Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met on 5 May 2009 at the Pittsburgh Hilton in Pittsburgh, PA. Highlights of the meeting follow.

1. The Board voted to create a Council of Science Editors group on the LinkedIn social-networking Web site.

2. A new standing Research Committee has been created to promote informed editorial decision making by facilitating sharing of research throughout CSE’s avenues of communication, including its meetings, Science Editor, and the Web site. The committee will also communicate—through publications and oral presentations—the importance to journals of research on the topic of scientific publishing and the means by which journals can conduct their own research.

3. The 2010 Program Committee cochairs, Ken Heideman and Denis Baskin, reported that the tentative tagline for next year’s annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, will be “The Changing Climate of Scientific Publishing: The Heat Is On”. The plenary speaker will be J Marshall Shepherd, of the University of Georgia Department of Geography. Shepherd is an associate professor who conducts research, advises, and teaches in atmospheric sciences, climatology, water-cycle processes, and urban climate systems.

4. The Board and committee chairs participated in a leadership orientation at the beginning of the meeting. Committee chairs for 2009–2010 are:

   - Awards Committee: Ana Marusic
   - Editorial Policy Committee: Robert Edsall
   - Education Committee: Jennifer Fleet
   - Finance Committee: Anna G Trudgett
   - Local Arrangements Subcommittee: Carissa Gilman
   - Membership Committee: Tom Cross
   - Nominating Committee: Diane Scott-Lichter
   - Program Committee: Ken Heideman and Denis Baskin
   - Publications Committee: Dana Compton
   - Research Committee: Margaret Winker
   - Science Editor: Barbara Gastel
   - Short Courses and Workshops Subcommittee: Patty Baskin
   - Sponsorship Committee: Barbara Campaigne
   - Web Committee: Seth Beckerman

In Memoriam: Janis H Audin

Janis H Audin, editor-in-chief at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) from 1995 to 2009, died on 22 April 2009 at age 58. She had been contending with pancreatic cancer for 3 years.

Audin studied art history and biology as an undergraduate and went on to obtain a master’s degree in reproductive physiology and a DVM. She then practiced small-animal medicine before becoming an assistant editor at AVMA in 1985. She was promoted to associate editor in 1989, editor in 1994, and editor-in-chief and director of the publications division in 1995. Her responsibilities in this dual role included providing leadership for the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) and the American Journal of Veterinary Research.

Contributions of Audin to AVMA publications included leading the move from print-only to electronic formats and instituting computer technology to improve various aspects of journal operations. She also mentored many editors and others.

Audin joined what was then the Council of Biology Editors in 1985. Her contributions to the Council included chairing the Information Management Committee in 1998–1999.

Despite her illness, Audin continued working, doing so from home when no longer able to go to the office. A month before her death, she was named editor-in-chief emeritus.

Audin asked that memorial donations be made to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and designated for animal health studies. Donations can be made online at www.avmf.org or sent to the AVMF, Suite 100, 1931 N Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Further information about Audin appears in an obituary in JAVMA, available at www.avma.org/omhnews/javma/may09/090515ff.asp.