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Call for Proposals for the Editorship of *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*

Since 2001, Dr. James Hicks has served as editor of *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*, an appointment he has fulfilled with rare energy and dedication. Now, after seven years, he has decided to step down. *PBZ*'s sponsor, the Division of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry (DCPB) of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, and *PBZ*'s publisher, the University of Chicago Press, would like to thank Dr. Hicks, his associate editors, his colleagues on *PBZ*'s editorial board, and managing editor Andrea Canfield for their years of service to the journal.

The DCPB and the University of Chicago Press are now undertaking the search for a new *PBZ* editor. Proposals from prospective editors should be addressed to Dr. Joseph Williams, the 2008 chair of the DCPB, at the address below. For full consideration, proposals should be received no later than April 1, 2009. The DCPB executive board will carefully review all proposals in consultation with the current editor and associate editors, select an editor, and submit its recommendation to the University of Chicago Press. The term of the editor's appointment is five years, with reappointment possible for one additional term.

Guidelines for proposals from prospective editors:

1. Provide a statement indicating how you will carry out the objectives of *PBZ* given the journal's content and its recent history in the coverage of various areas of research.
2. Include complete vitae for yourself and prospective associate editor(s).
3. Explain how the editorial board will function. Currently, members of the editorial board advise the editor and associate editors with regard to potential reviewers of submitted manuscripts and, on occasion, review manuscripts themselves. The editorial board also makes suggestions for Invited Perspectives articles and offers advice to the editor on policy issues, as the need arises.
4. If your proposal includes arrangements for an editorial office at your host institution, include documentation specifying that the host institution will provide adequate space and will administer journal expenses without overhead charge. The publisher will advance funds for expenses and replenish them as necessary so that the balance of the journal's fund at the host institution is always adequate. Alternatively, the publisher can host and staff the new editorial office, because *PBZ* now utilizes a Web-based system for submission and peer review of manuscripts.

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