

RULES FOR THE MOS CONFERENCE PIN DESIGN CONTEST

Entrants must be members of MOS.

Designs shall include a bird and the phrases "MOS" and the year of the conference in four-digit format (e.g., 2017). No other wording can appear on the front of the entry (species, entrant's name, etc.).

The bird must be appropriate for that year's conference site. The border or overall shape of the proposed pin shall be clearly indicated.

Submission shall be rendered in color as finished artwork and not framed or matted. Submission shall be submitted in "hard copy" (i.e., not submitted electronically)

The entrant's name, address, chapter affiliation, phone number and e-mail address and the species of bird shall be written on the back of each entry.

Entrants may not use others' work, or copyrighted material.

An Entrant may submit more than one design.

All entries will be returned to the entrants, except for the winning design, which becomes the property of MOS. By entering the contest the entrants agree that if their design wins it becomes the property of MOS, which has the right to use the design to promote the conference, and for other MOS promotional and historical uses.

The winner will receive a color photocopy of his/her entry, and several of the finished pins for a personal portfolio.

The winner will not announce or mention the results of the contest until he/she is officially announced in the *MD Yellowthroat* or at the conference.

The contest coordinator works closely with the pin company to insure that the final pin is an accurate representation of the winning entry and of the species depicted. Decisions regarding the company's draft design are made by the pin coordinator. On rare occasions the company may ask us to ask the winning entrant for permission to make minor changes in the design to accommodate the manufacturing process. If the entrant is unwilling to make these minor accommodations we will select another design.

The deadline for entries will be announced in the *Yellowthroat*, but is generally the end of the second week in January.

The contest coordinator is not one of the judges.

Send entries to: **Michael Bowen, pin contest coordinator, at 8609 Ewing Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. If you have questions contact coordinator at 301-530-5764, 202-236-0510 or at dhmbowen@yahoo.com.**