

SYMPOSIUM PAPER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

The annual Student Paper Presentation Competition is an ASCE Global requirement for eligibility to advance to Global Competition. It will be hosted as this year's ASCE Region 6 Symposium (hereinafter the "Competition"). Participation in the Competition is a Society requirement for Student Chapters to be in good standing and eligible for participation in the National Competitions. At least one representative from a Student Chapter must compete in the Symposium Paper Presentation Competition at the Region 6 Student Conference level.

The format of this competition follows the requirements outlined for the Society's Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition for Students to allow the student to not only enter the Competition, but to also be eligible to submit their paper for the Society Competition. The Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition has a specific topic outlined each year that the student must write about for the Competition <http://www.asce.org/mead-student/>. Region 6 will accept the Mead topic or any meaningful presentations on technical subjects relating to the practice of civil engineering for the Competition.

The deadlines for the Mead paper and the Student Paper Presentation Competition might not coincide and using the Mead topic for the Competition should not be construed as entry in the Society's Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students which must be submitted by the Student Chapter's Faculty Advisor.

The presentations will be judged at the Competition based on the inherent quality of the material presented and the effectiveness of the presentation.

The rules governing the competition are as follows:

- A. **Eligibility:** An author must be a civil engineering undergraduate student carrying a minimum of 9 hours and both an ASCE Student Organization member and Society-level (i.e. ASCE Global) student member in good standing at the time of submission.

Papers shall be limited to one paper; not exceed 2,000 words in length; be written by only one person; and not have previously been published in other than school or Society publications. Reference citations of the papers should conform to the official *ASCE Authors' Guide to Journals and Practice Periodicals*, which can be found on the ASCE Publications website <http://www.pubs.asce.org/authors/index.html>. A complete bibliography should also be included, if appropriate.

In the event an author is unavailable to present at the Competition, another student from the same school may present on the author's behalf. The presenter must meet the same requirements outlined above for the author.

- B. **One Entry per Student Chapter:** Each student chapter of the Region 6 Student Conference is entitled to one entry in the Competition. Responsibility for procedures by which contestants are selected to represent each individual chapter will rest with the respective chapter faculty advisor. One electronic copy of the paper must be submitted to the Student Activities Competition Coordinator prior to the competition. This entry shall be uploaded to the appropriate school's folder in the link below. The file name shall read: **School Name_ Author.pdf**.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Hw1pSVvzp9dSIhOXs3YHIDThbXZOqPu?usp=sharing>

- C. **Scoring:** The presentation will be evaluated by judges (see Rule E) with the following maximum point values attributed to specific criteria:

Paper Scoring Criteria

1. Adherence to topic	10
2. Presence of original ideas and research involved	10
3. Command of subject matter	10
4. Spelling and grammar / length (2000-word max)	5
5. Overall clarity, organization, quality of paper & references	15
6. Late deductions, 1 point per day	up to 20

Presentation Scoring Criteria

1. Degree to which presentation addressed and supported key concepts of written paper and them of contest	10
2. Ability to communicate key concepts from written paper and to convince audience of their importance	25
3. Personal bearing (i.e. appearance, poise, eye contact)	5
4. Delivery style (i.e. reading, memorized, conversational) / pronunciation and proper use of technical language and grammar / enthusiasm and voice projection	5
5. Time (see Rule D)	5
7. Errors in logic or facts	<u>up to 10 points penalty</u>
	Total = 100

- D. **Timing:** Each presentation is to be (5) five minutes* in duration of formal delivery. Up to five minutes of questioning by judges will be allotted following each presentation.
*Allowance of + or – 5 seconds without penalty; 0.05-point penalty per second difference from required 5 minutes (i.e., 5:20 or 4:40 = 1 point penalty).
- E. **Judging:** Presentations at the contest will be judged by a minimum of three judges selected in advance of the competition by the Student Activities Competition Coordinator. The judges will evaluate the presentations independently and will not compare their ratings until all presentations have been completed. The paper portion of the competition constitutes 50% of the final score, while the oral presentation accounts for the remaining 50% of the score. A detailed breakdown of the scoring procedure is outlined on the scoring summary sheet.
- F. **No Ranking of Presentations:** There will be no stated ranking of the presentations other than the first, second and third prize winners.
- G. **Late paper submittals:** Late papers will incur 1 point deduction per day late, up to 20 points. Papers submitted more than 20 days after the deadline will not be accepted.