Poster Grading Guideline
2024 Annual Mississippi Geospatial Conference

Introduction

This document serves as the general rules and scoring guidelines for the 2024 Annual Mississippi Geospatial Conference. This conference takes place October 10th and 11th 2024, at the USM Long Beach campus. Registration for the conference and poster contest takes place on the Mississippi Association for Spatial Technologies website (www.mastgis.org).

Requirements

Participants must be currently attending or planning to attend a University or College for a degree or emphasis in Geography, GIS, or a related field. The participant must be registered for the conference and have attended (or planned to attend in the case of an emergency, making attendance not possible) at least a portion of the conference.

Awards

1st Place: Mike Miller Memorial Scholarship of $500 (one time)
2nd Place: Mike Miller Memorial Scholarship of $250 (one time)

Scoring Categories

There are a total of seven categories for this competition with a total of a possible 40 points to be awarded. Categories are worth differing points to encourage a focus on geospatial technology and best practices.

Cartography
Points: 1- 10

As this is a geospatial conference, it would be best for any posters to include maps. These maps will be examined for their adherence to good cartographic principles including, but not limited to, appropriate symbology and containing all the elements of a map (scale reference, legend, directional arrow, etc…) and scored appropriately.

Use of Geospatial Technology

Points: 1- 10

Geospatial technology should be used to some extent in each submission. The level of involvement and understanding of geospatial technology in the methodology of the poster will determine the number of points scored in this category.

Subject Matter Complexity

Points: 1- 5

The more complex a subject matter, the more points that will be scored. A simple problem dictates less points than a complex problem.

Technical Complexity

Points: 1- 5

The more complex the technology used, the more points awarded. The candidate should be able to knowledgeable discuss the technology used in the project.

Non-Map Elements

Points: 1- 5

Charts, graphs, text, and images are all useful in communicating information. Points in this category account for the use of non-map related communication of information.

Use of Other Science

Points: 1- 3

It is vital to combine geospatial technologies with other sciences. Points in this category are scored according to the candidate's ability to blend other sciences with geospatial technologies.

Bonus

Points: 1- 2

Up to two points may be awarded by a judge for bonus points