

## SEERS Fall 2014 Meeting Announcement

**The Fall 2014 SEERS meeting will be on beautiful Carolina Beach, NC on 6-8 November 2014**, (Thurs – Sat) at the oceanfront Courtyard by Marriott Carolina Beach. Amanda Kahn Dickens, from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, is our gracious local host. Make your plans now to attend!

The meeting will start Thursday evening November 6<sup>th</sup>, with sponsor presentations and a poster session reception. The meeting will continue all day Friday (November 7th) and Saturday (November 8th) morning with presentations. Posters can remain up the entire time, although judging of student posters will occur on Thursday evening.

### ***Registration Deadlines:***

The deadline for regular price registration, abstract submission, and student travel award applications is **Friday, October 10th at 5:00 pm**. After this date and time, late registrations **without** abstracts will be accepted until **November 1st** for an additional \$15 per registrant. Go to <http://www.seers.org/next-meeting/> to register. Abstract submission is part of the registration process.

### ***Registration Prices:***

Full meeting registration prices include the Thursday poster session reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, Friday and Saturday breakfast for all attendees, regardless if they are hotel guests, Friday lunch and evening banquet, coffee breaks each day, and the program book. Additional banquet tickets for guests may be purchased.

student member registration	\$75	
student registration + 2015 membership		\$90
student non-member registration	\$95	
regular member registration	\$150	
regular registration + 2015 membership		\$170
regular non-member registration	\$180	
one day registration, no banquet	\$80	
extra banquet ticket	\$30	
late registration fee (from Oct. 10-Nov 1)	\$15 added to above registration fee	

### ***Membership:***

Please see the SEERS Membership page regarding costs and options. SEERS dues are for a calendar year, but we are offering 2015 membership when registering for the fall meeting.

### ***Cancellation Policy:***

After registering, if you are not able to attend the meeting, we encourage you to send a substitute attendee in your place. You may substitute at any time, even on-site at the time of the meeting. If you must cancel, a refund of meeting registration (less a \$10 cancellation fee) may be requested up to November 1st. No refunds will be issued for cancellation after November 1st. Membership dues are not refundable.

### ***Abstract Submission:***

Abstracts for oral or poster presentations should highlight scientific research and/or education/outreach in the field of estuarine science. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, October 10th at 5:00pm**, with no extensions. Abstracts are submitted during the registration process, which can be done at <http://www.seers.org/next-meeting/>. Abstracts are limited to 250 words.

The list of authors of the abstract will need to be provided at the time of submission. Please format as Author 1, Institution; Author 2, Institution, and so on. Graduate student authors should be denoted with a single asterisk (\*) after the respective last name, while undergraduate authors should be denoted with double asterisks (\*\*) after the respective last name. Each abstract may be submitted only once for presentation at the conference, i.e., an abstract with multiple authors needs to have one designated presenter.

***Oral Presentations:***

Oral presentations are limited to a 15 minute time block, which includes a 12 minute talk and 3 minutes for questions. Presentations should be prepared in a Windows compatible format (ppt or pdf).

***Poster Presentations:***

Posters are limited to a maximum size of 48 x 48 in (horizontal or landscape layout is preferred). All posters are eligible for the 3-3 Award, which recognizes clarity and conciseness. Students are asked to do the judging. More information about the award is available [here](#).

***Sponsorship:***

Meeting sponsorship supports student attendance and travel to our meetings. Sponsorship inquiries can be directed to any SEERS Board member. Contact the Treasurer for payment options. [dickensa@uncw.edu](mailto:dickensa@uncw.edu)

***Student Travel Awards:***

SEERS is offering up to five student travel awards of \$150 each to qualifying students presenting at the fall meeting in Carolina Beach. More information and the student travel award application form, due by October 10th, may be found [here](#).

***Lodging and Travel:***

A block of rooms is available at the Courtyard by Marriott Carolina Beach at **\$89/night. Rooms must be booked by October 10th**. Call to make a reservation and use the group name “SEERS-UNCW Department of Biology & Marine Biology” or use the following link:

[Book your group rate: SEERS-UNCW Department of Biology & Marine Biology >>](#)

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