

Greetings:

Thank you so much for agreeing to judge in the AAS competition! I have arranged for two judging teams: one for the student poster presentations and one for the platform talks. I've assigned duties such that no one judges in a competition that one of their students is competing in. I've also made an effort to balance areas of expertise.

Poster judges

name
name
name

Platform paper judges

name
name
name

We will work independently as we view the presentations. Consider yourself undercover until the banquet when the awards are announced. (I suspect the clever students might suspect that the people taking notes are judges but at least we won't make it TOO obvious). Along with this letter, I am sending two additional documents. One, titled StudentPaperGuide gives general information and tips about the student competition (for both judges and students). This document also contains a sample score sheet that you can use or modify if you think it is helpful. Otherwise, you can simply take notes on each presentation and come up with a ranking at the end – whatever works best for you. Please do look over the document, however, as it gives good information about what to look for in the posters and the talks.

Attached is also a list of student abstracts for your particular competition (posters or oral presentations). All the student talks should be demarcated in the program with some sort of symbol. However, it is always a good idea to go through your program and make sure each of the student presenters is highlighted somehow so you don't miss a presentation or poster! I've asked all the students to make sure their students mark the posters with a large black dot in the upper right hand corner of the poster to make it easier for poster judges to find the student posters. However, some students may forget so be sure to find all the student posters.

We will not meet formally until the judging meeting, but I will try to touch base with everyone before then.

I will ask Matt Persons to set aside a time for the judges on the last day (after the last talk). I'm not sure when that meeting time will be but will make an

announcement once I know. It may be over lunch. If judges do not finish making their decision in the allotted time, you may have to meet prior to the banquet.

Let me know if you have any questions at all and thank you all so very much for agreeing to serve as a judge!

Happy travels, and see you in Selinsgrove!

Best,
Paula