Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met by teleconference on 6 October 2000. The following are highlights of the meeting.

1. The Editorial Policy Committee plans to approach the Journal of the American Medical Association or the Annals of Internal Medicine about publishing existing editorial policies so that they can be easily located by readers. They would be published concurrently in Science Editor.

2. A link will be created from the CSE Web site to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) Web site.

3. The Board endorsed the revised Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT) statement.

4. The Education Committee has added two members: Jessica Ancker and Connie Chambers.

5. Nancy Taylor has appointed the 2001 short-course coordinators: Joan Blumberg for Short Course for Journal Editors, Diane Lang for Short Course for Manuscript Editors, Nancy Wachter for Short Course for Web Editors, and Cheryl Iverson for Short Course for Managing Editors.

6. In 2001 alumni of the various short courses will be offered an “executive refresher” option whereby they may take a single session in any of the short courses for $35 (members) or $45 (nonmembers).

7. Drummond Rennie is finalizing a list of the members of the Authorship Task Force. A presentation by this group will be held as part of the 2001 CSE annual meeting. The emphasis will be on sharing experience to promote further implementation of responsible authorship. Margaret Reich will work on the logistics with CSE staff Ann Link, program chair of the annual meeting.

8. The Editors Regional Task Force, headed by Susan Eastwood, will offer its first regional meeting of editors at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) on 18 October. There are over 50 registrants for this session, which will feature Drummond Rennie, Michael Callaham, and Zach Hall (vice chancellor of UCSF and former editor of Neuron) as speakers.

9. The Finance Committee has added two members: Cindy Bodin and Lenne Miller.

10. A finance subcommittee, chaired by Paul Bozuwa, was formed to evaluate whether Scientific Style and Format should be published by CSE alone or with Cambridge University Press or another publisher.

11. The budget submitted by the Finance Committee was approved.

12. Individual domestic dues will be raised in 2001 from $115 to $120. There will be no increase in annual-meeting fees, but short-course fees will be increased slightly to include lunch.

13. The membership directory will continue to be printed and published online. The print version will be published every other year.

14. The Nominating Committee announced that candidates for vice president are Michael Held and Margaret Reich. The committee is working to complete the slate for director. [It was later announced that the candidates for director were John Overbeke and Diane Scott-Lichter.]

15. The Publications Committee’s request that CSE exchange one-page marketing enclosures with the European Association of Science Editors was approved.

16. Any new publications considered by the Publications Committee will require a business plan that is approved by the Board.

17. One member was added to the Style Manual Subcommittee: Larry Bowlds.

18. Three members were added to the Sponsorship Committee.

19. The Sponsorship Committee is preparing a short policy statement on sponsorship initiatives for Board approval.

20. A graduate assistant, Linda Wang, has been added to the staff of Science Editor this fall.

21. Science Editor is recruiting for an advertising manager.

22. A 5-year index will appear in the first issue of Science Editor in 2001. It will be available simultaneously on the CSE Web site.

23. A marketing proposal for CSE is under consideration by the Executive Committee.

24. The CSE Web site has been transferred to Potomac Digitek, Gaithersburg MD.

25. Reference sites have been added to the CSE Web site.

26. The next meeting of the Board will be on Saturday, 3 February, in Washington DC.