

DNNSB Proposed Changes to the bylaws 2025

Rationale:

We are proposing this change as a way to enhance retention in our division. Students are currently only allowed to win a poster award once during their time as a student in any given division. If promising undergraduates win our best student poster competition, they are incentivized to compete in other divisions as graduate students. Offering both an undergraduate and graduate student award does not add an additional burden to judging, but encourages promising students to remain in the division and be recognized for their work. The funds for our undergraduate award will come from our discretionary funds.

Additions are in **bold and underlined** while deletions are using text ~~striketrough~~.

Proposed Change

Article VI. Best Student Presentation Awards Section 1. ~~Two~~ **Three** awards will be made for Best Student Presentation at each Annual Meeting, one for the best oral presentation, **one for best poster presentation by a graduate student,** and one for the best poster presentation **by an undergraduate student.** Each awardee will receive a certificate and a monetary prize. Eligibility will include undergraduate students and graduate students who have not yet been awarded the PhD, as well as new PhDs who have received the degree within the 12 months prior to the meeting. The work must be original and must have been carried out primarily by the student presenting it prior to the awarding of the PhD. Each award can be given only once to any student, and each student competing must be a member of the Division. The Chair shall be responsible for organizing a committee of judges to review the presentations.