The CSE Board of Directors met by conference call on 29 October 2003. Highlights of the meeting follow.

1. CSE will begin negotiations with our management company, Drohan Management Group, on a 3-year contract. The contract will probably include an increase in management fees.


3. Because of cost constraints, the CSE membership directory will not be printed annually. To continue to provide members with all services, however, CSE will investigate a means by which the membership directory can be downloaded and/or printed from the Web site.

4. Registration for the retreat on scientific misconduct is on target, and scholarships to attend the retreat were awarded to six international applicants.

5. The Membership Committee continues to work hard to promote CSE to members of associated organizations and to faculty and students of colleges and universities.

6. Planning is on schedule for the 2004 CSE annual meeting, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Thirty-two sessions have been organized, and exciting tours and events continue to be lined up.

7. The Sponsorship Committee was successful in gathering sponsorship for the 2003 annual meeting. The group continues to work with the Board and other committees in drafting a policy on sponsorship.

8. About 300 Web sites have links to the CSE site.

9. The next board meeting will be on 31 January 2004 in Washington, DC.

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Susan J A Harris has been appointed senior director, journals, at the American Psychological Association. Previously, she was the executive publisher at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Two CSE members received top awards at the 2003 American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) annual conference. Susan Eastwood, a past president of the Council, received the Harold Swanberg Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to medical communication. (See page 50 of this issue.) Jessica Ancker received the Golden Apple Award for excellence in leading workshops.

CSE members have been elected to two leadership positions in AMWA for 2003-2004: Flo Witte is president, and Dom DeBellis is president-elect. He will automatically assume the presidency for 2004-2005.

Other CSE members are serving in leadership roles in AMWA for 2003-2004: Nancy D Taylor is the administrator for awards, Melanie F Ross is the administrator for chapters, Barbara Gastel is the administrator for education, Mary G Royer is the administrator for publications, and Karen Klein is the administrator for public relations.