

Judging Chair Report- 2007 RMS Meeting at Snowbird, Utah
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Winners:

1. A.I. Levorson Award- V.G. Rigatti, Questar Exploration and Production Co., Denver, Co.

Title: "The Vermillion Basin of SW Wyoming/NW Colorado: Structural Styles and Seismic Pore Pressure Prediction through Over-Pressure."

2. John Runge Award for best student paper- D.J.K. Ross, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Title: "Evaluating Shale Gas Potential in Western Canada."

3. Steve Champlin Memorial Award for best poster-D.S. Anderson, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado.

Title: "3-D Architecture of Crevasse Splay and Point-bar Bodies: From Outcrop to Geologic Model."

Procedures:

1. We had 10 technical sessions and 6 poster sessions. We had a minimum of 3 judges per session, with some sessions having four and 5 judges in attendance. Including a box on the registration form asking for judging volunteers was very useful in recruiting judges.
2. We asked the judges for their preference as to which sessions they would like to judge. Accommodating them was mostly achieved because some of the judges had no preference as to which session they judged so they were used to fill in any remaining gaps. Only one judge asked to change sessions at the convention, and another judge which had previously agreed to be a "Floater" was assigned to take their place.
3. Judging packets were available at the meeting in a separate well marked box at the registration table. Each packet consisted of an envelope with the appropriate judging forms and a pen included. The outside of the envelope had the judge's name and the session/sessions they had agreed to judge listed on the outside. The envelopes were in alphabetical order in the box.
4. Four judges volunteered to judge more than one session, and were accommodated.
5. We did not have a judge's breakfast at the meeting this year. We passed all pertinent information along to them by e-mail prior to the meeting and it seemed to work very well.

6. In lieu of a judge's breakfast, we offered the judges a "Judges Appreciation gift" which consisted of a marble paperweight with a trilobite mounted on top of it. The gifts were prepared by the "Awards Committee."
7. The judges returned their completed forms to a box at the registration desk labeled: "Return Judging Forms". All of the judges returned their forms.
8. Forrest Terrell and Carl Kendell tallied up the scores and averaged the number by the number of judges in each presentation and thus determined the winners of each award. The scoring seemed to be straight forward.
9. There were a total of 44 judges. Several of the judges judged more than one session.

Expenses:

\$11.71 for envelopes and pens. The awards committee have the cost for the "Judges Appreciation" gifts in their budget. Copies were supplied by Flying J Oil & Gas.