Office or Committee Name: Student Paper Judging

Officer or Chairperson Name and Committee Members:
Andy Hulting, Chair
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Date of Preparation (include year): March, 2010

Activities during the Year:
Preparations for the student paper/poster contests at the 2010 meeting have gone smoothly. Based on the guidelines for this committee outlined in the Operating Guide and the titles/abstracts submitted, the student papers and posters have been organized into the following divisions for judging:

*Weeds of Agronomic Crops/Weeds of Horticultural Crops*
8 graduate papers-1st and 2nd places will be awarded

*Weeds of Range and Natural Areas/Basic Sciences*
9 graduate papers-1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded

*Graduate/Undergraduate Poster Contest*
9 graduate posters-1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded
2 undergraduate posters-only 1st place will be awarded

Thirteen WSWS members have agreed to serve as judges for the student paper/poster contests. A minimum of four judges has been assigned to each division of the contest.

Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs:
Total award numbers and dollar amounts are based on the number of students participating in the contest per Operating Guide rules. Total budget needs for monetary prizes will be $725 if all papers/posters noted above are presented. Plaques will also need to be made and mailed to the award winners in each respective division at a cost of approximately $400-500.

Suggestions for the Future: Because past contests have gone smoothly the committee suggests keeping changes to a minimum.

Suggested Changes in Operating Guide: None

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