

## SWAAG Student Paper Competition Guidelines; 2009

1. The SWAAG Treasurer will appoint a panel of judges. Judges will be responsible for critical evaluation of extended abstracts as well as judging oral presentations.
2. Each student who wishes to enter the student paper competition must submit both a regular 100 word abstract (required for all paper submissions) **and** an extended abstract to the SWAAG Program Committee. The extended abstract should be roughly **500** words in length. Both the regular and the extended abstracts are due on the program deadline date of September 29<sup>th</sup>. **LATE ABSTRACTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION.**
3. A copy of the extended abstract should also be sent to both the Conference Coordinator [jeffa@uca.edu](mailto:jeffa@uca.edu) and to the SWAAG Treasurer at [DPURCELL@OU.EDU](mailto:DPURCELL@OU.EDU) .
4. In the subject of the email put: SWAAG Abst. + “your name”, in the opening of the Word document put your full name, academic affiliation, address, email, phone number, paper or poster, then the paper title and 3 or 4 highlighted key words and a 500 word abstract.
5. Papers co-authored by faculty members will **not** be eligible for student paper awards.
6. The SWAAG treasurer will distribute the 500 word abstracts to the judges. Each judge will have ten days to review the extended abstracts and convey his or her ranking of the papers to the SWAAG Treasurer. Papers should be ranked on a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being highest) based on originality of question; organization of research plan; use of appropriate methodology for question; knowledge of background literature and strength of conclusions. See attached evaluation form. Based on the rankings of the judges (an average based on the cumulative ranking of the judges), the SWAAG Treasurer will identify up to ten entries as finalists. As soon as possible the SWAAG Treasurer will convey this decision to the SWAAG Program Committee. Judges must not evaluate entries from their own departments. Rankings for those students will be averaged out of 5 judges rather than 6.
7. Students who are not selected as finalists will present their papers in regular sessions, based upon topic and session themes, either Thursday or Friday.
8. Students who are selected as finalists will present their papers in consecutive sessions on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Judges will attend the oral presentations.
9. Following both sessions the judges will convene to determine the winners of the student paper awards. Judging will be based on the quality of the oral presentations and the content of the papers using the criteria form below.
10. Awards for student papers will be announced and presented at the SWAAG banquet on Friday evening, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

