

# Call for Papers

New England Mineral Association's Annual Conference (NEMC)

May 15, 2026 • Technical Session – Friday

Deadline for Submission – March 20, 2026

## Please read this CFP carefully.

The New England Mineral Association is soliciting abstracts for short papers in topics of specimen mineralogy, including species mineralogy, topographic mineralogy, crystallography, history of mineralogy, and issues of mineral curation. ***The information in the abstract cannot have been published elsewhere at the time of presentation at the Conference.***

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed and accepted or rejected by a panel consisting of Al Falster, Skip Simmons, Karen Webber, Carl Francis, and Sarah Hanson. We will try to accommodate all accepted papers as platform talks at the NEMC. All accepted abstracts will be published in *Mineral News*, in the NEMC Program Notes, and on the NEMA website and Geoscience Portal.

## Guidelines for Abstracts

**Presenting Author:** Each abstract submitted must have a different presenting author. Normally this means one first-authored abstract per person. In unusual circumstances one person might be permitted to present two abstracts during the session.

**Length:** *Maximum of 600 words.* If you ignore this limit and editing cannot reduce your abstract, it may be rejected.

**Figures:** *Maximum of 2 figures.*

### **Submission:**

**By email** – Send text as both MS Word AND PDF files. Figures must be high-resolution jpg or tiff files. Email to [afalster@mainemineralmuseum.org](mailto:afalster@mainemineralmuseum.org). If your figure files are too large to send via standard email, use Google Drive.

## Projected Timeline

- 1) Abstracts received by 20 March 2026.
- 2) Notification to authors by 6 April 2026.
- 3) Final editorial changes due 14 April 2026.
- 4) Printed in *Mineral News*, and posted on the NEMA website and Geoscience Portal following the Conference.

## Abstract Format

**New Discoveries of Tourmaline at the Havey Quarry, Poland, ME.** *Encar Roda-Robles, et al.*, Blue Line Mining Tales, 18K Golden Way, NYC, NY, 12345.

In the 2014 summer mining season, nine new pockets were discovered containing a total of 2000 cts of high-quality gem tourmaline...

## Abstract Format, cont'd

- Note: the name of the presenting author is underlined
- The name, address, phone number, and email address of the presenting author should be added to the bottom of the abstract
- Twelve-point Times Roman is our font standard
- Include figure captions after the text as appropriate

## Presentation

**Digital Projection:** Please use PowerPoint. Digital projectors will be available, and we will provide a shared Windows machine for PowerPoint presentations. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, presenters will need to coordinate with our audio-visual team prior to the beginning of the first presentation.

**Length:** The technical session is divided into 15-minute blocks. Plan on a 12-minute presentation with 3 minutes to answer questions from the audience.

## Suggestions About Text Style

The most common editorial issue in abstracts is the use of technical terms without adequate explanation. Remember your audience for these abstracts is a mix of professionals and amateurs. Please either define technical terms or use simpler alternatives. Unusual abbreviations should be defined the first time they are used. Thank you.

## Summary

- Prepare abstract as a Word file and a pdf file and submit both.
- Include up to 2 figures (with captions).
- Submit by e-mail
- Include the following for Presenting Author:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - Email address

*Only one abstract per presenting author.*