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Conference of Biological Editors

The Conference of Biological Editors was elected as an affiliate of the AAAS at the Association's 131st annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, December 1964. The Conference is a nonprofit association founded in New Orleans in 1957. The objects of the Conference are cooperation among editors, effective publication of continuing journals, and development of policies concerning communication in the biological sciences.

Membership is open to individuals who hold the principal responsibility for the editorial management of serial publications such as journals, reviews, monograph series, abstract journals and services, indexes, microcards, and similar media devoted to the periodic dissemination of biological knowledge. Most of the 165 members are, or have been, editors of primary biological journals.

The activities of the Conference include an annual meeting (usually of 2 days' duration). Some sessions of the annual meeting are in the form of small panel discussions of questions and data papers prepared by standing and ad hoc committees.

These committees include: (i) Committee on Form and Style, which has prepared the *Style Manual for Biological Journals*. The manual is now in its second edition and accepted in whole or in part as the standard of form by approximately 175 biological

journals; (ii) Committee on Review Articles, which strives toward coordination of efforts of publications devoted to reviews; (iii) Committee on Journal Exchange, which is exploring, among other matters, possible mechanisms to enhance the direct exchange of primary publications; (iv) Committee on Cooperation with Foreign Biologists, which together with the Executive Board and special committees has planned and carried out two conferences with biological editors from other regions (Latin America and Europe). These conferences are leading to formation of sister organizations of editors in these regions and to the possibility of further international standardization and upgrading of publications and international redaction services; (v) Committee on Publication Costs, which explores all manner of economic problems of journal publication; (vi) Committee on Graduate Training in Scientific Writing, which is working on ways to insure the inclusion of training in communication skills in biology programs; (vii) Committee on Editor Cooperation with Indexing and Abstracting Publication, which has defined the problems and already has seen some improvement in the acceptance of responsibility by primary journals for secondary diffusion of information; (viii) Committee on New Forms of Publication, which has participated in experiments, such as the *Journal of Wildlife Diseases*, in microcard, microprint, and other new forms; and (ix) Committee on Editorial Policy, which is concerned with procedural and ethical questions.

The executive secretary prepares and distributes an occasional informal newsletter. Since the average term of editors is about 6 years, there is considerable turnover and the executive secretary would welcome inquiries concerning membership from qualified individuals. The way is open to convey to others the results of some past work and to explore new ways of meeting the challenge of burgeoning biological literature.

The present officers of the Conference are: chairman, Gabriel Lasker (Wayne State University); vice-chairman, Carlton M. Herman (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland); and executive secretary, Robert E. Gordon (University of Notre Dame).

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