

CBE Ends Year Financially Fit

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Despite substantial challenges to the 1998 budget, the Finance Committee is happy to report that CBE ended 1998 fiscally sound and healthier financially than in 1997. Several things caused the Finance Committee to expect a shortfall of up to \$40,000 in 1998. They included expenses surrounding the search for a management firm and the costs of the transition from Sherwood to Drohan Management Group (DMG), mod-

est annual-meeting revenues from Salt Lake City compared with the previous year, additional Board of Directors expenses incurred from the February Scope and Mandate Task Force meeting in Washington, and potential expenses (without expected balancing revenues) incurred for projects of the Publications Committee.

Thanks to the cooperation of DMG, the Board, and, most important, committees in reducing expenses, CBE ended the year with a shortfall of only \$6,953. Interest of \$9,387 earned in the operating fund money-market

account offset the shortfall, leaving \$2,434 in excess of expenses from the operating funds (compared with a loss of \$16,022 in 1997). Investment income in the Legg Mason Investment Fund grew by \$39,403 in investment revenue and unrealized gains on investments. For the first time in several years, CBE did not have to use the investment income to balance the budget.

If you have any questions or comments, please ask a member of the Finance Committee.