

Proposed bylaws revision

In a non-binding poll, the DEDB membership affirmed an interest in renaming the Division's Best Student Presentation awards to honor a founding member who has been instrumental to our success, Dr. Billie J. Swalla. We are now bringing the matter for a binding vote, which would entail the change to the DEDB bylaws presented below.

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Article XIV. Best Student Presentation Awards

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