

From the President

The Council of ~~Biology~~ ^{Science} Editors



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CBE established the Scope and Mandate Task Force in 1995 under President Drummond Rennie. The Board of Directors charged it to recommend strategic planning for the Council for the years 1998-2001. The task force found that

- 1) CBE's mission is to promote excellence in the communication of scientific information, and
- 2) its purposes are to serve the scientific, scientific-publishing, and information-science communities by

- a. fostering networking, education, and discussion among its members, and
- b. being an authoritative resource on current and emerging issues in the communication of scientific information.

To fulfill the task force's recommendations, CBE is dedicated to broadening its membership to all sciences. Scientific pursuits are becoming more interdisciplinary. In fact, attendees at the Council's recent annual meetings have had backgrounds in many fields. Yes, we are becoming more diverse. The next logical step is to acknowledge our diversity by renaming the organization to reflect the composition of our membership better.

Throughout CBE's history, people have suggested the possibility of a name change. One might have made a case for the wisdom of doing so long ago, but maintaining the status quo is far simpler than altering it. So "Council of Biology Editors" it has remained. Now, by an overwhelming vote of the membership, the organization is to be called "Council of Science Editors", or "CSE".

The membership has declared that we should look forward. At the dawn of the new millennium, the Council of Science Editors is born, with great promise that a new moniker will infuse our professional society with renewed vigor and activity. This is the ideal opportunity for encouraging our colleagues in allied fields to join CSE, to engage in our programs, and to enrich our pool of talent.

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