

2011 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2012

Committee Code and Name: W3c Research Award Subcommittee

Committee Chair: Joe DiTomaso

Committee Members: Pat Tranel, Jim Griffin, Toni DiTommaso, Donn Thill, Bob Blackshaw

Board Coordinator: Peter Porpiglia

2011 Summary of Activities: (through July, 2011): Unfortunately, like last year, we only had two candidates nominated for the Outstanding Researcher Award. However, the good news was that again both candidates were excellent. The committee was asked to first determine which of the two was acceptable for the award and they unanimously agreed that both candidates were acceptable. The committee was then asked to rank the two and, by unanimous selection gave the 2012 WSSA Outstanding Researcher Award to Prasanta Bhowmik at the University of Massachusetts. Prasanta has been a long standing member of WSSA, is well published and respected and has dedicated considerable time in service to WSSA and NEWSS. He is a very deserving candidate

Committee Members Rotating Off: Pat Tranel is scheduled to come off the committee in 2012, so he has one more year. All other members are on the committee until 2013 or 2014, so there is no need to appoint a new member this year.

2011 Summary of Activities (through January 2012)

- What are the committee's goals for 2012?
In the past couple of years, I have gone through the membership or talked with colleagues to try and identify individuals that were deserving of the Outstanding Research Award. After identifying one or more candidates, I contacted one of their colleagues and asked them to consider nominating the individual. Although I did not do that this year, it has been a very effective method to get qualified individuals nominated. I hope to continue to do that, but also would strongly encourage others in the society to nominate highly qualified WSSA member for this very prestigious award.
- List the committee's accomplishments (through January 2012): Select the WSSA Research Award winner.
- What information was posted on the WSSA website? Membership received call for nominations.

- Were funds requested for 2011? How much was spent? None requested
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

Not applicable

- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

Not applicable

2012 Plan for Committee Activities

- Other Goals for 2012: None
- Plan of Action:

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2012: None
- Other requests for the Board: None