

Publications Committee Report

At the March conference, the Board of Directors spent quite a bit of time discussing the growing costs associated with our publications and ways to control those costs. As those of us in the United States know only too well, postage costs continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Overall, postage makes up at least half of the cost of providing publications to ACES members.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to make some fundamental changes in the way that our publications operate. Beginning sometime this year, the ACES Newsletter will be distributed via web access. ACES members will be able to sign onto the ACES web page, and use their password to access the Newsletter (see your membership card for your member number/password!). Members who are unable to access the web page should contact Dick Adler to arrange for another mode of delivery. In any case, ACES will no longer publish a nicely-bound Newsletter in paper form.

Beginning in 2003, the default subscription for the ACES Journal will also become electronic, via CD-ROMs mailed to members three times per year. Paper copies will still be printed (and nicely bound) for our institutional members (libraries) and for those individual members willing to pay the actual cost for paper copies. However, the Board hopes to phase out paper copies for members over the next few years. It may be possible to move to a system where the Journal will also be web-based, reducing the need to mail multiple CD-ROMs to members each year.

These changes are expected to result in significant cost savings for ACES, and in return ACES members should expect to see a dues reduction effective in 2003.

I encourage each of you to continue to submit useful articles to both the ACES Newsletter and ACES Journal during this transition period, and please encourage others that you know to do the same.

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