



Policy Statement

Neurosurgical Society of Australasia

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Policy Name: Andrew Kaye Poster Prize

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this Policy is to outline the approach of the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia (**NSA**) to the awarding the Andrew Kaye Poster Prize (**Prize**) for the best poster presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting.
- 1.2 The Prize is named in honour of Professor Andrew Kaye, AM. The Prize was established in 2016 in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by Professor Kaye in the establishment of the Journal of Clinical Neuroscience. Professor Kaye was the Foundation Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical Neuroscience until 2016. He has authored and co-authored over 250 journal articles and book chapters, as well as five books including being the co-author of "Brain Tumours", a text recognised as being the definitive work on the subject.
- 1.3 This Policy also contains the procedures to support the Policy in its operation. The Research Committee has the authority to make modifications to this Policy.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Application for the Prize is open to registrars, residents, medical students and allied health professionals. Consultant neurosurgeons are not eligible to apply for the Prize.
- 2.2 Where an applicant submits an abstract to be considered as both a poster and an oral presentation, and it is accepted as an oral presentation, it will not be eligible for acceptance as a poster.
- 2.3 Applicants for the Prize must submit an abstract for the NSA Annual Scientific Meeting for a poster in compliance with the advertised format and deadline.
- 2.4 If selected as a finalist, the poster must be displayed in the designated display area and must remain on display for the duration of the Annual Scientific Meeting.
- 2.5 The author of the poster, if selected as a finalist, must register as a delegate for and personally present poster side at the Annual Scientific Meeting by such date as communicated by the NSA.
- 2.6 The author of the poster must consent to the abstract of their poster being published in the NSA newsletter and other such NSA publications as determined by the NSA.

3.0 SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1 Research Committee members are eligible to participate in the selection of finalists for the Prize, subject to clause 3.2.

- 3.2 If a Research Committee member has had a direct involvement in the research on which the abstract is based or other significant conflict of interest, the member will be excluded from the vote for that applicant.
- 3.3 For the first round of voting, each application will be voted on individually. Votes will be for the poster to be a Finalist (2 points), Accepted (1 point) and Declined (0 points).
- 3.4 The Finalist points only for each applicant, averaged by the number of members voting will be used to determine the overall ranking of applicants.
- 3.5 The four applicants with the highest average Finalist points will be shortlisted as finalists.
- 3.6 If after 3.5 two or more applicants are ranked equally which impacts on their selection as a finalist, the score for those applicants only will be recalculated based on Finalist and Accepted points averaged and the applicant or applicants with the highest score for the remaining finalist positions will be shortlisted as finalists.
- 3.7 If after 3.6, two or more applicants are ranked equally which impacts on their selection as a finalist, the number of shortlisted finalists will be increased to include those applicants.
- 3.8 The decision of the finalists as determined by the Research Committee will be final, and the scores will not be released.
- 3.9 The Research Committee will select a panel of not less than 3 judges who do not have a conflict of interest to consider the finalists. This can include members of the Research Committee involved in the selection of the finalists.
- 3.10 Each judge will review the poster submission for the Annual Scientific Meeting to consider the quality.
- 3.11 Each finalist will be required to present during the NSA Annual Scientific Meeting, which may be a poster side presentation. Each finalist presentation will be 3 minutes. The judges and members of the audience if applicable may ask questions of the applicant.
- 3.12 At the completion of the finalist presentations, each judge will rank the finalists considering:
 - a) strength of the scientific/clinical question addressed by the poster
 - b) the contribution to the theory and/or practice of neurosurgery
 - c) the quality of the visual poster presentation
 - d) length of the presentation adherence
 - e) demonstration of knowledge in answering questions
- 3.13 The following Preference Points will be applied to each ranking:
 - a) 1st preference is worth 4 points
 - b) 2nd preference is worth 3 points
 - c) 3rd preference is worth 2 points
 - d) 4th preference is worth 1 point
 - e) 5th preference or above (where required) is worth 0 points
- 3.14 The Preference Points for each applicant from the three judges will be combined. The applicant with the highest combined Preference Points will be declared the winner of the Prize.

- 3.15 If after 3.14 two or more applicants are ranked equally to determine the winner, the score for those applicants only will be recalculated based on the 1st Preference Points only and the highest will be declared the winner of the Prize.
- 3.16 If after 3.15, two or more applicants remain ranked equally to determine the winner, the score for those applicants only will be recalculated based on 1st and 2nd Preference Points only and the highest will be declared the winner of the Prize.
- 3.17 If after 3.16, two or more applicants remain ranked equally to determine the winner, the score for those applicants only will be recalculated based on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Preference Points only and the highest will be declared the winner of the Prize.
- 3.18 If after 3.17 two or more applicants remain ranked equally to determine the winner, they will be declared joint winners and the Prize split equally amongst those finalists.

- 3.19 The decision of the judging panel will be final, and the scores will not be released.

4.0 PRIZE VALUE

- 4.1 The value of the Prize will be as advertised by the NSA and may change annually.
- 4.2 Where sponsorship is obtained, the sponsors' logo may be included on the Prize certificate and representatives of the sponsor may be involved in formal announcement and handover of the trophy.