Score Card: Oral Papers – Graduate Student Presentation Contest

Presenter’s Name ___________________________ Date: ________________

Title of Paper _______________________________________________________________________

Think of each item in terms of: Above average, average, below average for graduate-level presenters.
Total points possible = 100

1. Title (1-5 points) __________
   a. Identifies the subject clearly
   b. Indicates the purpose
   c. Uses high impact words without jargon

2. Abstract (1-10 points) __________
   a. Accurately reflects the content
   b. Pertinent details summarized

3. Organization and Content (1-25 points) __________
   a. Adequate introduction and background
   b. Clearly explains methods and materials
   c. Presents data clearly and concisely
   d. Discussion and conclusions emphasize significance of the research and results
   e. Components presented in a logical order, no backtracking needed

4. Presentation quality and response to questions (1-25 points) __________
   a. Smooth flowing delivery, no backtracking needed
   b. Speaker’s enthusiasm for the topic
   c. Speaker’s knowledge of the subject
   d. Proper use of grammar
   e. Good eye contact with audience
   f. Avoidance of distracting mannerisms

5. Visual Aids (1-25 points) __________
   a. Easily read by the audience
   b. All materials on the visual aid were used effectively
   c. Avoided overly-complex tables and graphics
   d. Provided time for audience to assess the material before advancing slides

6. Research Quality (1-10 points) __________
   a. Paper was pertinent, a challenge, a new idea or approach
   b. Appropriate experimental design
   c. Appropriate and accurate data analysis
   d. Statistical significance of results pointed out
   e. Conclusions and recommendations were meaningful

Total Points Awarded __________

Ranking of Oral Paper ____________ (to be completed by award chairperson)

Signature of Judge ________________________________________________________________