Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met on 7 May in conjunction with the CSE annual meeting in San Diego. Highlights of the meeting follow.

1. The following committee chairs and vice chairs were announced: Administrative, Michael Held; Awards and Honors, Tad Parker; Editorial Policy, John Hoey; Education, Jessica Ancker; Short Courses and Workshops, Diane Lang; Editors’ Council Task Force, Susan Eastwood; Finance, Paul Bozuwa (vice chair, Stephen Prudhomme); Membership, Diane Scott-Lichter; Nominating, Tom Lang; Program 2003, Brenda Gregoline; Local Arrangements 2003, Seth Beckerman; Publications, Cheryl Smart (vice chair, Todd Hummel); Science Editor, Barbara Gastel; Style Manual Subcommittee, Peggy Robinson (vice chair, Karen Patrias); Sponsorship, Devora Mitrany (vice chair, Dana St. John); and Web Editor, Seth Beckerman.

2. The following officers were announced: President, Annette Flanagin; President-Elect, Michael Held; Vice President, Faith McLellan; Secretary, Cheryl Iverson; Treasurer, Paul Bozuwa; Treasurer-Elect, Stephen Prudhomme; Directors, Leesa Bruce, Diane Scott-Lichter, and Kayleen Niyo; and Past President, Tom Lang.

3. Editorial policies 4 (“Conflicts of Interest and the Peer Review Process”), 5 (“The Relations Between Editors and Their Publishing or Sponsoring Societies”), and 6 (“Responsibilities and Rights of Peer Reviewers”) were adopted by the board and will be published in a future issue of Science Editor.

4. Attendance at the Short Courses was as follows: 30 at Journal Editors, 20 at Manuscript Editors, 20 at Electronic Publishing, 16 at Managing Editors, and Executive Refresher attendees at all.

5. A draft of the proposal for a retreat on the journal’s role in preventing, detecting, investigating, and correcting scientific misconduct for fall 2003 is under review.

6. Additional new members of the Sponsorship Committee are Paul Weislogel (Elsevier) and Peter Kirby (Cadmus). The Sponsorship Committee plans to broaden its mandate, cooperate closely with other committees, and approach major donors for specific purposes.

7. Although a theme has not yet been selected for the 2003 annual meeting, the Program Committee has begun planning, and the committee chair, Brenda Gregoline, welcomes suggestions (Brenda_Gregoline@ama-assn.org).

8. There were 331 attendees at the annual meeting, only 30 fewer than expected.

9. There will be an audit of the finances in May 2002.

10. To meet our budgeted goals, we need about 100 more membership renewals.

11. The Membership Committee hopes to increase retention from 84% to 90% in the coming year.

12. Two books (Financial Management and Latin American Research Libraries in Natural Medicine) are being dropped from the CSE “stable” because after review it was felt that they were out-of-date. A review of all CSE books is going on.

13. The copy for the next edition of the CSE style manual should be completed in early 2003. Several major changes in the next edition include the addition of a section on ethical issues and the expansion of the references section to include electronic references.

14. We have one bid on producing an interactive electronic version of the manual. We will obtain three more.

15. The current edition of the style manual is out of print. We will ask Cambridge to do another printing, to be sold at $60 per copy with a 10% royalty to CSE.

16. A deputy editor for Science Editor will be selected within a year.

17. The plan to change members’ passwords to ones that members would select themselves is being postponed until 2003 for financial reasons.

18. Barbara Meyers will soon be distributing CSE business cards to the board and committee chairs.

19. Barbara Meyers is also working on developing the first-ever CSE products and services catalog.

20. At the 2002 CSE annual meeting, 43 CSE books were sold at the CSE booth.

21. Any use of the CSE logo must be approved by the board.

22. CSE will begin offering press passes at the 2003 annual meeting in Pittsburgh; these will be issued case by case.

23. The contracts for the 2003 (Pittsburgh) and 2004 (Vancouver) annual meetings should be final by the end of May 2002.

24. Board liaisons for all committees were announced and are as follows: Awards and Honors, Leesa Bruce; Editorial Policy, Faith McLellan; Education, Cheryl Iverson; Program, Annette Flanagin; Publications, Michael Held; Style Manual, Paul Bozuwa; and Sponsorship, Stephen Prudhomme.

25. The next board meeting will be in September 2002, by conference call.