



**Northeast Bat
Working Group**

**January 11-13, 2017
Amherst, MA**

Annual Meeting of the NORTHEAST BAT WORKING GROUP

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UMass Hotel, Amherst, MA

NEBWG is soliciting abstracts for presentations and posters for this meeting. We welcome abstracts on variety of topics relating to the status, biology, ecology, behavior, study methods, or conservation of bats and their habitats.

Abstracts are due November 21, 2016

Instructions for submitting abstracts are below.

We also welcome your ideas about the format and content of the meeting, including topics, panel discussions, and use of time.

If you have a suggestion, please email Jon Reichard at NEBWG2017@gmail.com by December 2 and include "AGENDA SUGGESTION" in the subject line.

We look forward to seeing you in Amherst.

2016 Meeting Chairman

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Meeting Hosts

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Meeting Times:

The 2017 NEBWG meeting will be held from ~1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11th to ~noon on Friday, January 13th.

The meeting will consist of presentations and poster sessions, panels, break-out sessions, exhibitors and vendors, time for unstructured networking and idea sharing and group socials.

Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday

1:00 - 4:30 PM - General Session - Regional reports

4:30 - 5:15 PM - Business Meeting

5:15 - 7:15 PM - Poster Session

Thursday

8:00 AM to Noon - General Session - Research and management presentations

1:30 - 5:00 PM - Special Session and Panel Discussion - TBD

5:15 - 6:30 PM - State / Federal Breakout Session

Friday

8:00 AM to Noon - General Session - Research and management presentations

Registration: Early registration fee is \$85 for non-students and \$60 for students.

Register online at Eventbrite

(<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northeast-bat-working-group-annual-meeting-2017-tickets-28748874658?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>) and pay by credit card (preferred) or check (still need to register via Eventbrite but you will mail your check payable to NEBWG (address is on the registration page)).

On-site registration will be from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Wednesday and 8:00 am – 10:00 am on Thursday.

Registration includes access to meetings, talks, exhibitor area, and group events.

Sponsors: Sponsors are entitled to free registration(s) as well as exhibitor space and recognition in the program, depending on the level of support. Please contact Liz Baldwin at NEBWG2017@gmail.com to learn more about becoming a sponsor. Include “SPONSORSHIP” in the subject line. Sponsors will register directly through Liz Baldwin. DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE if you are entitled to FREE registrations.

Problem registering? Please contact Jon Reichard NEBWG2017@gmail.com and include “REGISTRATION” in the subject line.

Meeting Location: All meetings will be held at the UMass Hotel and Conference Center located at the University of Massachusetts, 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003

Lodging and Transportation: Room rates for the UMass Hotel have been deeply discounted for NEBWG and are \$104/night plus tax. Reserve your room by December 13th to get discounted rate by calling 413-549-6000 and use the Group ID “NEB17C”. Or you may go to www.hotelumass.com and enter group ID (NEB17C) to receive the discount. You will need to provide a credit card for incidentals upon arrival.

Parking is available at the Campus Center Parking Garage (adjacent to the hotel) and one complimentary parking pass per paid room, per night will be available at check in.

- Enter the Campus Center Parking Garage. Get a ticket on the way in and park on the 2nd Level of the garage. Then walk into the concourse via the hallway and take the elevators to the 3rd level (Hotel Lobby).
- Parking is included in your room rate. Upon check-in you will receive a pass for one car that allows you to park up until 5 pm on the day of your departure. If you misplace the parking pass there is a \$5 per day fee to replace it. For each additional car, it will be an extra \$5 per day. Certain group rates do not include complimentary parking. Please contact the Hotel Main Desk, 877-822-2100, if you are unsure.

Driving is the easiest way to get to the University of Massachusetts. For driving directions from anywhere to the conference and hotel, [click here](#)

Air travellers may fly to Bradley International Airport (BDL), 47 miles from Amherst.

Transportation by shuttle or carpool must be arranged by the traveller.

The UMass Hotel is located in the Campus Center which houses numerous dining options:

<http://www.umassdining.com/locations-menus/campus-center>

The hotel is also walking distance or a short drive from Amherst center where there are numerous restaurants, fast food, and pubs.

Food: Some meals may be provided by the generous donations of sponsors. Information will be provided. Included in your hotel room rate is continental breakfast 7am to 10am of fresh baked pastries, muffins, bagels, yogurt, cereal, granola, coffee, juice, tea and an assortment of fresh fruit.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

Abstract submittal deadline is November 21, 2016. Presentations and posters will be selected and the authors notified by December 14th.

Abstracts should be < 300 words and include the name, organization, and address of authors, title, study justification, objectives, brief methods, summarized results, and discussion of results. Please underline the name of the author that will be presenting the paper. Please indicate if the abstract is for an oral or poster presentation, and if you will be supplying your own easel for a poster presentation.

Submit abstracts electronically in Microsoft Word format to Marilyn Kitchell at nebwg2017@gmail.com; include “ABSTRACT” in the subject line.

All oral presentations must be on Microsoft PowerPoint or Apple Keynote or Adobe PDF.

If you are using PowerPoint, please be sure all photos, graphics, and videos are included in one folder with your presentation. A total of 10-15 minutes will be allotted for oral presentations, including time for answering questions. Your time allotment will be specified when we notify you.

We may be able to accommodate longer presentations, so please write and inquire if you need more time.

Please follow the format guidelines below when preparing your abstract:

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

Italicize addresses of authors

Underline the name of the presenter

Indicate student presenters with an asterisk (*)

Use 12-point Times New Roman font

Use 1-inch margins on all sides

Left Justify only

Example:

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

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(Oral Presentation)