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**Vision for Discovery: Geology and Ore Deposits of the Basin and Range**

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- i) Including all words in figures and references, manuscripts must
  - (1) contain no fewer than 2,000 words and
  - (2) not exceed 20,000 words. **(Strictly Enforced!)**
  - (3) Abstracts should be limited to 500 words. The 500 words do not include title, Author or Affiliation:

**5) Text format**

- i) Text (and tables) are to

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- (1) be submitted as Microsoft Word (\*.doc or docx) files and
- (2) use
  - (a) Arial 12pt font, **(This font !)**
  - (b) flush left justified and ragged right margins
  - (c) no indentation of the first line of paragraphs
  - (d) single-line spacing within text
  - (e) double-line spacing between paragraphs.

### **6) Text Layout**

- i) The first page must state only:
  - (1) the title
  - (2) authors' names and affiliations
  - (3) the e-mail, US mail address and phone numbers of the corresponding author
  - (4) a short-running title (2-5 words) for subsequent page headings.
- ii) The second page must include:
  - (1) an abstract (a summary of the manuscript not exceeding 500 words)
  - (2) a list of a maximum of 6 keywords.
  - (3) Latitude and Longitude of central point of subject area unless not a geographic subject.
  - (4) Proposed format(s): Abstract, talk, poster or core shed presentation.
- iii) Third and subsequent pages are to contain:
  - (1) Main text, broken into sections and paragraphs, along with any supporting tables and figures.
  - (2) Headings for each section—only three ranks of headings for a paper's heading will be accommodated—all text, including headings, is to be in Arial 12pt—as follows:
    - (a) FIRST ORDER (centered, bold, capital letters)**
    - (b) Second Order (left justified, bold)**
    - (c) *Third Order* (left justified, italics),
  - (3) Callouts for figures and tables (e.g., "Fig.1 near here" or "Table 1 near here") not imbedded in the text are to be included on a separate line between paragraphs in the main text.
  - (4) Acknowledgments
    - (a) are to be limited to one short paragraph and
    - (b) placed at the end of the main text and immediately before the references, and
  - (5) References
    - (a) are to be the last section of the paper and
    - (b) use the formats currently employed by the Utah Geological Survey (see pages 16 to 21 of "Guide for the preparation of reports for the Utah Geological Survey, Third edition" by Michael D. Hylland et. al (which can be downloaded at <http://files.geology.utah.gov/online/c/c-105.pdf>)

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### **7) Illustrations, Tables, Equations and Formulas**

- i. Use pages 22 through 29 of “Guide for the preparation of reports for the Utah Geological Survey, Third edition” by Michael D. Hylland et. al (which can be downloaded at <http://files.geology.utah.gov/online/c/c-105.pdf>)
- ii. Tables of Contents and Lists of Figures/Illustrations are not to be included.

### **8) Matters of Style for Abbreviations, Acronyms, Symbols, Capitalization, Divisions of Geologic Time, Geographic Names, Geologic Maps, Italics, Lists, Numbers, Punctuation, Quotations and Units of Measurements**

- i. Use pages 31 to 55 and Appendixes D, E and F of “Guide for the preparation of reports for the Utah Geological Survey, Third edition” by Michael D. Hylland et. al (which can be downloaded at <http://files.geology.utah.gov/online/c/c-105.pdf>)

### **9) Abstract and Manuscript First Drafts**

- i) Abstracts must be submitted  
(1) by **May 31, 2019**  
(2) via: [gsnsymposium.org](http://gsnsymposium.org)
- ii) Final abstracts must be submitted by **February 1, 2020** to be included in the *Printed Program with Abstracts*.
- iii) First draft manuscripts for referee must be submitted by **November 30, 2019** via [gsnsymposium.org](http://gsnsymposium.org)

### **10)Editing**

- i) Technical and Editorial Committees retain the right to accept or reject all abstracts or papers. Contact the Eric Struhsacker at [estruhsacker@2020gsnsymposium.com](mailto:estruhsacker@2020gsnsymposium.com) if you have a question of the suitability of an Abstract/Paper
- ii) All papers will be peer reviewed and returned to authors for revision.
- iii) Abstracts will be returned to the corresponding author generally with 6-8 weeks of receipt with comments and requests for revisions, if necessary.
- iv) Reviewed manuscripts will be returned to the corresponding author before **January 15, 2020** for final revision.
- v) All enquiries concerning these Guidelines or other aspects of the editing and publication process can be e-mailed to **Fleetwood Koutz** [Fleetrk@aol.com](mailto:Fleetrk@aol.com), 775-750-6201.

### **11)Authors' Final Draft**

- i) All final, revised, vetted drafts must be submitted in digital format by **March 31, 2020** so that the Proceedings can be published prior to the Symposium. Early submission is strongly encouraged.
- ii) Final drafts are to be either as

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  - (a) text (\*.doc or \*.docx), table (\*.doc or \*.docx), and figure (\*.tif, jpg,) files combined in separate zip files and
  - (b) all file names should include the lead author's name and a short title (e.g., jones-elko-txt.docx; jones-elko-tbl.zip, jones-elko-whetherfig.zip).
- (2) or sent on a digital disc or memory stick (thumb drive) by post or courier service to the GSN 2020 Symposium Editors, Geological Society of Nevada, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Room 107  
Reno, NV 89512.

### **12) General Suggestions**

- i) Indicate if Abstract/Paper is for Talk, Symposium Volume, Poster Session, Core Shed, Field Trip or some combination (on Mss. page 2). The Technical Committee will decide on where/how is paper is to be presented. Many Student Theses might be best primarily presented in the Poster Sessions to allow for extra discussions.
- ii) Include the Mining District, Mtn Range, Basin or Playa name, County and State in the Title if on a geographic area.
- iii) Please limit number of contributing authors to five (5). More than this and the Exploration VP in Vancouver may be included in Acknowledgements or as e.g.: "Savage Mine Staff." All Authors should read, edit and revise Mss. at various points.
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- v) Authors should Spell-Check the Mss. and double check that Figures, Tables, Photographs are clear and readable and referred to in the text. Authors should also double check that the Reference List matches exactly each Citation in the text or Figures.
- vi) If in doubt of the suitability of the Paper for the Symposium, contact the Technical Committee or Session Chairmen. Papers such as "*Stray Cats of the Basin and Range*" will probably be rejected unless the felines are saber-toothed. Likewise talks on "*Massive Sulfides of Poland*" are best presented elsewhere.
- vii) Papers are encouraged on many geological subjects in or near the total Basin and Range, not just on Mineral Deposits. Papers on analytical methods, geochemistry, geophysics, hydrology, geothermal, energy, mineralogy, geochronology, paleontology, regional structure, geomorphology, etc. will be considered if they have application to the title of this symposium.
- viii) Students who are just starting Thesis Work in 2018/19 and do not expect to complete until into 2020 or later are encouraged to submit a "place-holder" Draft Abstract ("Thesis Proposal") with interim results to

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be presented finalized by applicable Deadlines. This also applies to work by other professionals in progress.

- ix) Communicate your progress on writing/revision to the Technical/Editing Committees. Some minor exceptions can be made to Deadlines if communicated early. Changes to Final Galleys are expensive.