



WEFTEC® SPEAKER CHECKLIST

Below is a quick reference checklist of all key deadlines. Keep this for your records. If you want more information on any of the steps, please see the following pages.

For each step of the process, you will receive a new email with instructions (from speakers@wef.org) OR you can login to the Speaker Ready Room online portal anytime: <https://ww3.aievolution.com/wef1801/>

- **April 3 – April 17:** Confirm participation
- **April 3 – May 30:** Update list of co-authors (if applicable) and presentation/manuscript title
- **April 25 – May 30:** Enter bio and upload CV
- **June 4-28:** Electronic signature by primary author and all co-authors for the License Agreement
- **June 4-28:** Final manuscript – submitted in accordance with all guidelines
- **Late August/early September (date TBD):** Upload presentation to the Presentation Management System.
- **October 1-3:** Attend Onsite Speaker Briefing for your session (*schedule provided later in document*).

WEFTEC® SPEAKER INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES

Confirmation of Participation

Due: April 17

You will need to either decline or accept the invitation to speak by April 17 in the online Speaker Ready Room portal. If you do not click on either option by this date, we will assume you do not want to participate and will move up others on the program into the slot originally intended for you.

Your participation has been confirmed for all roles appearing in the online speaker ready room portal. Please only contact us regarding your participation if you need to withdraw, by emailing speakers@wef.org.

Updating Paper Title, List of Authors/Confirmation of Speaker

Due: May 30

Should you wish to change your presentation title or need to add co-authors (if you are submitting a manuscript), click “Edit Title and Authors” in the blue toolbar at the top of the page in the online Speaker Ready Room portal.

Please note that the presentation title and author list will be reflected in the onsite program based on the information provided in the online system. You have until May 30th to make changes for the onsite program. After that date, we will not accept any changes to the co-authors. This list also MUST be accurate for license agreement purposes because each co-author will be signing electronically. There are no exceptions and no paper forms!!

Conference Registration

Open NOW!

All presenters must register and pay appropriate fees. WEF members receive the best rates, so make sure you are a WEF member to take advantage of the benefits. The easiest way to register and reserve your hotel is online at <http://www.weftec.org/>.

Speaker Biography

Due: May 30

Please enter a biography (100 words or less) in the online Speaker Ready Room portal. This information will be used in advance publicity for the conference, as well as by your Session Moderator to introduce you.

Speaker Resume or CV

Due: May 30

WEF values the ability to attain continuing education approvals for WEFTEC technical sessions. We work very hard to apply for these approvals with a vast number of state agencies representing a growing number of professional license categories, most notably Operators and Engineers. WEF does this as a service to our attendees.

A growing number of approval boards have tightened their approval requirements by requiring WEF to provide Resumes/CV's for speakers. We ask for your assistance with this task by simply uploading a copy of your existing Resume/CV file in the online Speaker Ready Room portal. These files are for official, internal use only and will not be made available to the public or used for any other purpose.

License Agreement

Due: June 28

If you are providing a manuscript to WEF for inclusion in the proceedings, you MUST complete the complete the **License Agreement** (available June 4th – June 28th) in the online Speaker Ready Room portal. This form will protect both WEF and the authors. You, as the authors, will maintain the copyright and provide WEF with an exclusive license until WEFTEC 2019 so that we can use your paper in the proceedings and other publications. After that it will be a non-exclusive license so that we can keep it in the online proceedings and provide access for the future.

You will receive an email in early June when we are ready to begin collecting electronic signatures on the license agreements for you and all co-authors.

Please note: It is imperative that you enter the correct email addresses for your co-authors in the online Speaker Ready Room portal by May 30th so that the electronic notification/collection for your co-authors' license agreements is possible. We are not able to accept paper forms and all co-authors must sign the electronic license agreement.

Manuscript**Due: June 28**

All invited speakers are encouraged to prepare either an abstract of about 2 pages or a full manuscript for the WEFTEC proceedings no later than June 28th. *You will receive an email in early June when we are ready to begin collecting manuscripts.* You cannot upload it prior to receiving this email, however you can start preparing the manuscript at any time. Note that we need your manuscript as a Word document (not a PDF). Please review the WEF Scholarship notes and appropriately cite all references according to manuscript guidelines. These can be found at <http://www.weftec.org/PresenterInformation/>

Notice of Withdrawal**Due: Immediately Upon Determination**

If you need to withdraw, please email speakers@wef.org with the author/speaker name, presentation title and time, and session number and title.

Items Due at WEFTEC

Presentation Information

The system to capture your slides will open in late August for those who want to upload early. Further details and deadlines will be provided in the summer. We use a separate system with our vendor, Freeman AV, however, the email will come from speakers@wef.org. WEF will provide an optional slide template that will be available in the online Speaker Ready Room portal and www.weftec.org/presenterinformation. Should you choose to create your own template, we encourage you to select a background color that provides good contrast to your font and graphics. Complicated Graphics, data tables, or all text slides should be avoided. Please use citations for un-original graphics, data, or information. So that WEF may continue to offer Continuing Education credits for the Technical Program, it is our policy that logos should not be used in presentations at WEF Conferences. If it is your employer's policy to use the logo in presentations, placement may be on the first and last slide only. **This means that absolutely NO LOGOS of any type may be used on any slides other than the first and last slide!**

Please pay close attention to your presentation time in the online Speaker Ready Room portal. Not every slot is for 30 minutes! WEF is changing up the educational formats so that the content and delivery formats stay current with best practices. The time allotted for you includes the Moderator introduction and a Q&A period after you speak. Your actual presentation should be 5-10 minutes shorter than your allotted time. Please note that the "Presented During Time:" is the entire session time – your allotted time will not be longer than 30 minutes.

A brief video, "How to Give a Good Presentation" will be posted at www.weftec.org/PresenterInformation. We encourage you to view the video.

Speaker Onsite Briefing

Plan on attending the speaker briefing associated with your session. **All speakers are required to attend their relevant briefing, or you may be removed from the program.** Each speaker briefing will consist of a 30-minute time period where the session moderator and speakers meet and discuss the layout of their session and any final details prior to the beginning of their session. If you find you are not available to attend the briefing for your session, you are responsible for notifying your session moderator. Based on your session number, please attend the briefing scheduled for your session as identified in the table to the right.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not attend the briefing or communicate with your moderator explaining that you cannot attend, it will be assumed that you are not at WEFTEC and we will make arrangements to have another speaker present during your slot. This will allow adequate notice to find a replacement and is a fair solution for the moderator so that he/she can run a smooth session.

DAY	TIME	SESSION #
Mon 10/1	7:45-8:15	101-104, 201-210
	10:00-10:30	211-225
	12:00-12:30	301-315
	3:00-3:30	316-329
Tues 10/2	10:00-10:30	401-415
	12:00-12:30	416-429
	1:00-1:30	500-514
	3:00-3:30	515-528
Wed 10/3	10:00-10:30	600-609
	12:00-12:30	610-620

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