National Club Poster Contest

Purpose
The purpose of this contest is to showcase undergraduate work through club activities, and 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 awards.

Awards and Recognition
A ribbon with the club’s placing will be displayed with the poster during annual meetings. Monetary awards will be given to the club for the first ($300), second ($200), and third place ($100) posters.

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

Rules/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 not limited to, educational leadership, fund raising, and volunteer or community service programs which promote agronomy, crop, soil and environmental sciences.
2. Poster should be 44.5" x 44.5" Posters exceeding the size limits will be penalized 10 points on each judge’s scorecard. All presenters will present for a two hour period. A poster board number will be placed in the upper left corner of the board on a 4½” x 3” card. The poster boards are Velcro friendly. Please bring your own Velcro. Computer display equipment, sound or projection equipment, or free standing displays are not permitted.

Submission
1. Entry is simple. Submit abstract at: www.acsmeetings.org; go to the Poster/Oral Papers link.
   • Submit abstract in Division for Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences.
   • Select SASES Club Poster Contest to submit the abstract.
   • We suggest that you include your university or club name in the abstract title so it can be easily recognized in the annual meeting program. We also suggest listing the club advisor as the last author.

Judging
Posters will be judged on organization, presentation, visual aids and response to questions during judging. It is recommended that 2-3 members be present to answer questions, and all present should participate equally. Judging schedule will be provided at a later time.
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 Poster Presentation Contest. A sample of the official score card is online.
3. Judges shall be appointed well in advance of the contest by the faculty chair of the National 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 of the National Poster Presentation Contest shall tabulate all judging scores and determine the top three placings.

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2021 Deadlines
Early abstract deadline: JUNE 22, 4 PM CDT
Final abstract deadline: JULY 13, 4 PM CDT
Abstract editing deadline: NOVEMBER 10
www.acsmeetings.org/undergraduates

• A submitted abstract will reserve a spot in the poster board area, giving your club a designated poster number, and listing in the annual meeting program. Abstracts can be edited until the deadline given above.
• The abstract must be submitted by a student member. The abstract fee is $30 if submitted by the early deadline, or $50 if submitted by the late deadline.
• Information taken from this form will be published in the electronic Annual Meetings Abstracts which is a summary of all the papers presented during the annual meetings.

Withdrawal of Poster. An author (club) who wishes to withdraw a paper after submitting the abstract can only withdraw online. Follow the instructions provided by Conference Exchange on withdrawing your abstract. Also notify the Contest Faculty Chair.