

Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met by teleconference on 28 September 2001. The following are highlights of the meeting.

1. The 2002 budget was approved. It includes a \$5 increase in dues for all membership categories but Student and an increase in registration fee for the annual meeting of \$24 for members (\$375 to \$399) and \$110 for nonmembers (\$490 to \$600). These increases take inflation into account and also will allow us to provide more LCD projectors for speakers at the annual meeting.
2. As of 31 July 2001, our assets beyond liability are \$546,500, and a loss of \$3821 is projected for 2001, largely because of our marketing expenses and the attrition fee from the annual-meeting hotel.
3. The Editors' Council Task Force is planning an Office of Research Integrity (ORI) retreat, "Responsible Conduct in Research", for fall 2002. There will also be a 1.5-hour session on ORI's new booklet on guidelines for responsible research at the 2002 annual meeting.
4. On 27 October 2001, a 4-hour "Short Course for Journal Editors" will be held at the University of California, San Francisco, sponsored by the Editors' Council Task Force, for a fee of \$25. There will be a 1.5-hour open session at the 2002 annual meeting related to this in an attempt to encourage journal editors to discuss how to develop similar courses across the United States. Other such sessions are already being planned.
5. The "Short Course for Web Editors" will be examined and may be renamed "Short Course for Electronic Publishing Issues".
6. The "executive refresher" option available for the 2001 short courses will be offered again in 2002 and then reevaluated.
7. CSE's contract with an independent marketing consultant will be discontinued and, for the interim, we will market membership ourselves. The membership brochure is being revised. For the long term, we will seek to obtain effective professional expertise.
8. Stacy Lemick has stepped down as chair of the Membership Committee, and Vicki Sullivan has become the new chair. A vice-chair is being sought.
9. The Awards and Honors Committee has recommended that there be no more than three recipients of the Distinguished Service Award per year. This was approved by the board and will be changed in the organizational guide.
10. The Program Committee for the 2002 annual meeting is investigating an optional evening activity (a dinner cruise).
11. Barbara Gastel announced that three members have been added to *Science Editor's* board: Katherine Arnold, Barbara Good, and John Overbeke. She is still looking for board members outside biology and medicine.
12. The Stylebook Subcommittee is still looking for a committee member to be responsible for earth-sciences material.
13. A preview of material from the next edition of *Scientific Style and Format* will be available on the CSE Web site.
14. The Authorship Task Force has been disbanded. A report of the 7 May 2001 retreat will be published in *Science Editor*.
15. CSE may try to arrange a retreat with the Society for Scholarly Publishing in fall 2005, possibly on the topic of editor-publisher relations.
16. The CSE Web site now provides a link to the National Library of Medicine's electronic reference guidelines.
17. The CSE Web-site home page now emphasizes the benefits of membership, not the history of the organization. It provides links to San Diego hotels and visitors' sites.
18. The CSE Web-site editor is working on allowing members to change their passwords to ones they would choose themselves and on allowing registration for the annual meeting, purchase of publications, and so on, by credit card.
19. The Stylebook Subcommittee expects to publish the seventh edition in 2003; it will be published in print, and then a decision about online publication will be considered. A decision about self-publishing vs copublishing will be reached by May 2002.
20. The dues mailing will be in October or November 2001. A membership survey will be conducted in November 2001 in conjunction with the membership-directory update.
21. The Editorial Policy Committee will review the policy published by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in the 4 July 2001 issue on financial conflicts of interest and relationships between investigators and research sponsors and will decide whether CSE should endorse the policy.
22. The next board meeting will be on 8 February 2002 in Washington, DC.