



ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 13th North American Masonry conference, which will be held from June 16th through the 19th, 2019, in Salt Lake City.

General Guidelines

The conference seeks to provide a forum for sharing the latest advances in masonry knowledge and practice from around the world. Papers are sought on a wide array of masonry topics, such as:

- Acoustic performance and noise control
- Arches and bridges
- Architectural practices
- BIMM
- Codes and standards
- Construction practices & technology
- Design practices
- Disaster Investigation
- Dry-stack masonry
- Earthen masonry
- Education
- Energy, moisture, & thermal performance
- Existing masonry
- Fire resistance and protection
- History and preservation
- Inspection, testing, & quality assurance
- Materials and manufacturing
- Natural and cast stone
- Numerical modeling and analysis
- Operations and maintenance
- Partitions and infill
- Pavement
- Pre-stressed masonry
- Resiliency
- Seismic and limit design
- Structural practices
- Sustainability & green construction
- Veneer

Submissions to the 13th NAMC must be original; submissions cannot have been published or accepted in a journal or conference proceedings, nor presented at another conference. Submissions must not be concurrently under consideration for publication or presentation elsewhere.

Submissions may not have a commercial or marketing focus. Those interested in presenting topics which include proprietary products and technology are encouraged to participate in the [Innovative Technology Session](#). For more information or questions, please contact the Organizing Committee at 13NAMC@masonrysociety.org.

For each accepted paper, at least one author must present their findings at the conference for the paper to be included in the conference proceedings and book of abstracts. Authors who cannot attend the conference to present their findings are encouraged instead to submit their works to [TMS Journal](#) for consideration.

The language of the conference and proceedings will be English.

Abstract Submissions

Authors are invited to submit abstracts describing proposed papers no later than July 31, 2018, at the [13NAMC Paper Portal](#), which is hosted by Catalyst. Each abstract should be given a strong and clear title. Titles should be written in *sentence case* and should be 25 words or less.

Abstracts should be 100 to 300 words. Each abstract should succinctly describe the purpose of the work, the research approach, major findings, and principal conclusions. Abstracts for accepted papers will be printed separately from the paper in the Book of Abstracts, so they must be able to independently and concisely represent the topic of the papers.

Abstracts will be submitted in rich-text format by pasting the abstract text into the *Abstract Body* input field on the *Abstract* tab of the submission form. Each paragraph in the abstract should be separated by two hard returns. Mathematics, symbols, and references should not be included in the abstract. Abbreviations should be avoided if possible, otherwise, they must be defined in the abstract when they are first used.

Keyword Submission

Submitters should submit three to six keywords with each abstract to help readers search for relevant papers in the conference proceedings. Authors should select keywords that are specific and avoid the use of generic terms, such as “masonry,” that will not aid readers in identifying relevant papers from the proceedings. Similarly, abbreviations should not be used since they may have multiple or ambiguous meanings, particularly with other fields. Instead, write out the technical term in full, even if the term has a generally accepted abbreviation within the masonry community.

Acceptance Notification

Abstracts and manuscripts will be peer reviewed using rules consistent with those followed for TMS Journal, which include at least two independent reviews, and will be selected based on the following:

1. Relevance
2. Quality of Submission (submissions must be well written, clear, and concise)
3. Complete and Timely Submissions - submissions must be formatted correctly and be sent in on time. Incomplete and late submissions will not be reviewed.
4. Abstracts are scored on scientific merit, relevance, quality, and implementation.

Notifications of abstract approval will be sent out to authors by August 31, 2018. Authors of approved abstracts will be required to submit a manuscript for review by November 5, 2018. Tentative acceptance of approved final manuscripts will be sent on or before March 27, 2019. Authors of approved manuscripts must confirm which author will present the topic at the conference and that author must register for the conference by April 5, 2019. Final acceptance for publication in the conference proceedings will be sent out April 5, 2019, for approved manuscripts with a confirmed and registered presenting author. Otherwise, the manuscript will be rejected.

Due to time and space constraints, not all submissions can be selected for the conference.

Outstanding paper awards will be presented at the Conference.