

Description of Programs of the Academy of Leisure Sciences (ALS)

Lucille & Derby Dustin Future Scholars (Initially called “Emerging Scholars”- called Future Scholars (FS) in rest of document)

This Program of the Academy was initiated in (1991) as a way of encouraging promising scholars who had completed Master’s Degrees (or were masters level graduate students) to consider doctoral studies. While the Program is an Academy initiative, ALS has always viewed this program as an opportunity to collaborate with SPRE and NRPA around an outcome (i.e., the identification and nurturing of future Ph.D. scholars that will add to the academic or professional ranks) that is mutually beneficial to all three groups. In 1998 Dr. Dan Dustin offered to sponsor the awards each year in honor of his parents. However, the FS program is not currently endowed in a way that will be maintained over time.

The current relationship is centered around the following responsibilities and relationships:

Operating Procedures

1. The FS Committee consists of 4 members who are designated after the Fall Annual meeting:
 - Chair of the Future Scholars Committee- always ALS member appointed by the President of ALS
 - Two ALS members (recommended to the ALS President by the Chair)
 - Two SPRE members (appointed by the SPRE President- can be in consultation with the FS Chair if desired).
2. The Announcement to solicit FS nominees is revised by the FS Chair then posted on the ALS and SPRE websites and distributed on SPRElist (or other electronic forms of communication).
3. All applications are submitted (electronically) to the FS Chair before closing date (usually early May- see yearly announcement for specific date).
4. After closing date the FS Chair coordinates the selection process with the FS Committee (see specific operating procedures).
5. After selection of up to four (4) award winners are made, the results are shared with the ALS President, the ALS webmaster, the ALS treasurer, SPRE President, and Dan Dustin (as long as he is underwriting these awards). Once these people are notified the Chair will send decision letters to all applicants and their nominees. General announcements are then placed on the ALS and SPRE websites as well as on SPRElist.
6. The Chair continues to fulfill the coordinating expectations (see Chair description).
7. The ALS Treasurer sends the monetary award to the recipients by end of summer.
8. The SPRE President will help coordinate the complimentary conference registrations from NRPA for the FS winners.

Relationship Expectations

ALS: Appoint the Chair and one other committee member; coordinate the FS selection process; provide the monetary awards; provide a small token of award (plaque); host the awardees at the ALS Luncheon; maintain the historical records of this Program.

SPRE/NRPA: Appoint two members to the FS Committee; provide conference complimentary registrations for awardees (through NRPA); assist with coordination of FS with SPRE/NRPA events (i.e., SPRE Board meeting, Butler Lecture, LRS Social, SPRE Business meeting)

Future Scholars Committee Responsibilities

FS Chair:

- Appointed by the ALS President after the Fall Annual meeting for a 2 year term
- Makes recommendations for one (1) ALS member to the ALS President and can work with the SPRE President for the two (2) SPRE committee members
- Updates the FS Announcement
 - Places announcement on ALS and SPRE websites
 - Announces on SPRElist (plus others)
- Process coordination
 - All applications sent (electronically) directly to FS Chair
 - Timely coordination of materials to Committee (including selection criteria, application letters, faculty recommendation, etc)
 - Selections made by mid-summer with notifications made (ALS President, the ALS webmaster, the ALS treasurer, SPRE President, and Dan Dustin (as long as he is underwriting these awards), applicants and their nominees, general announcements to ALS and SPRE websites as well as on SPRElist)
 - Solicit/edit bios of winners for web-postings and introductions
 - Coordinate the selection of mentors for each FS
 - Set-up the schedule of FS appearances (FS orientation meeting, Butler Lecture, LRS Social, possible SPRE Board meeting, ALS Lunch, etc).
 - Communicate with the FS awardees to coordinate details related to the award and the conference
 - Meet with FS upon arrival at conference for an “orientation” (meet each other, go over schedules, etc)
 - Introduce the FS at the various functions
 - Evaluate process and make any new recommendations to ALS President
 - In a transition year for FS Chair, agree to help new Chair transition into roles

FS Committee Member

- Review selection criteria and evaluate potential award winners in a timely way
- Communicate results to Chair within the stated timeframes
- When possible, be present at the Butler Lecture to be recognized for service

Nominations and Elections Committee

This Committee (elected annually with automatic membership by the past-President) has 2 major responsibilities:

- to solicit nominations for new Fellows
 - review criteria (see Constitution) with ALS membership and encourage the nominations of worthy Fellows’ candidates
 - make nominations available to ALS memberships and oversee the voting process
 - communicate the results of the voting process to the membership and to the newly elected Fellows

- communicate names of new Fellows to the President-elect for certificate/plaque purposes
- to recruit ALS members to stand for the offices of President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer
- organize, administer, and report the results of the officer balloting process to the membership

Academy of Leisure Sciences Officers' Responsibilities (see Constitution for additional details)

President (ascends from President-elect):

- Appoints/reaffirms FS Chair and two ALS committee members (based upon recommendation from past FS Chair)
- Confirms and communicates with Nominations Committee (new officers and new Fellows)
- Organizes the ALS Lunch
- Communicates with other officers as needed
- Reviews/updates the operating procedures to maintain current information
- Proposes special project (optional)

President-elect (elected annually):

- Coordinates Plaques/certificates/tokens (Future Scholars, Past President)
- Acts for President when needed
- Supports the President in special projects
- Assumes Presidency

Secretary-Treasurer (elected annually):

- Records minutes from meetings and share with the membership for approval and archiving
- Maintains records and communicates all financial transactions of the Academy
 - Dues reminders
 - Collects dues
 - Pays bills
 - Provides a financial report at annual meeting
 - Sends checks to Future Scholars' winners
- Maintains the archive of the Academy business (in conjunction with the Historian)
- Maintains accurate roll of all active Fellows
- Corresponds with Fellows and others on the promotion of academy affairs

Historian (often combined with the Webmaster) (elected for a 3 year term):

- Maintains the ALS website with current member information as well as important archival material
- Updates the Future Scholars web area upon selection of new winners

- Develops the website in ways that communicate positively information about the Academy, its projects, members, and other relevant information.
- Prepare certificates of Fellowship for newly elected Fellows
- Assists president in formally inducting members
- Develops the Certificates for Fellows
- Coordinates revisions to constitution
- Presents memorials

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