

## Collegiate and Senior Sections: Choosing a venue for your contribution to the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences

Each year at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences concurrent sessions are held in the biosciences. They are

- Collegiate Academy (CA) Biology and
- Senior Academy (SA) Biological and Medical Sciences sections.

Similarly, concurrent sessions are held in chemistry and physics. They are

- Collegiate Academy Chemistry/Physics,
- Senior Academy General Chemistry, and
- Senior Academy General Physics sections.

Generally, CA sections are intended to showcase presentations by undergraduate students for undergraduate students. SA sections, on the other hand, are intended for presentations by graduate students, professional scientists in industry, government, and academe, and our membership's serious citizen scientists and hobbyists to their peers. Well-prepared undergraduates who value the discussion and feedback that a presentation to a SA section provides are encouraged participate in SA sections.

To help undergraduate students uncertain as to which section will better showcase their work, the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences provides the attached checklist. A majority of responses offering guidance "CA" and "CA / SA" suggest the presentation will be better received in a CA section; likewise, a majority of responses with the guidance "SA" and "CA / SA" may be better received in a SA section.

Is the work	Yes	Guidance
Original?		CA / SA
A review?		CA
A group presentation?		CA
Significant and timely?		CA / SA
Of broad appeal?		CA
Of narrow appeal?		SA
Publishable or leading to publication?		CA / SA
Novel or noteworthy?		CA / SA
A capstone experience associated with the presenter's major?		CA
Is the presenter		
Comfortable discussing the work with others?		SA
Comfortable thinking on her/his feet?		SA
Experienced in oral presentation of her/his work to other scientists?		SA
Able to field questions without deferring to her/his advisor?		SA
A novice researcher?		CA
Continuously and actively engaged in the work to be presented?		SA
Will the presentation		
Target other undergraduates?		CA
Target other active disciplinary investigators?		SA