

Highlights of the CBE Board Meeting

The CBE Board of Directors met in May 1998 in Salt Lake City. Highlights of the meeting are as follows.

The board agreed to contract with Drohan Management Group to serve as CBE's association management firm from 1 June 1998 to 1 December 1999.

On the basis of the recommendation of the Scope and Mandate Task Force to broaden the membership of CBE to all sciences and recognizing that the current name is restrictive, the board recommended that the name be changed to the Council of Science Editors (CSE). The board requests that members consider this recommendation and provide advice to the board before the proposal is submitted to the membership for a formal vote on a bylaw change.

A Task Force on Authorship was created

to follow up on the issues raised at the February 1998 Authorship Retreat with the goal of creating continuity until the next Authorship Retreat in May 1999. Frank Davidoff has agreed to chair the task force.

The Management Review Task Force and the Scope and Mandate Task Force were disbanded.

The composition of the Administrative Committee was changed to include the immediate past president as chair, the treasurer, another board member, a committee chair, and 1 or 2 members who have experience in association management. The president and president-elect will serve as ex officio nonvoting members. The composition of this committee will be reexamined periodically.

The board approved committee and task force chairs, vice chairs, and board liaisons

for 1998-1999 as presented by Pat Huston.

CBE will have a one-time election of president elect in the next election cycle to implement the new bylaw change, which adds the position of president-elect to the presidential track. The track now includes the following 1-year term positions: vice president, president-elect, president, and past president.

The board agreed that the election year will not change and will remain June through May.

CBE membership in the American Institute of Biological Sciences will be renewed.