

The American Society of Naturalists

Proposals for Symposia at the
ASN stand-alone meeting in Long Island 2027

Due April 30, 2026

The American Society of Naturalists will be holding an East Coast meeting in 2027 ([announcement](#) here) in Glen Cove, New York, to hold our stand-alone conference – **Long Island 2027** – on 8-12 January 2027!

Have an idea for a special symposium? We want to hear it!

The ASN Symposium Committee invites you to submit proposals for a special symposium. Proposed symposium topics should support the Society's goal to advance the conceptual unification of the biological sciences and to further knowledge in evolution, ecology, behavior, and organismal biology. Topics could center around important emerging issues in evolution, ecology, or behavior or focus on a pivotal historical paper, tracing its impact and exploring current cutting-edge research inspired by this work. A budget of up to \$5,000 is available to defray travel, registration, and lodging costs for speakers.

Proposals should include (1) a title; (2) a description of the symposium topic (up to one page); (3) a list of six speakers, including institutional affiliations, who have agreed to participate in the symposium; (4) a justification for the symposium, explaining why the topic and speakers are appropriate for an ASN symposium (up to one page).

Please submit proposals by email (cas383@miami.edu) no later than midnight Eastern Time on April 30, 2026. Send your proposal as a single pdf attachment, under subject heading "ASN Long Island 2027 Symposium Proposal".

In line with the ASN's commitment to diversity, we encourage including speakers from groups who have been historically excluded from STEM. Therefore, proposals that include a diverse list of speakers from a range of backgrounds, institutions, career stages, geography, gender, race, etc. are especially encouraged. The Society's selection committee will evaluate proposals based on their potential to attracting substantial audience and stimulate discussion, the significance and timeliness of the topic, and on the topic's differing substantively from recent symposia hosted by the Society. Applicants will be notified of the decision before the end of May 2026.

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