

Pennsylvania Lake Management Society 28th Annual Conference March 7 & 8, 2018

“Lake Management in a Changing World”

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CONFERENCE & HOTEL INFORMATION

The 28th Annual PALMS Conference will be held at the **Ramada Conference Center** in State College. The conference center is located at 1450 S. Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801. You can find out more information about the Ramada Conference Center and Hotel online at www.ramadasc.com.

LODGING – RAMADA STATE COLLEGE HOTEL – 814.238.3001

Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations. When making reservations please request a room in the “PALMS Conference” block, code CGPA03”. Reservations must be made by **February 6, 2018** to guarantee room and to receive the group rate. Reservations received after this date will be honored on a rate and space-available basis. Free full breakfast buffet is provided for overnight guests. Check in is after 4:00 PM and check out is before 11:00 AM.

RATES: \$68/night (plus tax) for 2 double beds or 1 king



CONFERENCE CANCELLATION POLICY

Late Registration and Walk Ins:

- Registrations made on or after February 28, 2018 will incur an additional \$25 fee.
- Walk-in registrations (including 24hours before conference) will have an additional \$50 fee.

No refund for cancellations made on or after February 28, 2018.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Be sure to visit our website at www.palakes.org for conference updates!

Support the Scholarship Fund—Donate to the Silent Auction

PALMS will host the 5th Annual Silent Auction to support the PALMS Conference Scholarship Fund. We are seeking donations such as: lake equipment, books, art work, gift certificates, clothing, gift baskets, and hand-crafted items. If you are interested in donating an item to the 2018 Silent Auction please contact PALMS at info@palakes.org or 570.316.1669.

2018 Photo Contest



Submit your best Pennsylvania lake or pond photograph to the 17th Annual PALMS Photo Contest! Winners will be selected at the 28th Annual PALMS Conference and announced during the General Membership Meeting following lunch on March 8, 2018. You are not required to be present to win. Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos. In addition, the first place photo may be featured on the PALMS website (www.palakes.org) and showcased in the PALMS newsletter *What's Wet*.

Judging will be through secret ballot by PALMS conference attendees.

Submission Information:

- Photograph must have been taken by the person submitting the photo.
- Only the first 15 entries will be considered.
- No more than 2 entries per person.
- Photo must be of, or related to, ponds and lakes in Pennsylvania.
- Please submit photo electronically to info@palakes.org by 10:00am March 7, 2018.
- Please include your name, address, affiliation, photo location, and photo title in the email.
- Submissions can be either color or black & white.
- All submitted photos will become property of PALMS and may be utilized in a variety of PALMS publications. Submission of a photo signifies permission for PALMS to use the material (with credit) as desired.



Nominations Open for PALMS Board Members

The Pennsylvania Lake Management Society is now accepting nominations for its board of directors to be voted on at the 2018 annual conference. Nominations are open for the positions of President Elect, Treasurer, as well as Regional Director positions for the Eastern, Central and Western region of Pennsylvania (one for each region). Please send nominations by February 1, 2018 to Robert Schindler by e-mail to BSchindler@solitudelake.com. Please include contact information of the person being nominated so the nominating committee can ascertain if that person will accept the nomination.

Any nominations after the February 1 deadline must be made from the floor on the first day of the annual conference. All nominations from the floor, if accepted by the nominee, will be a write-in candidate next to the position for which they were nominated.



2018 PALMS Conference Travel Scholarship Application

Deadline: January 26, 2018

The funds generated from the PALMS Annual Silent Auction are being used to offer up to three scholarships of up to \$200.00 each, to anyone interested in attending the 2018 PALMS Conference. Interested attendees should complete the simple application below and return this self-addressed application to PALMS.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Lake Association Representing (If applicable) _____

College You Are Attending (If applicable) _____

College Major (If applicable) _____

Please describe why you would like to attend the 2018 PALMS Conference in 100 words or less; list a brief budget; and demonstrate your need for these funds:



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NAME OF ATTENDEE: CONTACT NAME (IF DIFFERENT):
ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION:
ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP:
WORK PHONE: CELL:
EMAIL:
SPECIAL DIETARY NEED REQUEST FOR LUNCH:

Conference Registration Fees

Conference fees include conference materials, breakfast, break refreshments, lunch, and networking opportunities. One-year membership to the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society is included with the Exhibitor Registration, Full Conference General Attendee, Full Conference Presenter, and Student registration options. Lodging and dinner costs are not included in conference fees.

- Exhibitor Registration \$225 - includes 1 full registration, 8'x8' space w/ 6'skirted table, electrical hookup
Non-Profit Display - includes 6' skirted table; no fee for space, but must register/pay as general attendee
General Attendee
Full Conference \$140 Wednesday Only \$85 Thursday Only \$85
Presenter
Full Conference \$85 Day of Presentation Only \$0
Student - special rate for high school and college students, must present student ID
Full Conference \$45 One Day \$25/day Please select which day: Wednesday Thursday
2018 Membership \$20 - if your registration selection does not include a one-year PALMS membership (see above) you can still support PALMS and receive benefits by becoming a 2018 PALMS member.

Promotional Opportunities

Break Sponsorship - PALMS is requesting that our Exhibitors consider making a contribution to help underwrite the cost of the refreshment breaks. All sponsors will receive special recognition throughout the Conference.

- Bronze (\$75) Silver (\$100) Gold (\$150) Platinum (\$200) Other: \$

Donation to Silent Auction - PALMS is seeking items for the Silent Auction to support the Scholarship Fund. Donations from individuals and companies are welcome. Suggested donations: gift certificates, sampling equipment, books, lake related products, art work, gift baskets, etc. This is a great promotional opportunity. Please bring your donation to the registration desk at the beginning of the conference.

Item(s) being donate:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Mail completed registration form and payment to:
PALMS P.O. Box 111, Huntington Mills, PA 18622.
Or register online at: www.palakes.org
Contact PALMS at 570.316.1669 or info@palakes.org.

Pennsylvania Lake Management Society Annual Awards

Nomination Criteria

The Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS) will present awards to recognize organizations and individuals that have contributed to the science of lake and watershed management in 2017. These awards were established to encourage the advancement of the principle goal of PALMS: the development of partnerships among citizens, scientists, and professionals to foster the protection and management of lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

Two awards will be presented at the 28th Annual PALMS Conference in March 2018. One award will be presented to an **organization** (association, municipality, corporation, or government agency) and one will be presented to an **individual**.

A single plaque will be given for each award, although additional certificates may be provided when several individuals are involved.

Award Nomination

Nominations should be submitted for organizations or individuals that have performed a variety of lake management activities including, but not limited to: developing or implementing a lake or watershed management program, organizing lake management efforts, developing or implementing educational programs relating to lake management, and/or developing a successful volunteer monitoring program.

To nominate an individual or organization, please provide the following information:

1. Name, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail of the person making the nomination.
2. Full name of the nominee (or project), present position, organization or affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail.
3. A 500-word (maximum), clear, concise, and complete description of the achievement to be recognized.
4. Electronic submission of the nomination information and supporting materials as a Microsoft Word document is required.

Deadline for Application – February 5, 2018
Late submissions will not be considered

E-mail your application with “Lake Management Award Nomination” in the subject line to Brian Pilarcik at brian@crawfordconservation.org

Please contact Brian Pilarcik by phone at 814-763-5269 or at brian@crawfordconservation.org if you have any questions.



PO Box 111
Huntington Mills, PA 18622

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Applicator Credits - Both Days
Panel Discussion
Concurrent Sessions - Both Days
Silent Auction & Photo Contest



2017 1st Place Photo
Painting in the Sky by Mike Longacre