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TIMING: Applications will be accepted through September 15, 2010, and a decision is likely no later than October 31, 2010. The transition period from the existing editors and staff will occur in the last six (6) months of 2011, with full duties assigned to the new editor or co-editors on January 1, 2012.

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