Highlights of the CBE Board Meeting

The CBE Board of Directors met by teleconference on 2 November 1998 to discuss a number of issues, especially the CBE FY 1999 budget. The Finance Committee recommended an increase in membership dues to offset the rising costs of member services. Individual US members will now pay $115, and individual foreign members will pay $145. Annual-meeting rates will also increase in 1999.

The board reviewed 2 statements from the Editorial Policy Committee—on referral for possible misconduct and on journal access rights to scientific data. The statements will be placed on the CBE Web site to invite comments and suggestions for a brief period before being voted on by the board.

The board discussed CBE's proposed name change to the Council of Science Editors. Nearly all who faxed in a response to President Pat Huston were in favor of the change. A trademark attorney will conduct a preliminary search to see whether any organizations are using the name before the change is voted on by the CBE membership.

News About Members

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