



Neurosurgical Society of Australasia

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Policy Name: NSA Annual Scientific Meeting Prize

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the awarding process and financial management for the NSA Annual Scientific Meeting Prize.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The NSA Annual Scientific Meeting Prize is awarded to the best abstract for a presentation to given during the NSA Annual Scientific Meeting by a Full or Provisional member of the NSA based on individual research or research in collaboration with other NSA members. The Prize has been established through corporate sponsorship.

3.0 STANDARD POLICY

3.1 Eligibility

- 3.1.1 Entrants for the Prize must be Full or Provisional financial members of the NSA. Entries can be by individual members or members working in collaboration.
- 3.1.2 The research presented may be of a clinical or scientific basis. For individual members it is expected that the research presented will have been wholly or substantially undertaken by the presenter. For members working in collaboration it is expected that the presenter will have been one of the primary investigators and have substantially contributed to the research presented. Papers presented based on other persons or companies' research are not eligible for the Prize.

3.2 Application

- 3.2.1 To apply for the Prize members must submit an abstract for the presentation in the form and at the time communicated by the Scientific Program Convenor for the NSA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).
- 3.2.2 At the time of submitting the abstract the presenter must complete the section of the abstract submission form indicating entry into the Prize.
- 3.2.3 All abstracts reviewed and selected for presentation during the ASM by the Scientific Program Convenor which satisfy the eligibility and application criteria will be considered for the Prize.
- 3.2.4 Notification of acceptance of the abstract for presentation and consideration for the Prize will be sent in accordance with the notification time lines for the ASM.

3.3 Presentation and Awarding

- 3.3.1 The Prize is awarded to the best presentation given during the NSA ASM by a Full or Provisional member of the NSA based on individual research or research in collaboration with other NSA members.

- 3.3.2 The Prize will be awarded based on the abstract submitted and the presentation given.
- 3.3.3 The presentation for which the Prize is awarded must be given by the NSA member personally at the ASM. Presentations not given by the NSA member personally will not be considered.
- 3.3.4 The presentation will be scored under the following headings, with all headings receiving equal weighting:
 - 3.3.4.1 Clarity of presentation and development of the scientific argument
 - 3.3.4.2 Current or probable future relevance to clinical Neurosurgery
 - 3.3.4.3 The strength of the science
- 3.3.5 Each presentation will be scored on an official score sheet using a rating scale.
- 3.3.6 The Prize will be awarded by a panel of judges, appointed by the Scientific Program Convenor for the ASM. A judge must not be directly associated with any of the papers. The judging panel is chaired by the Scientific Program Convenor for the ASM, who is not a judge.
- 3.3.7 The recipient of the Prize will be announced in the NSA newsletter, on the website and will be presented with a Prize Certificate and cheque.
- 3.3.8 The decision of the judges will be final. The scores will not be released.

4.0 FINANCIAL POLICY

4.1 Prize Value & Payment

- 4.1.1 The Prize will be for the value of \$AUD7,000.

4.2 Prize Funding

- 4.2.1 The value of the Prize may change at the discretion of the NSA and will only be offered when appropriate funding is available.