Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met on 18 May 2004 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Highlights of the meeting follow:

1. Board members and committee chairs participated in a brainstorming meeting on potential projects for the next few years. Several were chosen for immediate investigation; others were referred to appropriate committees.
   a. Inasmuch as CSE has been working with the editors of four medical journals in resource-poor African countries and is acting as the administrator of a partnership grant funded by the National Library of Medicine, the Fogarty International Center, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and inasmuch as those editors may be attending the 2005 meeting in Atlanta in conjunction with the partnership project, develop a special event in conjunction with their attendance and CSE’s involvement in their work.
   b. Work to partner with other organizations with similar interests, seeking to reduce duplication of effort and to strengthen editorial policies across medicine and science.
   c. Develop a plan for “lunchtime clinics” at the annual meeting in which people present editorial problems to an experienced editor for advice.
   d. Establish an outreach task force, which will be responsible for ensuring that CSE interests, programs, and membership recruitments extend beyond the biomedical arena.

2. The Finance Committee reported that the 2004 annual meeting in Vancouver was a success. Revenues were above budgeted numbers.

3. The 2007 annual meeting will take place in Austin, Texas.

4. At the 2005 annual meeting, a short course on statistics will be added to the current lineup of short courses.

5. Electronic voting, which debuted this year, was a success, and the process will be continued in 2005.


News About Members

Two CSE members will receive awards at the 2004 American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) annual conference, to be held 21-23 October in St Louis.

Cheryl Iverson, of the Scientific Publications Group at the American Medical Association, will be given the John P McGovern Medal. This award will honor Iverson for her contributions to science editing, including those as chair of the committees that prepared the two most recent editions of the American Medical Association Manual of Style.

R Elliott Churchill, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will receive the Golden Apple Award. This award recognizes consistently outstanding leadership of AMWA workshops.

Churchill has repeatedly taught the AMWA workshops on microediting and macroediting.

Abba J Kastin has accepted an endowed chair at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. Kastin is editor-in-chief of Peptides: An International Journal.