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Proposal for a Best Paper Award
Multidisciplinary Engineering Education

Purpose: To recognize outstanding contributions in the field of engineering education with a particular focus on multidisciplinary engineering education and to provide a better overall quality in papers and to strengthen the peer review process. The award pertains to papers submitted to the Division sessions for the ASEE Annual Conference. The selection process is based solely on the quality of the written paper and not the presentation.

Amount of award stipend and a description of other proposed award mementos

A framed certificate and a monetary award of \$100

Initial endowment and/or source of funds to support the award and its associated administrative costs

To come from the Multidisciplinary Engineering Division BASS account.

Nomination Process

The best paper will be peer reviewed with the recommendation for consideration as an outstanding or “best paper” coming from a reviewer or review coordinator involved in the normal division review process. Self-recommendations or nominations will not be permitted.

In the current paper review process for Multidisciplinary Engineering Division, reviewers are assigned a set of papers. The reviewers are asked to rate the overall quality of the paper on a numeric scale (1-5) and to nominate any papers they rate as appropriate for the best paper award. Paper authors may not participate in the review of their own papers. We intend to augment this process by taking all papers nominated for the best paper award as a pool for the best paper award.

Selection Process:

The Multidisciplinary Engineering Division Program Chair will be the Chair of the Best Paper Committee. The Multidisciplinary Engineering Division Chair will assign two other members to serve on the Best Paper Committee. Best Paper Review Committee members may not concurrently have papers being considered

for the best paper award. The committee charge will be to determine the best paper award and to notify the Division Chair and the PIC Chair by a predetermined date.

Presentation of the Award

The Multidisciplinary Engineering Division Chair (or his/her appointee) will present the award at the division business meeting at the ASEE Annual Conference. The winner must be present at the business meeting to receive the award.

Qualifications and Eligibility:

To qualify for the best paper award authors must submit a paper through the ASEE Multidisciplinary Division submission process. One of the authors of the best paper must be a member of the Multidisciplinary Division interest area and one of the co-authors must present the paper at the ASEE annual conference.