

2015 AESE Meeting—Lawrence, Kansas—October 6 to 9, 2015

Click those heels, we're going back to Kansas—Lawrence, Kansas—for this year's AESE meeting! Please plan to join us for what's bound to be another great meeting, hosted this year by Rex Buchanan and Julie Tollefson of the Kansas Geological Survey, who hosted the 35th annual meeting back in 2001. We're looking forward to visiting the Great Plains state again and partaking in some of that famous Midwest hospitality.

Lawrence, located in the northeastern part of the state, just 45 minutes west of Kansas City, is a multifaceted, culturally diverse city, offering all the attractions of a big city but with small-town hospitality. Just this year, it was named, by *USA Today*, as one of the "Ten Best Dynamite Day Trips" near a major urban center. Its downtown is a vibrant shopping, dining and entertainment district, with Massachusetts Street being thought of by many as one of the most beautiful main streets in America. The University of Kansas main campus, located within the city, is also thought to be one of the Nation's most beautiful.

Meeting central will be the charming, historic, recently renovated—and reportedly haunted!—Eldridge Hotel, located on Massachusetts Street, right in the heart of great shopping and restaurants.

The technical program is still in the development stage. Based on a recent survey of the AESE membership, where we asked for input on planning the technical program, we hope to have talks on the following general topics: publishing trends, editing to improve readability, essentials of good graphic design for talks and papers, workshops on using software, keeping on top of important topics (editing resources, professional development, etc.), geoscience outreach, publication ethics, and more.

We welcome any other suggestions you may have for session topics and workshops. If you have specialized knowledge in any of the areas mentioned above or know someone who does, we encourage you to give a talk or workshop, or let us know who we may contact. Please participate. Help us make this meeting a rewarding and memorable one.

The meeting's field trip is almost finalized and will highlight the geological and cultural history of the prairie, with stops near Topeka (the state capital), Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, and finishing in Cottonwood Falls, the county seat of Chase County, where we'll visit Chase County courthouse and have dinner at the Grand Central Hotel.

We hope you'll join us this October in Lawrence. AESE meetings are a great way to learn about geoscience editing, publishing and communication. Meetings are generally small in size and provide unparalleled opportunities to network with other editors, publishers and educators working in the geosciences. Arrive early, stay longer...see KU Jayhawks play Iowa State or Baylor, visit historic sites or museums, or spend time just shopping in beautiful downtown Lawrence.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or have an idea for a talk, session or workshop, please contact the technical program chair, Marg Rutka at marg.rutka@ontario.ca. Check back here regularly for program updates, or follow us on [Facebook](#), Twitter (@AESERocks), LinkedIn, or [Pinterest](#) for updates as they happen.



Eldridge Hotel on Massachusetts St., downtown Lawrence.



The beautiful campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, home to the Kansas Geological Survey.