Field Conference of Pennsylvania Geologists

Author Guidelines

If you do not meet the submission deadline (July 31, 2023) your article will not be included in the FCOPG publications.

Items to include in article submission:

- Article title
- Article citation
- Author name(s), title, affiliation, email
  - For example: Ellen Fehrs, Senior Geoscientist, Pennsylvania Bureau of Geological Survey, efehrs@pa.gov
  - Author name is required—title, affiliation, and email are suggested
- At least two peer reviewers are required: List reviewer names, titles, affiliations, emails
  - For example: Article peer reviewed by (1) Jackson Galaxy, Cat Guru, University of Cat Studies, jaxgalaxy@cat.edu and (2) Cesar Millan, Dog Whisperer, Canine Lovers, Inc., cmillan@canineloinc.com
- Article text
- Numbered figures with captions (in text document the resolution of these images does not have to be great)
  - The images included in-text are for reference and organizing captions/figure numbers; they are intended to work as representative thumbnails, and will NOT be published
- Original figure files in full resolution (e.g. PNG, JPG, TIF) (in separate folder, see below)

- In the folder for your figures, include a stop leader photo (This will be printed next to your author byline. If you would prefer not to have an author photo, you do not need to submit one. This does not have to be a formal headshot, see examples below.)
Guidebook VS. Road Log Articles:

Guidebook Article

- Should be written first
- At least 2 peer reviews required
- Intended to provide a detailed look at subject matter
- Not necessarily intended to be read in the field / during a field stop

Road Log Article

- Should be “written” second—this is effectively the guidebook article edited down to 4 pages (including figures) to present only the highlights of the stop
- Only field stops get a road log article—articles that are not paired with a stop will not be included in the road log

*** The road log is intended to be a field aid, and the guidebook is intended to be a reference!

Suggestions for images:

- Include all images as full resolution, original format in the imagery/figure folder submitted with your article.
  - Screenshots, copy/paste, and the Snipping Tool are handy when organizing images and captions in the text doc, but the editor would like the highest resolution possible when it comes to publication.
  - If you need help with this, contact the editor! They can show you how to save images from digital documents or advise you on how to digitize images from printed works.

Suggestions for text:

- The editor will format all text for the guidebook and road log articles in order to create a uniform and polished final product: this means that you should prioritize content over formatting.