

Great Plains Network 2023 Annual Meeting

Conference Guidelines

The Great Plains Network 2023 Annual Meeting is a professional conference where there is every expectation that attendees, sponsors, speakers, and staff conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of each other. We want the conference to be a safe and productive environment for everyone. To that end, these guidelines spell out the behavior we support and don't support at the conference.

HARASSMENT AND OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR

We do not condone harassment or offensive behavior at our conference. We invite you to help us make each GPN conference a place that is welcoming and respectful to all participants, regardless of race, color, gender, gender identity and expression, ancestry, age, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, disability, protected veteran status, national origin, ethnicity, religion, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law. So that everyone can focus on the conference itself, and the great networking and community richness that happens when we get together in person, we will not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form—in person or online.

CRITICAL COMMENTARY

We value the individuals, institutions, and companies who attend, participate in, and sponsor all GPN conferences. We ask that all attendees refrain from making derogatory, demeaning, or overly critical comments of anyone, especially any others attending the conference, including our sponsors who make the conference possible financially.

COMPLIANCE

We expect all participants—attendees, speakers, sponsors, and volunteers—to follow these guidelines during the conference. This includes conference-related social events at off-site locations, and in related online communities and social media. Participants asked to stop any harassing or disruptive behavior are expected to comply immediately. Conference participants violating these guidelines will be asked to leave the conference without a refund and/or will be banned from future GPN events, at the discretion of GPN.

REPORTING

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of conference staff immediately, or contact GPN's Executive Director, James Deaton at jed@greatplains.net.

We thank our participants for your help in keeping the event welcoming, respectful, and friendly to all.

Personal Data Usage

Great Plains Network collects the following personal data from Annual Meeting attendees for meeting-related purposes.

- Name (First and Last)
- Email Address
- Organization Name
- Job Title

The collected personal data is used in the following ways.

- The personal data is used for meeting planning by GPN and associated event staff.
- The personal data is shared with registered meeting sponsors for the purposes of contacting attendees about products, services, events, or offers. Attendees may opt-out of personal data sharing with sponsors during the registration purchase process by contacting event staff no later than two weeks following the meeting dates.
- The personal data is used for marketing messages and newsletters for current and future annual meetings.

COVID Related Guideline Information

We reserve the right to postpone or cancel if needed due to public health conditions or other conditions beyond GPN's control.

We reserve the right to require health and safety measures as required by CDC, the Missouri Department of Health, or public health entities, under GPN / University of Missouri policy, or by the venue.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending the event, the attendee voluntarily assumes all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and releases GPN, the University of Missouri, and their trustees, employees, officers, and agents from any liability associated with COVID-19.

For any questions, please contact a member of conference staff, or contact GPN's Executive Director, James Deaton at jed@greatplains.net.