

Office or Committee Name: Student Paper Judging Officer or Chairperson Name: Clint Beiermann

Other Committee Members: Alix Whitener, Josh Adkins, Georgia Harrison

Date of Preparation (include year): 2/14/23

Activities during the year: The committee met via conference call on February 9th 2023 to discuss plans and actions needed for the upcoming annual meeting. There was discussion on any perceived changes needed to scoring sheets for either the poster or paper contest. No changes were deemed necessary. The committee is planning to identify an individual at the upcoming meeting to ask to serve as chair elect to the committee.

Recommendations for Board Action:

Conflicting information on undergraduate contest. Operating guidelines specify that undergraduate students enter student contest with a poster to be judged in a separate section, while the contest rules state that undergraduates may enter a paper or a poster. Something needs to be changed to make these documents agree on what undergraduate students can present at the meeting.

Changing poster rules to allow larger sized posters. Current rules state that posters must fit withing a 42" x 42" space. This is not a very large poster size, I believe most students make larger posters, in the 45" to 46" range. Size of the poster is not taken into consideration in scoring; however, if a student follows the rules and prepares a 42" poster, it will likely appear smaller than others and have less available space.

Budget Needs: None

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