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It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 13th Great Plains Wildlife Damage Workshop. It has been 24 years since the 1st Great Plains Workshop was held in Manhattan, Kansas, in December 1973. Attendance has varied throughout the years; focus of the workshop has changed and has evolved to where it is today. As I look around the room, I still see a lot of interest. I still get a lot of calls about wildlife damage control, and I realize there is a great need to share the information that each of us has about wildlife damage control. That is the purpose of these types of venues. I believe a great workshop has been prepared for us. I think this workshop will be a success primarily because you are here and you are willing to participate in what we are trying to do.

In reading some history about the 1st Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Workshop, I found that some of the participants in their evaluations wanted a mixed type of a program for the future. They wanted field trips, they wanted technical information presented and they wanted to see actual field demonstrations. Things must not have changed much in the last 24 years because those are the same type of comments we received from evaluations at the 12th Great Plains Workshop in Tulsa. How we structure future workshops will be the focus of a session on Friday afternoon. I hope you are all willing to participate and make the best of this workshop. Thanks for attending.

The first session has five speakers who intend to share their views on how they deal with different audiences. That is one of the topics that was most frequently asked for in part of the evaluations from the 12th Great Plains Workshop. People want to know how to deal with their constituency; they want to know how to deal with their clients. Today we have five speakers who are going to share more on that subject.