Qualifications of the Editor-in-Chief

- Is a Fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
- Holds an academic appointment
- Has no conflict of interest with the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and Diseases of the Colon & Rectum
- Is fluent in the English language
- Has a credible track record of first authored or senior authored publications in peer reviewed journals
- Is recognized for his/her ability to perform and complete clinical or basic research
- Has editorial board experience on one or more major surgery journals
- Has knowledge of the publishing process including copyright issues, journal printing, peer review process
- Has knowledge of clinical research design and basic statistical concepts
- Has knowledge of publication standards and ethics; roles and responsibilities of clinical and basic science investigators: international publishing guidelines including CONSORT, PRISMA and STARD statements; Declaration of Helsinki, copyright procedures and fraud in publishing

Attributes of the Editor-in-Chief

- Has the leadership skills to ensure that DC&R maintains its reputation as the premier colorectal surgery journal
- Has the vision to lead the journal in new directions including educational opportunities and innovations in technology in order to further enhance the reputation of the journal
- Has an unbiased viewpoint so that he/she can fairly assess submitted manuscripts
- Is well organized to handle the volume of manuscripts in a timely manner
- Has excellent interpersonal skills for interactions with authors, editorial staff, and the editorial board
- Has the ability to arbitrate conflicts
- Is recognized as an excellent reviewer

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**Job Description**

- Devote adequate time to the position which is estimated to be approximately 15-20 hours per week. As well, he/she will have support from his/her Institution to do so.
- Work with the Editorial Staff to facilitate timely turnover of manuscripts and be sensitive to their concerns about the journal.
- Work with the Associate Editors and Editorial Board and stimulate them to participate in decision making.
- Participate in the Surgical Journal Editors Group and other scientific journal editor organizations including attendance at meetings and participation in the development of joint statements and policies.
- Have a respectful relationship with ASCRS Executive Council and respond to the concerns of the Council.
- Work to maintain a broad representation from the colorectal surgery community on the Editorial Board and reviewers and respond to needs of the ASCRS membership.
- Maintain an electronic evaluation mechanism for reviewers and provide score reviews to provide CME credit.
- Collaborate with the publishers to ensure the financial viability of the journal including overseeing the income stream from advertisers, subscriptions, reprints and other commercial opportunities.

**Compensation**

- The successful applicant will receive $93,800 per year compensation, adjusted annually to reflect changes in the cost of living.
- Travel expenses to attend meetings of the Surgical Journal Editors Group will be reimbursed.