Judging Guidelines

The judging pool will be selected from WyoLum Team as well as past winners.

Round 1.
Excepting self recusal, each judge reviews all (time permitting) of the applications and assigns scores in the following categories:

- Innovation
  - F -- Copied project, no citation of original work
  - D -- Obvious modification of existing project; correct citation required to get passing grade in this category
  - C -- Clever idea
  - B -- Novel modification of existing project
  - A -- Amazing original work; makes you think "I wish I would have thought of that!"
- Technical feasibility
  - F -- Obvious flaw in concept, will not work.
  - D -- Low feasibility; could be made, but with a lot of difficulties
  - C -- Maybe feasible, but requires change/improvement to make it easier
  - B -- Feasible, but minor process/part/component difficulty
  - A -- Highly feasible - very low hurdles
- Commercial viability
  - F -- One off, cannot be produced in cost-effective manner
  - D -- May be able to break even
  - C -- Niche market about like ClockTHREE d
  - B -- $100,000 idea
  - A -- $1,000,000 idea
- Planned use of funds
  - F -- Plan to pay themselves significant portion of funds
  - D -- 100% of project funded using grant, no prior investment
  - C -- Plan to use a large portion of funds of "of the shelf" software, or closed source hardware, other than raw materials or less than ⅓ outside funds
  - B -- Somewhere between A and C
  - A -- 25% Grant, 25% prior, more than 50% other leveraged funds
- Timeline P/F
  - F -- Goals not attainable in six months
  - P -- Goals attainable in six months

Score: A -- 4 points down to F -- 0 points.

DRAFT -- Guidelines are subject to change

Category	Factor
● Innovation	4
● Originality	4
● Technical feasibility	3
● Commercial viability	2
● Planned use of funds	3
● Timeline	3 (all or none)

Weighted Score = Sum(factor * grade) / sum(grades)

Round 1
Yeah/Nay voting decides if the application pool merits the 2012 Innovation grant awards.
Majority wins.

The top six scores are selected as finalists to move to Round 2. Each of these will be awarded at least a $250 prize. From these six, further evaluation will determine the two WyoLum 2012 $1000 grant winners.

Round 2
Each judge who participated in Round 1, will select two projects from the six finalists he/she thinks should receive the $1000 grants. Each Round 2 project will be discussed via Google Hangouts to determine two clear winners. The remaining four finalists will be declared runners-up and the judging is finalized.

Elimination Round (Overtime)
At the end of the Hangout, each judge votes for two projects. The lowest scoring project is removed from contention. This process continues until there are only two projects, which will be declared the major winners, while the rest will be awarded runner-up grants.