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ISMTE Board of Directors Quarterly Update

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At our first Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of 2022, we welcomed [new and returning Board members](#) and reviewed expectations for serving ISMTE in this capacity. In addition to overseeing aspects of the Society such as membership, governance, and financial stewardship, ISMTE's BoD play active, direct roles in the Society's operations.

Each Board member serves as a Board liaison to at least one Committee or focus area, which requires attendance at Committee meetings and regular communication with the Committee Chair(s). This role is vital to ensure information sharing between the BoD and ISMTE Committees. It also provides an opportunity to identify areas of collaboration and cross-committee interactions.

The BoD are ambassadors for the Society, spreading ISMTE's mission to connect professionals working in scholarly publications across the globe and amplifying Society news and activities. Board members work in similar roles, titles, and companies as fellow ISMTE members and the composition of the BoD continues to evolve as we work to achieve a level of diversity that reflects the wider ISMTE membership.

The BoD remain committed to our established values of **Learning**, **Leadership**, and **Community**, which are central to the decisions we make and actions we take on behalf of Society members:

- **Learning.** We foster learning through education, conferences, and resources, empowering our members to stay nimble with change and informed of industry trends.
- **Leadership.** We position the Society at the forefront of the editorial office community—we are forward looking and create opportunities for professionals at all career stages.
- **Community.** We cultivate a diverse and inclusive community of editorial office professionals.

At the next BoD meeting, we will be finalizing the 2022 strategic plan in alignment with these values and the overall mission of the Society. Stay tuned for more details about this year's strategic plan and the steps we'll be taking to meet these goals.

ISMTE Celebrates 15th Anniversary

We are so excited to be celebrating ISMTE's 15th anniversary this year! The Society has experienced tremendous growth in many ways since the first small gathering of like-minded editorial office professionals in 2008. There will be opportunities to look back at the founding and early years of the Society along with special *EON* content, games and giveaways, a time capsule, and more.

In her editorial¹ in the very first issue of *EON*, Kristie Overstreet wrote:

Welcome to ISMTE. This international society has been designed to provide opportunities for education and training; a place to share ideas and best practices; forums for changing policy, improving performance, developing industry-recognized standards that will lead to a certification program, and for promoting the value of Managing and Technical Editors; possibilities for networking with people who do what you do all day; a link for people looking for jobs and those needing to hire; and bridges to other existing organizations.

Industry hot topics and trends have come and gone (and some have stuck around), new technologies, platforms, and publishing models have been explored, and the Society has evolved in many ways, but I think it's safe to say that ISMTE has remained true to the vision first described 15 years ago.

Get Involved

ISMTE is supported by a robust Committee structure, led by passionate and dedicated volunteers who serve as members of the Committee or as Committee Chairs. [ISMTE Committees](#) do the work to plan and implement events like webinars, workshops, and virtual events; research and develop practical [resources](#); connect and engage with our generous [corporate sponsors](#); support and advise on matters related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and so much more.

There are many opportunities to get involved and Committees are seeking new members for 2022. You can complete the [ISMTE Volunteer Form](#) or contact Anke van Eekelen, ISMTE Volunteer Board Liaison, at anke.vaneekelen@uwa.edu.au for more information.

Finally, ISMTE receives excellent management support from our Executive Director Donna Blake-Weems and Membership Director Kimberly Moore at FirstPoint Management Resources. Contact them at info@ismte.org for questions related to membership, website access, event registration, or just to say “hi.”

We would love to hear from you, our members, so please reach out with your feedback and ideas.

Reference

1. Overstreet K. Welcome to ISMTE: we’ve been waiting for you, and we think you’ve been waiting for us. *EON*. 2008;1:2.