Recently, I met with some judges and regional website contest chairs to discuss improving the contest. The group came up with many great ideas that we will be implementing in 2024.

The biggest change is the contest timeline. Rather than trying to squeeze the timeline into a schedule that must change every year based on the annual AFMS meeting, the contest will work within a consistent timeline that starts early in the year and runs through the end of the year.

This means that the contest will not begin in October 2023 as it would have. The website contest will begin early next year. Even though there will be website contest activity in 2024, there won’t be any awards presented at the 2024 annual meeting. Contest activities in 2024 will culminate in awards at the 2025 annual meeting.

I will keep all regional website contest chairs and website contest judges as we continue working on the changes and to get their input. More details and information about the changes to the contest as well as changes to scoring will be posted on the AFMS website when everything is finalized.

If you have any questions or ideas or if you are interested in volunteering to be a website contest judge, please let me know.

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