

LOCAL SECTIONS MERITORIOUS AWARD CRITERIA

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

- 1. Reward Sections for being meritorious.
- 2. Inspire Sections to grow in membership, to host worthwhile meetings, and manage their business well.
- 3. Share ideas with other sections

Awards will be granted for each of the following categories:

- Best Membership
- Best Meetings and Programs
- Best Public Information and Education
- Best Section Management
- Best Overall (wins all four categories)

BASIS FOR JUDGING EACH CATEGORY

1. MEMBERSHIP

This category recognizes the efforts of local sections to obtain new members and retain the old members. The judging criterion includes:

- i. Membership drive methods and efforts.
- ii. Number of members involved in drive.
- iii. Percent new members.
- iv. Percent renewals.
- v. National ANS membership promotion.

2. MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

The purpose of this award is to recognize Local Sections for providing activities that meet the needs of their members. The judging criterion includes:

- i. Number of programs
- ii. Variety in topics, types of programs, and locations of meetings
- iii. Percent of members attending during the year

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The public information award recognizes the intensity of the effort by the Local Section to inform the public (who are not in the nuclear field) about nuclear energy. The judging criterion includes:

- i. Number and variety of projects
- ii. Percent of membership involved
- iii. Effort and effectiveness
- iv. Publicity received and audience reached
- v. The use of new media for public information



4. SECTION MANAGEMENT

This category recognizes the overall excellence in the Section's conduct of its own affairs. The judging criterion includes:

- i. Active standing committees
- ii. Percent of Section members on committees
- iii. Sponsoring topical meetings and seminars for the Society and its divisions
- iv. Nomination for ANS offices, committees and awards
- v. Newsletters for members (not meeting notices)
- vi. Contributions to ANS scholarships, NEED, or Center
- vii. Student Section support
- viii. Local K-12 support (teacher and students)
- ix. The use of new media for section management
- x. Fulfilling ANS bylaws and rules

5. OVERALL MERITORIOUS SECTION

The Meritorious Award recognizes the Section that excels in all four of the above areas. The award may only be given to one section.