



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2019 Annual Meeting – Denver, CO**

Office or Committee Name: Student Paper Judging Committee Report

Officer or Chairperson Name: Ed Peachey

Date of Preparation (include year): March 7, 2019

Activities during the year:

- Solicited volunteers to assist with paper judging via winter newsletter and broadcast email. More than 26 volunteered to fill the 24 positions that were needed. Target was 4 judges per section, assuming that there will be a vacancy or two.
- Updated the Contest Rules to include the most recent versions of the score sheets.
- Sent a note to all student contestants (with contest rules) mid-January to remind them of guidelines for participation as stated in the contest rules.
- Assigned 24 volunteers to 6 groups to judge 53 papers.
- Collected abstracts and distributed to judging groups one week prior to the meeting. Included word counts with the abstracts as determined on the WSWS website.

At the Denver meeting

- Will meet with judges at 5PM on Monday evening in the Maroon Peaks Room to coordinate activities.
- Will encourage judges to add comments to the score sheets when judging. Hoping to provide more transparency to the evaluation process this year and mitigate student concerns about the process
- Will make every attempt to deliver score sheets to students following the business meeting.

Post meeting

- Will review procedures and outcomes with the Ms. de Laroocca (student rep on the committee)

Recommendations for Board Action: list any proposed actions here.

- Still unclear of the role the student representative, particularly when participating in the contest.
- One question was posed by a judge (Drew Lyon) concerning expectations for abstracts. The contest guidelines state that contestants should adhere to the WSSA style guidelines, but there is no mention of specific expectations for abstracts.

- Apparently, a few abstracts were entered on the WSSA site rather than the WSWS site, which made for some confusion. Perhaps the submission process can be revised to avoid this in the future.

Budget Needs: any requested funds (and brief justification if not clear from above) should be provided here. None

Name of Person Preparing This Report: Ed Peachey

Current Committee, Ryan Edwards, Ed Peachey (Chair), Carl Coburn, Eric Patterson (Student Rep)