

Request for Host Committee Proposals for the 30th International Symposium (2010) of the North American Lake Management Society

The North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) is dedicated to the preservation and management of our fresh water lakes and reservoirs. The Society's world headquarters is located in Madison, Wisconsin. Its current membership of 1500 individuals, 24 state, regional and provincial affiliates, and 130 corporate and non-profit organizational members is made up of professional researchers and educators, governmental officials, students, property owners, citizen scientists/stewards, consultants and industry representatives.

The Society's mission is "to forge partnerships among citizens, scientists, and professionals to foster the management and protection of lakes and reservoirs." One of the most important activities of the Society is to hold an annual Symposium that brings together our membership to share in the latest research, information, technology and success stories as well as to provide an opportunity to network in a comfortable setting.

One of the factors considered in picking a site for the Symposium is geographical location. According to a plan of rotation of the Symposium among regions in the U.S. and Canada, in 2010 NALMS is looking to find a location in the West/Southwest region of the U.S., comprised of the following states: Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Another important factor in the selection of a site for the Symposium is the commitment of a strong local entity (NALMS affiliate, state lake association, state/regional agency, local chamber of commerce, etc.) or partnership of entities which can commit to working closely with NALMS' staff and volunteers to plan and host the event. Particularly, the host committee is charged with developing the conference program, securing local sponsorship and coordinating local field trips/activities.

The Symposium is typically held in early November of each year (with late October or the second week in November as second choices). It is structured to include workshops, concurrent technical sessions, special events and field trips for attendees, as well as a vendor exhibition, on and off-site receptions and NALMS' yearly awards banquet. A copy of the program of the 2007 Symposium is attached.

The deadline for receipt of proposals for the 2010 Symposium is August 1, 2008. Questions may be directed to, and proposals must be submitted via mail or email to, the following individuals by August 1st:

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Host Committee Proposal

North American Lake Management Society 2010 – 30th International Symposium

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NALMS AFFILIATE OR OTHER ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING PROPOSAL:

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:

DAYTIME PHONE NO.:

EVENING PHONE NO.:

FAX NO.:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please answer the following and attach the answers to the document that is submitted for consideration:

1. Please describe why you would like to host the International Symposium. Describe the potential benefits to NALMS and its membership if your committee or organization hosted the Symposium.
2. Identify what you feel would be the primary goal(s) achieved by holding the International Symposium at the proposed location.
3. Please identify a potential theme for the Symposium and include a brief outline of potential topics that could be included as part of the educational program.
4. Please list the names, addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers and e-mails of those individuals who have agreed to become part of the potential Host Committee. Include the areas (PROGRAM, PR, Sponsorship, etc) of interest for each individual.
5. Who, from the above list, is interested in becoming the Chair of the Host Committee?
6. Identify three to four local sources of potential sponsorship. Please include a projected dollar amount for each source's sponsorship that you believe to be realistic. Also identify a contact person(s) for each of the listed sponsors.
7. Please identify any local sources of in-kind support that could be drawn upon to assist in making this a successful conference. Identify the type of in-kind support that might be expected from each source.
8. Please list the names of the city or cities that you believe can successfully handle the size and style of the International Symposium.
9. Please provide the names of any hotels, conference centers, convention centers in the city or cities listed above that might be able to stage the Symposium.
10. Please include any additional information or comments that you feel would be helpful in determining the feasibility of your location for the Annual International Symposium. If applicable also outline how you plan to involve citizen lake leaders/stewards in your program planning.