

Program Improvement Committee: 2/1/09

- I. Old Business
 - A. Poster Boards (best practices for hanging posters)
 - B. Acceptance Rates for 2009 conference
 1. 60 submissions with 42 accepted (70%)
 - C. New program aided with review process
 1. Ocular analysis key in review process
- II. New Business
 - A. Motion to add a student outstanding poster in each category (John Kessell moved, Dennis second)
 1. Unanimous acceptance
 - B. Suggest to add PhD students from other regions as possible poster abstract reviewers
 - C. Suggest to finalize size and other information taken from NAAE and adopt that for Southern Region
 - D. Suggest more coordination between SAERC planning committee and SAS planning committee for Ag Com posters/presentations
 - E. Suggest adding a search feature to find expertise
 - F. Suggest a mentoring program for new professors
 - G. Nomination by Amy Harder for Dianna King, Leslie Edgar, and John Kessell
 - H. David Jones elected chair, Jen Williams elected secretary

Dennis Duncan moved to adjourn, Amy Harder second...adjourned

We would like to extend a formal thank you to David Jones for all of his hard work on the 2009 poster session