

You are invited to attend the
**11th Annual Meeting of the
Association for Materials and Methods in Paleontology**



Co-hosted by the University of Nebraska State Museum, **April 24-28, 2018**, in Lincoln, Nebraska, this is the foremost opportunity in the United States for professional development in the discipline of fossil preparation, conservation and collections care. Enjoy five days of Great Plains hospitality with your colleagues, improving (and sharing!) your skills and experience.

Abstract Submission Deadline: ~~February 1, 2018~~

Extended to February 15th 2018

Early Registration Deadline: March 1, 2018

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General Sessions

A full day of oral presentations and posters on all aspects of fossil preparation, conservation and collections care will be 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 symposia and panel discussions will be held on Wednesday, April 25th 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 offered, including the [Ford Conservation Center](#), the [Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#) in Omaha and the [Steam Ship Bertrand](#) museum and collections.

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

Offerings on Tuesday include a full-day pre-meeting workshop led by Alan Zdinak on making jackets and cradles, a two-part workshop of molding and casting by Carrie Herbal and UNSM staff, and two sessions on Teaching the Observational and Tactile Skills Required for Fossil Preparation by Mike Eklund. Thursday features workshops/mini-courses on cast painting, virtual field trips, records conservation, cavity mounts, Lindoe Technique, organizing a volunteer program (and lunch volunteer/student roundtable and more. Details are on the AMMP web page at: <https://paleomethods.org/>

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. Don't pass up the chance to visit the Nebraska State Capitol Building with its unique [paleontology-themed floor mosaics](#).

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.

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 website 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 and registration forms can be found at the Association for Materials and Methods in Paleontology web site: <https://paleomethods.org/>. We hope to see you all in the Heartland!

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