**WSWS Officer and Committee Report**

**Office or Committee Name:** **STUDENT PAPER JUDGING COMMITTEE**

**Officer or Chairperson Name:** Jamshid Ashigh

**Date of Preparation (include year): 1/3/2012**

**Committee Activities during the Year:** President elect Umeda supplied the list of titles submitted in early January. Based on numbers (19 papers – 16 posters including 4 undergraduate presenters) the committee decided, via email, to have two divisions in both Oral presentations and Posters, grouping on which project the presentation had been submitted. A mass emailing to WSWS members garnered 16 volunteers that will serve as judges for these presentations. Pre meeting listing of assignments were emailed to these volunteers to allow review of abstracts prior to arrival at the meeting. Meeting times for committee and judging panels have been scheduled.

**Recommendations for Board Action:** Recognize awards at Annual Business Meeting.

**Budget Needs:** Operating Guidelines state the cash amounts shown below:

Award Number Cash amount Total Value

First Place 5 $ 100 $ 500

Second Place 4 $ 75 $ 300

Third Place 1 $ 50 $ 50

 **Total Need: $ 850**

**Suggestions for the Future:** Since the award prices have been the same for a long time, the committee suggests that the board considers increasing the monetary amount of the awards.

**Current Committee Members:** Jamshid Ashigh (2013), Roland Schirman (2012), Guy Kyser (2014).

**Name of Person Preparing This Report:** Jamshid Ashigh