

## **ACS449.11 National Club Poster Presentation Contest**

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The committee consists of a minimum of seven members, including two members representing each Society and at least one undergraduate student member serving a one-year term appointed by the SASES Executive Committee (ACS031).

The term of office for members is two years.

The Chair shall serve a one year term. The Chair will rotate among the three Societies, starting with SSSA in 2013 (the chair for 2012 will finish her term in 2012), ASA in 2014, and CSSA in 2015. The rotation schedule will then continue on the same pattern in future years. The chair-elect will be determined based on this schedule and appointed by the respective President.

Headquarters staff, as appropriate, may serve in an ex-officio capacity as appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chair may appoint judges for the contest in a given year who are not considered official members of the Committee.

C. Functions:

1. To revise and prepare the annual call for entries, in cooperation with the Student Chair, and to work with the Headquarters Office in the printing and mailing of the call for entries.
2. To receive, at the appropriate time, all entries for the contest.
3. To work with the Chair of the ACS449 and the Headquarters Office in making arrangements for the aspects of the contest to be conducted at the annual meetings.
4. To evaluate all entries in the contest and score according to the rules in effect for that year.
5. To report results of the contest to the Chair of the National Student Awards Committee (ACS449) and to the Chair of the National Student Advisory Committee (ACS031).
6. To consider and take action on any special charges sent to the Committee by the Boards of Directors or Executive Committees.
7. To make suggestions and/or recommendations to the National Student Advisory Committee (ACS031).
8. To prepare and submit an annual report to the Societies.

### Presidential Responsibilities:

1. The President of each Society appoints new members to the committee in years when an appointment term completes (for their Society).
2. Cooperate with the Committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
3. Notify the Committee directly or via Chair of the National Student Awards Chair of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
4. Receive and takes action directly, or by referring to Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the Committee.

E. Description of Contest:

The purpose of this contest is to showcase undergraduate work through club activities, and give clubs recognition for promoting agronomy, crop, soil and environmental sciences on their college campus or in their local communities. It gives students the learning experience of disseminating information by producing and presenting a poster, interacting with the public and professional sectors, and competing with other SASES clubs that culminate in financial and ribbon awards.

F. Contest Rules:

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to affiliated SASES chapters that have current active members in ASA, CSSA, and/or SSSA.
2. One (1) poster will be accepted from each club and must be an original product.
3. Chapters participating must have at least one member in attendance at the annual meetings to serve as a poster presenter during judging and for public viewing.
4. Club participants must meet all deadlines and follow appropriate guidelines for submitting an abstract. For this contest the abstract may be referred to as the Introduction for preparation of the poster.

Procedures

1. The poster presentation will be on a project or activity of the club's choosing and must contain a title, abstract/introduction, body and conclusion. Ideas for poster presentations include, but are not limited to, educational leadership, fund raising, volunteer or community service programs which promote agronomy, crop, soil and environmental sciences.
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3. Poster material must fit within the display size which is 44 ½" high by 91" wide less a 3" x 6" area in the upper left hand corner that is used for the poster number. Computer display equipment, sound or projection equipment, or free standing displays are not permitted.
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5. Abstract. Instructions for submitting abstracts will available on the SASES and Annual Meetings websites. The abstract must be submitted on the web no later than the designated time and date. Information taken from this form will be published in the Annual Meetings Abstracts, which is a summary of all the papers presented during the annual meetings.
6. Withdrawal of Poster. An author who wishes to withdraw a paper after an abstract can only withdraw online.
7. Posters will be judged on organization, presentation, visual aids and response to questions during judging. A club or chapter member must be present to answer questions during the judging. Judging schedule will be provided and will typically occur Sunday or Monday of the Annual Meeting.

Judging

1. Judges will be given a reasonable time to observe posters and ask questions.
2. Posters will be rated according to the Official Score Card, by three judges and may include the faculty chair of the National Club Activities Poster Contest. A sample of the official score card is enclosed.

3. Judges shall be appointed well in advance of the contest by the faculty chair of the National Club Poster Presentation Contest Committee.
4. At the conclusion of the judging, each judge shall indicate on the official score card the choice for first, second and third place. The faculty chair and judges shall tabulate all judging scores and determine the top three placings.