WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Coeur d'Alene, ID
March 13, 8am to 5pm

Office or Committee Name: Student Paper Contest
Officer or Chairperson Name: Joel Felix
Date of Preparation (include year): March 8, 2017

Committee Activities during the Year: The committee met via teleconference to deliberate on issues related to the student judging committee. It was agreed that judges should be reminded to include a comment on each line item on the scoresheet to let the student know what they could have done differently to get a perfect score. We also agreed that the chair should make every effort to handover to students the judge's worksheets at the conclusion of the breakfast meeting on Thursday.

The 2017 annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene will feature 19 posters and 20 oral presentations by students who entered the competition. The chair working with the program chair and committee members assigned posters and oral presentations to different individuals who volunteered to serve as judges this year. Presentations in each section have been assigned 3 judges.

Recommendations for Board Action:

The joint meeting with WAPMS provided us with a dilemma of student participation in the contest. The WAPMS group includes a student from North Carolina State University who is participating in the competition. An inquisitive judge wondered whether or not this student qualifies to participate in the competition because her institution is not part of the WSWS region. Upon consulting the program chair, Monte Anderson, we decided to allow the student to participate in the competition partly because she in the aquatics section, which will include student members of the WAPMS group. However, this made us wonder if students out of member states could be allowed to participate in the WSWS competition in the future or if this issue needs to be addressed in the WSWS operating guide. The committee would appreciate the feedback from the board.

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: None

Current Committee Members:

Ryan Rector (rotating off 2017)
Joel Felix (rotating off 2018)
Ryan Edwards (rotating off 2019)
Eric Patterson (student representative)
Name of Person Preparing This Report: Joel Felix