Call for Nominations: Editor of Natural Sciences Education Journal

The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) is seeking nominations for Editor of Natural Sciences Education, a peer-reviewed international journal that is published online continuously during the year. Its articles are written by and for educators in extension, universities, industry, administration, and grades K–12. The new Editor’s term of service will begin January 1, 2014. It is hoped that the candidate chosen will be able to attend the 2013 Annual Meetings, 3–6 November in Tampa, FL, allowing for a timely and smooth transition into the editor position.

Other professional societies also support Natural Sciences Education and are journal cooperators. These professional societies are:
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association
- American Association for Agricultural Education
- American Institute of Biological Sciences
- American Phytopathological Society
- American Society for Horticultural Science
- American Society of Plant Biologists
- Crop Science Society of America
- Ecological Society of America
- Entomological Society of America
- Soil Science Society of America.

Candidates are expected to be visionary, as our publications continue to experience rapid change in ways of delivery, format, processes, content, and resources. Prior editorial experience with ASA publications or those having similar subject matter/structure is expected.

The position is appointed by the ASA president upon confirmation by the ASA board of directors for a three-year term, with eligibility for reappointment to a second three-year term. The position 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 two-page vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the journal (not to exceed one page) by 1 July 2013 to Warren A. Dick, ASA Editor-in-Chief, at dick.5@osu.edu.

Position Duties

Duties of the journal editor include, but are not limited to:
- Providing general leadership for Natural Sciences Education.
- Chairing the journal’s editorial board.
- Considering questions of editorial practices that promote the dissemination of exceptionally high quality scientific knowledge and the uniformity of format, style, and procedures in conjunction with the ASA Editor-in-Chief, its Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and as needed with its Budget and Finance Committee.
- Maintaining a highly qualified editorial board of associate editors.
- Serving as a member of ASA’s Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee.
- Serving as a liaison to other societies and individuals to ensure the international and multidisciplinary scope of the journal’s content and subscription base.