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Abstracts on Disk From Annual Meeting Still Available

Abstracts from this year's annual meeting were captured in electronic format, and SHEA headquarters still has a number of disks available for members. If you would like to obtain your copy of the abstracts on disk from the 1998 annual scientific meeting, forward a request to the SHEA executive office at 609-423-0087 or by e-mail at sheahq@shea.smarthub.com.

Recent SHEA Board Actions at June Meeting

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The board approved a proposed revision in the SHEA bylaws to allow another member of the board of directors, which previously consisted of five trustees and five officers. The sixth trustee would represent international membership. A ballot mailed to current SHEA members in late June will determine whether this change in the bylaws is desirable. The results will be reported as soon as available.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SHEA BOARD

Michael Decker, MD, MPH, who succeeded Richard Wenzel, MD, MSc, as editor of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* 6 years ago, was appointed to a second 5-year term. It is hoped that Dr. Decker will continue in this position until the end of 2002. A formal process also was approved for the succession of future journal editors.

Stephen Kritchevsky, PhD, who already chairs SHEA's Project to Monitor Indicators Committee, was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Joint JCAHO/SHEA Project to Monitor Indicators, joining SHEA's other two representatives, Peter Gross, MD, and Bryan Simmons, MD.

John Boyce, president-elect of SHEA also will coordinate SHEA's participation in a proposed consensus paper on current handwashing issues. The board has asked Dr. Boyce to involve other infection control organizations in the creation of this consensus paper.

Dale Gerding, MD, will chair the SHEA Antibiotic Resistance Committee. Dr. Gerding currently is finalizing the proposed membership for this committee.

Search for Next Editor of SHEA News and *SHEA Newsletter*

The SHEA Publications Committee seeks a member to fill the next 3-year term as editor of SHEA News and the *SHEA Newsletter.* The editor has the opportunity to participate in board and committee meetings and interacts with the SHEA board, committee chairs, and liaisons to develop copy for the quarterly newsletter and the monthly news page that appears in ICHE. Technical assistance in editing and publishing is done by the ICHE managing editor for the news page and by the SHEA executive office for the newsletter. There currently is a 5-week lead time for the SHEA news page and approximately 3 weeks for the newsletter. The new editor must begin to work no later than late fall in 1998 to allow timely appearance of the January newsletter and news page.

Interested members should contact Stephanie Dickinson at SHEA headquarters by telephone at 609-423-0087 or by e-mail at sheahq@shea.smarthub.com.

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