



Council of Geographic Names Authorities COGNA 2024, Columbia Missouri

Conference Dates
September 16-19, 2024

**Hosted by the Missouri Board on Geographic Names
at the Center for Missouri Studies
605 Elm Street
Columbia, MO 65201**



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, September 16th

Registration, COGNA Business, Opening Reception

Location: Center for Missouri Studies (605 Elm Street)

- 7:30 – 9:00am: Registration desk open. Location: Lobby, State Historical Society
9:00 – 9:15am: Housekeeping/Online Connections
9:15 – 9:45am: Introductions and Opening Remarks, Missouri Board Member Chris Barnett, Missouri Board Chair John Dougan, and Christine Johnson, COGNA
9:45 – 10:45am: **COGNA Business Meeting** (open to all)
10:45 – 11:00am: Break
11:00 – 12:00pm: **TBD**
12:00 – 1:30pm: Lunch on your own
1:30 – 2:30pm: **Special Session:** Memorial for Jane Messenger
2:30 – 3:00pm: **Special Session:** COGNA Lifetime Achievement Award
3:00 – 3:15pm: Break
3:15 – 4:15pm: **TBD**
End of official daily program
4:15 – 5:00pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Optional Evening Event:

5:30 - 7:00pm: Welcoming Reception: (No host bar, Hors d'oeuvres)

Keynote Speaker: TBD

Tuesday, September 17th

Opening remarks, Presentations, Federal training, Business meeting

Location: Center for Missouri Studies (605 Elm Street)

- 7:30 - 8:00am: Registration and packet pick up. Location: Lobby, State Historical Society
8:00 – 8:15am: Housekeeping announcements, online connections
8:15 – 10:15am: **State Names Authorities Reports**
10:15 – 10:30am: Break
10:30 – 11:30am: **TBD**
11:30 – 1:00pm: Lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:00pm: **TBD**
2:00 – 3:00pm: **TBD**
3:00 – 3:15pm: Break
3:15 – 4:00pm: **Federal Training: Procedures and Policies Regarding Native Place Names: Policy X and Cultural Sensitivity Statement For Native Americans**, Andrew Flora, Elizabeth Kanalley, Susan Lyon, Tara Wallace – Members, U.S. Board on Geographic Names
4:00 – 4:30pm: Something
4:30 – 5:00pm: **Update on Secretarial Order 3405 for SNA's**, Howard Valandra, Chair – Federal Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names

Optional evening Event: Campus Tour of the University of Missouri with Chris Barnett

Wednesday, September 18th

Executive Committee Meeting, State Naming Authorities Reports, Federal-State Roundtable Q&A's, Training

Location: Center for Missouri Studies (605 Elm Street)

- 7:30 - 8:30am: Registration and Packet pick up. Location: Lobby, State Historical Society
- 8:00 - 8:30am: **CoGNA 2025 Announcement** (Tim Mauck, Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board)
- 9am – 10:30am **US Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) Meeting**
- 10:30 - 11am: Break
- 11:00 – 12:00pm: **Training Session for State Naming Authorities (SNAs)** - BGN proposal process review; SNA roles; GNIS demonstration (Jennifer Runyon, Matt O'Donnell, Maria McCormick)
- Noon - 1:30pm: Lunch on your own
- 1:30 - 2:00pm: **Training Session for SNAs: [NOAA Custom Chart](#)** (NCC) (Thaddeus Ellerbe, NOAA) (
- 2:00 – 3:30pm: **Training Session for SNAs: *Federal/State Roundtable Workshop***
- 3:30 - 3:45pm: Break
- 3:45 – 5:00pm: **Training Session for SNAs: *Federal/State Roundtable Workshop (cont'd)***

Optional Evening Event:

Thursday, September 19th

Toponymic Session

Location: Meet at 8:30 at the Center for Missouri Studies (605 Elm Street)

8:00am-5:00pm: Optional Toponymic Session

Coach bus trip to sites of interest including Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, the Missouri State Capitol Building in Jefferson City, Adrian's Island, a visit to Westminster and the Churchill Museum, and more!

Join Missouri Board on Geographic Names representatives on a toponymic session as they share information on historic names and places in this historic region (Additional description forthcoming).

Requires registration for the toponymic session – be sure to register for *full conference with toponymic session*** at initial registration, or register separately on the website for any additional attendees. Registration for toponymic session can be made as individual reservation as well at conference registration site. Register at (site link to come) or contact Christine Johnson at ckjohnson@cogna50usa.org for more information. Reservations for this session must be made prior to 8/31//2024.