

REWI Research Meetings

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General FAQs

What are REWI Research Meetings?

REWI hosts annual Research Meetings each fall that provide leading forums for sharing science, identifying research needs, and fostering collaboration at the intersection of renewable energy and wildlife conservation. The focus alternates annually between wind-wildlife and solar, wildlife, and ecosystem interactions.

- The [WWRM](#) focuses on the impacts of wind energy on wildlife and solutions to avoid, minimize, and offset risks. Held in even-numbered years.
- The [SWERM](#) centers on ecological interactions and conservation challenges tied to solar development, highlighting emerging questions and balancing conservation with solar growth. Held in odd-numbered years.

Who organizes the Research Meetings?

The Meetings are organized and presented by REWI in consultation with a multi-stakeholder Planning Committee comprising representatives from the renewable energy industry, environmental/conservation and science organizations, consultants, state and federal agencies, and subject-matter experts. If you are interested in learning more about Meeting Planning Committees, contact REWI's Outreach Manager, Megan Goldsmith (mgoldsmith@rewi.org).

What does the Planning Committee do?

Planning Committee members contribute to the overall planning process of the meeting, including the following:

- Attending three to four one-hour planning calls
- Providing ideas and feedback on:
 - Themes/topics/questions to cover
 - Meeting format
 - Sessions and moderators
- Helping to identify/recruit abstract reviewers
- Helping to identify/recruit potential sponsors
- Supporting general outreach and interest in the meeting

How do I join the Planning Committee?

If you're interested in joining the Planning Committee, please get in touch with REWI's Outreach Manager, Megan Goldsmith (mgoldsmith@rewi.org), and indicate your area of expertise and which Research Meeting (WWRM or SWERM) you'd like to participate in.

Where are Research Meetings held?

Research Meetings typically change locations every year. Please refer to the [Past WWRM](#) and [Past SWERM](#) webpages for previous locations.

Who are Research Meetings for?

REWI meetings are intended to be collaborative spaces for those involved in renewable energy development and wildlife and ecosystem conservation. Research Meetings convene academics, researchers, conservation scientists, consultants, public agencies, NGOs, and industry professionals to advance knowledge and guide responsible renewable energy development while protecting wildlife, habitats, and ecosystems. Attendees often note how REWI meetings are the one place they get to interact with such a wide breadth of stakeholders.

How many people typically attend Research Meetings?

The attendee count varies from year to year. The average number of attendees between the two meetings is approximately 350.

What is the dress code for Research Meetings?

The dress code is business casual, though optional field trips may require outdoor-appropriate clothing.

Are meals included at the Research Meetings?

Select meals are included with registration and can vary by year and location. Typically, breakfast and lunch on the two plenary session days are included in the price of registration. Snacks and light refreshments may be offered during breaks. This breakdown can vary by meeting and is subject to change.

How do you handle dietary restrictions?

Attendees can indicate dietary restrictions during registration. REWI works to select menu items to support a variety of dietary restrictions. Additionally, REWI provides individualized dietary restriction cards with meeting materials, which can be shown to banquet staff.

How can attendees request accessibility accommodations?

Attendees can request accommodations during registration or by contacting REWI (info@rewi.org). REWI will work to solidify an option that supports attendee needs and does not disrupt attendee experience.

Is there a code of conduct?

Yes. All attendees are expected to follow REWI's code of conduct to ensure a respectful, inclusive environment. This includes the following:

- Treat each other with dignity and respect, including respecting diversity of opinions and experiences.
- Critique ideas, not individuals, and assume positive intent.
- Follow the rules and policies of the event venue, REWI event partners, and relevant online platforms.

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- For more information, please refer to the Conduct & Content Sharing Policy for the [VWRM](#) and the [SWERM](#).

What are the guidelines for sharing Research Meeting content?

REWI encourages Research Meeting attendees to share their experiences with their networks while respecting the interests of presenters. In support of this goal, and aligned with the Code of Conduct, REWI has the following Content Sharing Policy for sharing meeting-related media and content:

- When summarizing the meeting for others, separate your impressions or interpretations from the information being shared.
- Refrain from taking or sharing photographs or recordings of oral presentations and posters without explicit permission from the presenting author.
- Do not quote or cite a presentation or poster without explicit permission from the presenting author, due to the preliminary nature of some of the information shared at the meeting.
- For more information, please refer to the Conduct & Content Sharing Policy for the [VWRM](#) and the [SWERM](#).

Will photos be taken during the event?

A photographer may be on site to capture sessions, networking, and event highlights. Photos may be used in future REWI communications and materials. Organizations interested in supporting this service may also choose to sponsor the event photographer as part of their meeting sponsorship.

What is REWI's photo/video policy?

