



## Association of Earth Science Editors

### What is AESE?

The Association of Earth Science Editors (AESE) is an organization of editors, journal managers, and others involved with publication in the earth sciences. The goals of AESE are promoting the interchange of ideas and solving the problems involved in selecting, editing, and publishing books and articles in the earth sciences.

Through its annual meetings, quarterly newsletter (*Blueline*), Web site, and blog, AESE strives to fulfill its mission — to enhance the communication of earth-science information by fostering a network of individuals and organizations.

AESE has approximately 250 members, most residing in the United States and Canada,

with about 10 percent in other countries. Members include the editors of most of the North American earth-science journals; editing and publishing personnel with state, federal, and provincial geological surveys, professional societies, and commercial firms; editors of reports prepared for geological consultants; and others interested in earth-science publishing. A membership directory, updated quarterly, is available on the AESE Web site.

AESE maintains liaisons with other associations, including the American Geological Institute (AGI), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Council of Science Editors (CSE), and the European Association of Science Editors (EASE), and is affiliated with the Geological Society of America (GSA).

### Annual Meetings

Since 1967, AESE members have met at a different location each year, typically in the fall, for three or four days. In recent years, attendance at the annual meeting has ranged from 50 to 75 registrants. The technical programs have covered such topics as copyright, editorial techniques, reviewer/referee issues, outsourcing, online publication, public outreach, computer applications, journal economics, and digital mapping. Meetings tend to be informal, allowing for lively discussion and the free exchange of ideas.

AESE meetings also include an opening reception, a field trip (to points of geologic,

historic, or cultural interest), a business luncheon, and an awards banquet.

### Newsletter and Web Site

AESE publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Blueline*, which is the primary means of communication among members. The newsletter has regular feature columns on geoscience databases and publications, news items of interest, and book reviews; articles from members; job and meeting announcements; and AESE proceedings.

The recently updated AESE Web site ([www.aese.org](http://www.aese.org)) provides a wealth of information about the association as well as access to the AESE listserv, events calendar, jobs bank, and an enhanced Web-search portal.

The AESE blog (<http://geoeditors.wordpress.com/>) is another avenue to provide information on upcoming events and activities of the organization, as well as important notices concerning editing and publishing that may be of interest to members and the general public.

### How to Join AESE

Membership in AESE is open to individuals and organizations interested in its goals. Membership dues are only US\$35 year (\$15 for student members). If you would like to become a member of AESE, please visit the AESE Web site ([www.aese.org](http://www.aese.org)) for information on how to join.

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