ASA Call for Nominations

ASA Editor-in-Chief

ASA seeks nominations for the ASA Editor-in-Chief position. This is a three-year term of service to begin 1 January 2021.

The ASA Editor-in-Chief is expected to provide visionary leadership for ASA publications and the scholarly communication of its members as well as implementing the editorial policies established by the Society’s Board of Directors. Both modes and business models for scholarly communication are undergoing rapid evolution and Society publishing needs to embrace the transition. Drivers of this change include Federal open science regulations, open access business models, the emerging need for publication and curation of data sets coupled with improved knowledge translation for the public including Certified Crop Advisors, and increased pressure for transparency, repeatability and reproducibility in science. The Editor-in-Chief should be well-versed in or eager to learn about current trends in scholarly communication and excited about opportunities to innovate to ensure the sustainability of our publications while growing the profile and impact of our membership’s science products.

The ASA Editor-in-Chief will:

- participate and engage in discussions between the ACSESS Publications Leadership and Wiley Press regarding opportunities and strategies for green and gold open access,
- collaborate with ACSESS Director of Publications in identifying and prioritizing innovations with potential to increase visibility and use of ACSESS publications and educational materials (e.g. controlled vocabularies, deep indexing, publication of FAIR-compliant data, structured data, certification of peer reviewers, etc.),
- advise the ACSESS CEO and Executive Committee(s) on emerging issues and opportunities in scholarly communication,
- act as an advisor to the staff of CSA News magazine, propose development of focus issues, member profiles, story ideas, etc. and provide subject matter expert guidance. The Editor-in-Chief will represent their individual branches of science, and work in conjunction with the other society editors-in-chief on development of major publishing initiatives with support from staff.

Candidates for the positions are appointed to a three-year term, with eligibility for a second three-year term, but not a third term without an intervening three-year period. The position is appointed by the Society's president upon confirmation by its board of directors and carries a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction. Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of ASA. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the Society’s publications not exceeding one page.

An annual stipend and support funding are available.

Deadline
Submit nominations for the ASA Editor-in-Chief position to ASA President Jeff Volene (jvolene@purdue.edu). This position is open until filled. Please contact Jeff for a complete position description or with any questions.