By participating in or attending a REWI-hosted event, you acknowledge that REWI may take photos, video recordings, and/or audio recordings of you while at a REWI-hosted event. These photos and/or recordings of you, your image, or likeness, are for REWI use and may appear on the REWI website, newsletters, social media platforms, or future REWI promotional material. REWI may also share photos and/or recordings with news organizations for publication online, in print, or broadcast. By participating in or attending a REWI-hosted event, you consent to the use of your image, likeness, and/or voice in all such material without compensation and in perpetuity.

For more information, please refer to the Conduct & Content Sharing Policy for the [VWRM](#) and the [SWERM](#).

What is the registration cancellation policy?

If you need to cancel your registration, you may do so up to three weeks before the meeting and receive a refund minus a \$100 administrative fee. Cancellations after that date are not refundable, but you may request a substitution for someone from your same company or organization. To cancel or substitute a registration, submit your request in writing to the meeting management team.

Scientific Program FAQs

How does REWI plan the agenda?

REWI plans the agenda through a Call for Proposals and Call for Abstracts. The Call for Proposals invites ideas for workshops, coordinated sessions, and field trips, while the Call for Abstracts solicits individual research presentations on renewable energy and wildlife topics. Accepted proposals become optional pre-meeting workshops, live sessions, or optional post-meeting field trips. Accepted abstracts are scheduled as live talks within a session, on-demand pre-recorded presentations, or in-person posters. REWI also selects external reviewers based on their scientific expertise and familiarity with the topic areas included in the Call for Abstracts. These external reviewers evaluate each abstract using a standardized set of criteria to ensure fair and consistent scoring across all submissions.

What is the Call for Proposals?

The Call for Proposals is REWI's process for collecting ideas for workshops, coordinated sessions, and field trips, then reviewing them for relevance and value to our research meetings before selecting those that best support member learning and collaboration. A separate Call for Abstracts is released after the Call for Proposals.

What is the Call for Abstracts?

The Call for Abstracts is REWI's process for inviting short research summaries, reviewing them for scientific relevance to wind or solar-wildlife issues, and selecting presenters for live session talks, on-demand talks, or posters.

How do I become a speaker at the Research Meeting?

Potential speakers can submit an abstract via REWI's Call for Abstracts process. More information will be available during the Call for Abstracts process, usually in early spring.

What is a coordinated session at the Research Meeting?

A coordinated session provides a forum for sharing information with attendees and/or facilitating dialogue among speakers. A typical coordinated session will consist of four to six presentations followed by audience Q&A. REWI will assist in the planning and logistics of coordinated sessions. Individuals who would like to assemble a coordinated session should refer to the Call for Proposals process, which will be available in early spring.

What are the presentation guidelines?

Accepted presenters will receive instructions on slide formatting, timing, and technology requirements. Presenters typically give short, focused talks (usually 10–15 minutes) and may use PowerPoint slides to support their presentation. Speakers are encouraged to submit their slides in advance for basic review and to ensure smooth transitions during the session.

Will sessions be recorded?

REWI's research meetings are typically hybrid, with all sessions live-streamed for virtual attendees and recorded. Registered attendees will have access to recordings for a set period after the meeting concludes.

What are workshops at REWI Research Meetings?

Workshops are optional, structured, interactive sessions designed to guide participants through a focused process or provide training on a specific topic, skill, or method. They may involve one or more instructors and are often highly collaborative. External organizations can submit workshop proposals through REWI's Call for Proposals. Attendance requires an additional registration fee to cover workshop costs; workshop organizers do not need to register for their own session.

What are field trips at REWI Research Meetings?

Field trips are optional off-site activities that provide hands-on learning and networking opportunities. External organizations may propose a field trip through REWI's Call for Proposals. Organizers are fully responsible for planning, managing, and covering all associated costs, which may include transportation, staffing, equipment, permits, site fees, meals, or other expenses. REWI does not fund, subsidize, or reimburse field trip costs. Field trips require an additional attendee registration fee set by REWI to manage participation and cover logistics costs.

Sponsoring & Exhibiting FAQs

What are sponsors at REWI Research Meetings?

Meeting sponsors provide financial support for REWI's Research Meetings and receive visibility and exhibit space during the event, but they do not influence the agenda or abstract selection process. For a full list of sponsor benefits and opportunities, please visit our Meeting webpages ([WWRM](#) and [SWERM](#)).

What are exhibitors at REWI Research Meetings?

Exhibitors participate in the meeting by hosting a dedicated table that serves as a central hub for showcasing their tools, services, or research and for engaging with attendees throughout the event. Exhibit booths offer steady foot traffic, opportunities for informal conversations, and space for demonstrations or small meet-ups. Exhibitors do not influence the agenda or abstract selection process. For details on exhibitor opportunities and logistics, please visit our Meeting webpages ([WWRM](#) & [SWERM](#)).