

Poster Presenter Guide

For Presentations at the Illinois Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meetings

Overview

- The Poster Presentation session details and timing will be announced before each annual meeting, as venues often dictate these requirements. However, at least one of the authors should be at the poster during the designated poster session. Please follow the directions below to ensure a successful presentation. Do not present a poster on the same study or information presented orally. Select only one forum in which to present your information - poster or orally.

Poster Setup

- Posters will be set up on a date, time and location announced before each meeting. If possible, all posters will be in one room for the duration of the meeting. Posters may need to be mounted on a wall, table, or easel-type stand depending on venue availability. Pushpins and tape will be provided to mount your poster if needed.

Poster Removal

- Posters must be reclaimed at a time which will be announced at each annual meeting. Any poster not removed by this time will be disposed of!

Poster Preparation Guidelines

- A poster presentation consists of a visual display mounted *on a fiberboard background* combined with an interpersonal question and answer period. The content of an effective poster presentation should be direct, focused, and concise.
- Posters should be 36 inches wide and 24 inches high. Your poster must be capable of free standing on an easel, or the presenter should provide a backing board and clips to allow the poster to stand on an easel if needed. Do not mount your poster on very thick poster board as it may be too thick for pushpins if those are needed.
- Posters need to contain succinct headings that organize and logically display the information. Graphics should be explicit and brief. Elaboration is best done verbally just as if it were an oral presentation using slides. A short and legible Introduction and Summary of Conclusions are essential. The poster display should focus on:
 - Hypothesis or Objective
 - Methods
 - Results/Outcomes
- Keep text and figure legends explicit and brief!

Readability

- Poster sessions are viewed by a large audience. To accommodate a group at a single poster presentation, the font size must be large enough to be legible at a distance of approximately 6 feet. Choose a simple and clear font. The weight of the font (the thickness of each letter) must be medium or bold. Below are font size guidelines for viewing at various distances.
- To be legible at the following distances use referenced font sizes:
 - 6ft -- 30pt Font
 - 10ft -- 48pt “
 - 12ft -- 60pt
 - 14ft -- 72pt “

Contact either current ICTWS Councilperson-at-Large for assistance.