



Updates

May, 2024

Hello SASTE associates!

Conference planning and preparation for the 2024 SASTE meeting is in full swing, and we look forward to seeing you in Long Beach, MS! See below for information on how to submit a proposal for the conference and other pertinent SASTE information.

SASTE 2024 Annual Meeting

October 4-6

Date: October 4-6, 2024

Theme: Embracing the Edge: Cultivating Wonder, Fostering Fearlessness, and Daring Vulnerability in Science Education

More information:

Our conference this year will be held at the [University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus](#) in Long Beach, MS. Join us on Friday evening for a welcome social, where we will have an opportunity to reconnect and meet community members engaged in science education under the beautiful live oaks on the front lawn of the campus. Our conference presentations will take place on Saturday, and we will have an opportunity for networking events on Sunday. More details to follow on local happenings and meeting events and news in our Summer Newsletter.

Rooms have been blocked for two nearby hotels for October 2-7, 2024, and we encourage you to make reservations soon, as they will fill up quickly. Both beachfront properties have free WiFi, parking, and a breakfast buffet.

- The [Inn at Long Beach](#) is 1.4 miles from campus and has rooms blocked for \$124 + tax. To make your reservation at this hotel using our conference room rate, call the hotel at 228-864-5440 and ask for the USM Conference group rate.
- The [Holiday Inn Express Gulfport Beach](#) is 1.7 miles from campus and has rooms blocked for \$189/night + tax. Use [this link](#) to make your reservation at this hotel using our conference room rate.

Submit Conference Proposals by August 15, 2024

As in previous years, the SASTE 2024 meeting will be hybrid. However, the MS Gulf Coast offers a variety of different cultural, environmental, and social experiences that you won't want to miss! Plus, the annual [Cruisin' the Coast](#) event begins October 6, so if you love antique, classic, and hot rod vehicles (as well as many other unique and vintage cars), you will likely see your fill as cruisers come in early to prepare for the event.

When choosing your participation format, please consider the following:

- Choosing the hybrid format is a risk individuals take. SASTE will not provide a refund if the internet connection is interrupted.
- Conference fees will be the same for virtual and in-person attendees to support increased technology needs for the hybrid model.
- Virtual presentations will ONLY be available for live synchronous presentations. We will not accept or allow pre-recorded video presentations.

Submit proposals [here](#), due August 15, 2024.

Membership and Registration

To register for the annual SASTE conference, simply complete this [registration form](#). Each person planning to attend must fill out a separate form.

The registration fees are as follows:

Faculty/Higher Ed. Admin Fee: \$125.00

College student/K-12 teacher/School Admin/Retired Higher Ed: \$75.00

Membership Fees: \$75.00

Membership is complimentary for all individuals who register for the annual conference. Therefore, no membership dues are collected for those who have updated registration fees.

You can use the following QR code to pay if you have a personal PayPal account.



Being a part of the SASTE community is a privilege, and we want to make your experience as smooth as possible. Paying via Paypal is the most efficient method for using procurement cards associated with your institution. However, if you prefer to use a check, you can send it to Jennifer Stark, 11000 University Pkwy., Building 85, Room 196, Pensacola, FL 32514. Please email jstark@uwf.edu with the check number and first and last names of the person(s) for whom the payment is made when you mail it. Once registration and payment are complete, you will receive an email notifying you of your status. For any registration questions or if you need a printable form for institutional reimbursement, please don't hesitate to contact the SASTE Secretary-Treasurer, Jstark@uwf.edu.

Regional Award & Election Nominations Due Sept. 15

During the 2024 regional meeting, we will hold an election for the next SASTE President-Elect. This is a significant appointment that helps shape the future of our organization, and your voice matters. Self-nominations are accepted for President-Elect, and all nominees must be current members of SASTE. Information about the duties of SASTE officers can be found on the [SASTE bylaws page](#).

SASTE offers several prestigious awards, including the John Shrum Award, Deborah Tippins Mentor Award, Rod Nave Award, Eddie Griffen Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Position Paper, and Outstanding Faculty Position Paper. [These awards](#) are a testament to your hard work and dedication.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and submit a position paper! Position paper guidelines can be found on the Nominations Form below.

Regional award nominations and election nominations can be submitted using [this form](#). Please submit all nominations and position papers by September 15.

Awards and Recognition

Let us all recognize and celebrate the closing of the Spring 2024 semester. Congratulations to all graduates associated with SASTE and the SASTE membership for their continued dedication and efforts in leading and mentoring future science educators.

Submit future recognition! Have you recently published something our SASTE membership would want to read? Successfully defended your dissertation? Presenting your science teacher education research at other conferences? Earned Tenure and/or Promotion? Have other

successes you want to share? We want to hear it! Send all awards and recognition information to Rachel Gisewhite at rachel.gisewhite@usm.edu. For the summer newsletter, submit by June 30. For the fall newsletter, submit by October 10.

Other News

Nominations for ASTE Awards I, II and III are due June 1, 2024. Please consider nominating someone you consider a leader or mentor: <https://theaste.org/awards/>

Award I: Outstanding Science Teacher Educator of the Year

Award II: Outstanding Mentor

Award III: Outstanding Longtime Service to ASTE

Are you attending the [NSTA conference](#) in New Orleans this fall? Several members of the SASTE Leadership Team plan to be there as well! We are planning a SASTE meet-up in New Orleans for those attending NSTA and would love to see you there—more details to follow.

Submit future announcements! If there is news you'd like to share with our membership in upcoming newsletters, send it to Rachel Gisewhite at rachel.gisewhite@usm.edu. For the summer newsletter, submit by June 30. For the fall newsletter, submit by October 10.

Social Media Connections & Closing Remarks

If you are not already a member of our [Facebook group](#), please join us!

Enjoy your summer! Please email Rachel Gisewhite at rachel.gisewhite@usm.edu if you have any questions or ideas you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Your SASTE Leadership Team:

President: Dr. Rachel Gisewhite, University of Southern Mississippi

President-Elect: Dr. Natalie King, Georgia State University

Past-President: Dr. Joshua Ellis, Florida International University

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Jennifer Stark, University of West Florida

Technology Support: Dr. Stacey Britton, University of West Georgia

ASTE Regional Representative: Dr. Stacey Britton, University of West Georgia