

The University of Nebraska State Museum is honored to co-host the **11th Annual Meeting of the Association for Materials and Methods in Paleontology**, April 24-28, 2018, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Enjoy five days of Great Plains hospitality with your colleagues, improving (and sharing!) your professional skills.

The host committee is in the early planning stages for the meeting, but we want to share a few highlights that we have already arranged for you. Join us in Lincoln next April and help us make this the best meeting yet!

Host Hotel

Our host hotel is the [Embassy Suites](#), centrally located and within easy walking distance of the University of Nebraska campus (2 blocks), the Historic Haymarket District and several museums. This Hilton property offers spacious 2-room suites-only guest rooms with mini-fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Guests receive a complimentary cooked-to-order full breakfast every morning and can enjoy happy hour each evening with complimentary drinks and snacks! Attendees are encouraged to book their rooms at the Embassy Suites to take advantage of the perks the hotel offers and the considerably discounted room rates AMMP guests are receiving.

Area Attractions

The [University of Nebraska State Museum \(Morrill Hall\)](#) is located on campus just 5 blocks from the Embassy Suites, and the [Museum's Research Collections](#) facility (Nebraska Hall) is just 3 blocks more. Our opening reception will be held in the iconic Elephant Hall gallery of the Museum in the shadow of "Archie", the star of our Museum's logo!



The [Haymarket District](#), 2 blocks west of the Hotel, is the rejuvenated "old town" area of Lincoln and is the new entertainment hub of the city. If you can't find a cuisine or microbrew there to call your favorite, you just aren't trying! (The host committee will endure the arduous task of fully vetting every venue over the coming months and offer you our picks!) Art galleries and specialty shops round out the fare.

If you or your guests have any leisure time, explore several museums within 3 or 4 blocks of the Embassy Suites including the [Sheldon Museum of Art](#), the [Great Plains Art Museum](#), the [Nebraska History Museum](#) and the [Lincoln Children's Museum](#). If you are feeling particularly irresponsible, you can take in a movie (or 13) at the [Lincoln Grand Cinema](#) complex right across the street.

General Sessions

A full day of oral presentations and posters on all aspects of fossil preparation, conservation and collections care will featured. All attendees are invited to submit a paper to share new techniques and materials or to review basic techniques of special interest to those new to the field. Case-studies are particularly helpful and welcome. A successful meeting relies on your participation!

Symposia

Two sessions will be held on Wednesday April 25 that will focus on specific topics: Conservation of In-situ Sites, and Health and Safety. Both invited and contributed papers will be included in these sessions. These symposia are part of our general program; all are encouraged to attend and separate signup is not required.

Field Trips

Several potential field trips are being considered, including the [Ford Conservation Center](#) and the [Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#) in Omaha; the [Midwest Archaeological Center of the National Park Service](#), and the [Nebraska State Capitol Building](#) with its unique [paleontology-themed floor mosaics](#) in Lincoln. Some as-yet-undisclosed local fossil sites are also in the running.

Our premier field trip is planned for Saturday, April 28. Because the [Ashfall Fossil Beds](#) is an adventure no one should miss, it is our only event planned for our final day. Transportation for up to 50 people will be provided and in-transit showings of the Nebraska ETV Emmy-winning documentary *Paleo Sleuths* will help to pass the time. There may also be a showing of some “paleo-parody features” that will give you ample opportunity to make fun of one or two paleontologists you may know. Free on-board WiFi will also be available for those who just can’t bear to be unconnected.

At Ashfall, we will see exquisitely detailed, articulated skeletons of Miocene wildlife: Rhinos, horses, camels and other mammals, preserved in-situ in their death positions. Site taphonomy, conservation strategies and super volcanoes all will be up for discussion!

Workshops

We are in the early stages of workshop planning, so if you have any special requests please pass them along to us! We are considering basic molding and casting, advanced molding and casting techniques and materials, consolidant/adhesive topics and various preventive conservation methods. Workshop topics will be drawn from, and designed to elucidate, AMMP’s [essential competencies](#) guidelines.

Transportation

The Lincoln Airport (LNK) is located just 5 miles west of the host hotel. Embassy Suites provides free shuttle service for the short 10-minute ride to and from the airport. The Lincoln Airport is served by United and Delta airlines. The Omaha Airport (OMA) has a greater selection of flights and airlines but is 55 miles from Lincoln. As we all know, airline fares fluctuate considerably. Use your favorite booking site and set up fare alerts to take advantage of price reductions. Omaha is also served by Southwest Airlines so don’t forget to check their web site for options as well if you plan to fly into Omaha.

Weather

Lincoln's average high temperature for the week of April 24-28 is 67° F and the average low is 42° F, but weather on the Great Plains is notoriously unpredictable so plan accordingly. A shower or two would not be unusual during the week.

Full details of the meeting, registration process and call for papers will be announced by November 1, 2017. We hope to see you all in the Heartland!

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