

Summary
ANREP Awards Committee Conference Call
Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Members of the 2004-2006 ANREP Awards Committee: Susan W. Williams, University of Florida, chair; Mel Baughman, University of Minnesota; Don Hanley, University of Washington; Maia McGuire, St. Johns County (Florida) Extension Office; Nick Polanin, Rutgers University; Bruce Wilkins, Cornell University and Chris Zoller, Tuscarawas County, Ohio Extension Office. Board liaison, Marella Crane, Miami-Dade County Extension.

Call participants: Don Hanley, Nick Polanin and Susan W. Williams

Educational Materials Awards suggested changes:

1. Change short publications from 24 pages or less to 5 pages or less with board approval.
2. Change long publications from 24 pages or more to 6 pages or more.
3. Leave list of special awards on the ANREP website with a note that these awards are given biannually in the conference year. Do not send nominations now but do so in 2006 with board approval.
4. Rather than change order of awards in the list by putting the most prominent materials first and materials that don't usually garner a few entries lower down as one member suggested, we want to alphabetize the categories, i.e., Computer Graphic Presentation/Slide Set, Computer Software/Application, Long Publication, Mixed Materials, Newsletter/Series of Articles, etc with board approval. (We do not want to do this with the special awards.)
5. First call for entries January 5, 2005 not December 2004 as someone had suggested because members will probably have their minds on other things at that time of year. Reminder February 7th and another one March 1st depending on the number of entries received by that date. Call for entries and reminders will be on ANREP website and emailed to members
6. 2004 Educational Materials Awards information on the ANREP website will be updated.
7. Deadline for 2005 awards is Tuesday, March 15, 2005. The suggestion for moving the deadline for entries from mid-March to mid-February to allow adequate time for judges to read long public and journal articles will be considered for the 2006 awards. This is because this year's judging coordinator, Maia McGuire, Ph.D., St. Johns County Extension Sea Grant agent, can only handle the judging between the middle and end of March. The committee will consider the change for the 2006 awards.
8. Change to quantitative judging with the 2006 awards: assign numerical points to content, editing, graphics, design, sound track and evaluation, with board approval. Give copies of judges' sheets to entrants so the ones that don't win know what they can do differently for the next year's awards.
9. Committee may have a conference call next May or April to take up change to numerical points judging if board has approved the change.

Suggestion to add a student poster competition to 2006 Annual Meeting Poster Session. Committee agrees.

1. Increase student participation in the annual meetings
2. Good for students to have national awards on their resumes
3. Could award winners 4-H-type ribbons put on their posters
4. Get a corporate sponsor to cover the cost of the ribbons

Suggestion that Awards Committee have 2 members from each of ANREP's regions: At present we are satisfied with the number of members. If we feel we need more at a later date, we will reconsider the suggestion.