards, easels and poster clips will be available at the conference site and posters will be clipped onto the poster boards.
- Posters can be displayed during the entire conference and you are free to stand by your posters at any point but the main poster session will be at the end of day one.
- Posters must be removed by noon of the second day.
- A .pdf of each poster will be placed on the conference website in advance of the meeting and will stay on the web site post conference.

Subject matter details:

- Posters should be based upon relevant Areas of Concern work taking place in the Great Lakes Basin.
- Suggested poster topics could include but are not limited to:
 - Showcase of projects that have had a positive impact on the environment and/or have led to removing a particular BUI;
 - Projects that have occurred at priority AOCs that have led to either AOC delisting and/or BUI removals;
 - Innovative outreach and education projects that have increased public engagement and led to more successful projects;

- Social Science approaches that have had a positive impact on an AOC and/or has led to greater community cooperation;
- Quality Assurance procedures that have produced more successful projects, and
- Any other relevant AOC topic that would be of interest to conference participants.

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