

The Awards Committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolution:

To offer nine guaranteed Warren-Dahlin student fellowship awards and up to nine Collie-Taylor coach awards each year with the following stipulations:

- In each region, nominations and winners must be selected by a student vote.
- The deadline for winners must be submitted to the awards committee chair by noon on the day of the business meeting.
- No coach may win the Collie-Taylor award more than once every five years.

Rationale for:

Historically the Coach and Student fellowship awards were both nominated and voted on by the students. This created a large amount of work for the awards committee (counting multiple slips of paper). In 2013 the practice was discontinued. The current practice is for regions to submit a single student and coach nominee to the awards chair. The awards committee advances all the students submitted, and chooses the 2-4 coach fellowship award winners (through a vote of the awards committee members). Some regions attempt to keep the spirit of the fellowship award alive by letting students vote on regional nominees, however some regions self-reported last year that the decision was made largely by coaches or even just the regional governor.

The proposed system helps ensure the selection of the fellowship awards comes from the students and allows each region to have both a student and coach fellowship award winner. The committee feels this will help:

- Balance out student awards and coach fellowship awards
- Create equal representation for each region
- Ensure students are selecting the winners of the fellowship awards

Rationale against:

- Committee found none.