

LOCAL SECTIONS MERITORIOUS AWARDS CRITERIA

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

1. Reward Local Sections for being meritorious.
2. Inspire Local Sections to grow in membership, to host worthwhile meetings, and manage their business well.
3. Encourage Local Sections to share ideas with one another.

Awards will be granted for each of the following categories:

- Best Recruiting Program
- Best Meetings and Programs
- Best Public Information and Education
- Best Local Section Management
- Best Overall Meritorious Local Section

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING EACH AWARD

1. BEST RECRUITING PROGRAM AWARD

This award recognizes the efforts of the Local Section that did the best in recruiting new members, Friends of ANS (FANS) and retaining existing members. FANS could include contributors to the ANS local sections who are not ANS members. The judging criteria are:

- i. Membership drive methods and efforts.
- ii. Number of members and FANS involved in these efforts.
- iii. Number and percent new members and FANS (current year ANS members + FANS)/(previous year ANS members + FANS) %;
- iv. Percent membership and FANS renewals; and
- v. ANS membership promotion activities.

2. BEST MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS AWARD

This award recognizes the Local Section that provided the best meetings and programs for its members and FANS. The judging criteria are:

- i. Number of meetings and programs.
- ii. Variety in topics, types of programs, and locations of meetings; and
- iii. Number and percent of members attending during the year (average number of people who have attended an event/ total number of ANS members and FANS).

3. BEST PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION AWARD

The Best Public Information and Education Award recognizes the Local Section that best informed and educated the public (who are not in the nuclear field) about nuclear energy. The judging criteria are:

- i. Number and variety of projects (e.g., local K-12 support, scholarships, public seminars/webinars, etc.).
- ii. Number and percent of membership and FANS involved.
- iii. Effort and planning (man-hours and activities).
- iv. Publicity received, audience reached, audience participation; and

- v. Lessons learned and best practices (e.g., innovative approaches, teaching methods, etc.).

4. BEST LOCAL SECTION MANAGEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the Local Section that best excelled in the conduct of its own affairs. The judging criteria are:

- i. Active standing committees.
- ii. Succession plan, number and percent of Local Section members and FANS on committees (local section management should have enough leaders, such that that all operations are not taken care of by only one or two people).
- iii. Supporting topical meetings and seminars for the Society and its Professional Divisions.
- iv. Nominations for ANS offices, committees, and awards.
- v. Internal Communications (e.g., newsletters for members, not meeting notices);
- vi. Contributions to ANS scholarships, NEED, or the Center for Nuclear Science and Technology Information.
- vii. Student Section support (if applicable); and
- viii. Fulfilling ANS bylaws and rules, making necessary revisions.

5. BEST OVERALL MERITORIOUS LOCAL SECTION AWARD

The Best Overall Meritorious Local Section Award recognizes the Local Section that best excelled in all four of the above areas. The award may only be given to one Local Section.