

Proposed DEDB Bylaws Change

Rationale: To make the Bylaws consistent with current practice and to clarify procedures for the BSP award competition.

Below is the current language of the affected section of the DEDB Division Bylaws. Old language is indicated by strikethrough; the proposed new language is indicated in bold underlined text.

Article XIV. Best Student Presentation Awards

Annual awards shall be made for the best presentations by students at the annual meeting, one for the best ~~contributed paper~~ **oral presentation** and one for the best poster **presentation**. Students who have not yet been awarded the Ph.D. are eligible for the prize, as are new Ph.D.s who have received the degree no more than 12 months prior to the meeting and are presenting a ~~paper on~~ their graduate research. The work must be original and must have been carried out principally by the student presenting the ~~paper~~ **work**. ~~The prize can be awarded only once to any student. A student who wins best oral presentation may not compete in the best oral presentation competition in this division in the future. A student who wins best poster presentation may not compete in the best poster presentation competition in this division in the future.~~ Prior to the Annual Meeting, students who have submitted abstracts will be given the option of competing or not competing for the prize. However, if, in the opinion of the judges, none of the papers presented at a given meeting are deserving of a prize, the prize may be omitted for that year. In the case of a tie, duplicate prizes may be awarded. ~~The Chair of the Division shall appoint annually 3 full members~~ **Judges will be solicited from the membership** of the Division ~~to act as judges. All papers identified as~~ **and all presentations** competing for ~~the a~~ prize must be attended by at least one judge, and preferably by ~~all~~ **at least** three. No member who has a student competing for a prize shall be eligible to serve as ~~a~~ judge.