May-June 2008 Voter-Funded Media Contest at University of British Columbia

The contest entry period is from May 4 through May 31, 2008. Voting is from noon May 16 through midnight June 30, 2008. We (the contest administrator[s], which for May-June 2008 is Mark Latham) may change the entry deadline, making it earlier or later than had been planned or announced.

Any person, group or organization, whether affiliated with UBC or not, may apply to enter the contest, but we reserve the right to deny any application. In particular, we may limit the total number of contestants. We may disallow some contestant names, for example if they are so similar to other names as to be confusing. Contest void where prohibited by law.

Contest entry fee: $10, non-refundable. Winners of the previous period's contest can have this subtracted from their awards, and submit this entry form by attaching it to an email with a message like: "I hereby apply to enter the May-June contest as [an individual / a group (names) / an organization (name)], and agree to the terms & conditions on the attached entry form. [My/Our] info details are the same as for March-April."

Contestant Entry Form (Other than prior winners noted above, please mail with $10 cheque payable to Mark Latham, #3601 – 1328 West Pender St., Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4T1)

Applying to enter contest as: (check one)

___ an individual; OR

___ a group of people, whose names are _____

_____; OR

___ an organization called _____.

Contestant Name: (to appear on ballot; maximum 64 characters)

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Contestant Website URL: (if any; to be linked from www.votermedia.org/ubc)

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Payee Name and Mailing Address: (to whom award cheque will be payable, should your contestant win funds)

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Terms and Conditions

1. We (the contest administrator[s]) may contact you (the signer above) by email and/or phone regarding the contest. If we contact you, you agree to respond.

2. The contest ballot is on the "VOTE – VoterMedia" worksite available at www.vista.ubc.ca to anyone with a UBC campus-wide login ID who has registered to vote (instructions at www.votermedia.org/ubc).

3. If we accept your entry:
> On the ballot and possibly elsewhere, we will show your contestant name, in a layout of our choosing.
> On the ballot and/or elsewhere, we may show, in a layout of our choosing:
>> - your contestant website URL
>> - your real name

- your payee name
                          - whether you entered as an individual, a group or an organization
                          - if you entered a group, the group members' names
                          - if you entered an organization, the organization's name

4. There are no formal requirements for contestants other than completing this application. They are free to compete in any way they choose (subject to any applicable laws). We use the term "media" based on what we think contestants will do, but we do not actually require contestants to act like media. This contest is designed to benefit the voting community, and many types of benefit are possible. We think contestants will win high ratings by providing such benefits as websites giving insight on important UBC issues, especially issues to be decided by vote. This includes the media contest itself – contestants could publish evaluations of each other.

5. Voters can rank the contestants from most preferred to least preferred. Voters are of course free to rate contestants using any criteria they choose. Some people may have more than one UBC campus-wide login ID, thus enabling them to vote more than once, but we do not encourage this. The ballot does not allow revising one's vote after submission. It does not show us which voter made which voting choice. If a voter ranks a contestant more than once, only its highest rank will be counted. Any contestants a voter doesn't rank will be counted as ranking below those ranked. (So for example, if only one contestant is ranked, it will be counted as ranking above all the others, even if it's in the lowest rank.)

6. Vote Aggregation Method: The first-place winner will be determined by the Condorcet method with Schwartz Sequential Dropping, implemented by the OpenSTV software available at http://stv.sourceforge.net/. The second-place winner will be determined by the same method but with the first-place winner eliminated; and so on.

7. Prizes: 1st place, $200; 2nd place, $160; 3rd place, $120; 4th place, $80; 5th place, $40. In the case of ties, tied contestants will receive the average of the tied places' awards.

8. Because this contest is a new and developing idea, it involves uncertainty. Many things could turn out differently from our expectations or your expectations. For example:
        (a) information technology systems could malfunction;
        (b) information technology services could be suddenly interrupted;
        (c) the voting process could be corrupted by improper influence or people voting multiple times;
        (d) people may vote in unexpected ways for unexpected reasons;
        (e) voter turnout may be very low;
        (f) contestant could get lower ratings than deserved;
        (g) contestant's reputation could be harmed.
You agree to accept all such risks without recourse.

9. We may reasonably alter or cancel the contest in the event of a technical failure, fraud or other circumstances beyond our control.

10. Because this contest is a new and developing idea, it involves discussion. We may discuss the contest and contestants publicly. We may discuss the goals of creating the contest, and the extent to which specific contestants are or are not serving those goals. Some people may interpret this as our favouring one contestant over others. To explicitly permit such discussions, we reserve the right to favour any contestant over others in our discussions and statements.

11. If there are UBC Voter-Funded Media contests in future periods, their terms and conditions may be different from this period's.

I hereby apply for entry into the May-June 2008 Voter-Funded Media Contest at University of British Columbia, and have read and agree to the above Terms and Conditions, on behalf of myself (if as individual), or on behalf of the group or organization named above which has given me the authority to so apply and agree.

_____   _____   _____
      Print Name of Signer   Signature   Date

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      Signer's Email Address   Signer's Phone Number(s)