The Publications Council met starting at 1:06. Florence Dunkel was selected as Chair for 2011. After approval of 2010 minutes, we heard reports from each of the Editors. Overall, the ESA publications remain strong, with submissions either up or steady. For journals, the number of citations as a measure of use is relatively high, and the impact factors are rising although relatively low. Solicited review articles are being used to increase impact factors. The need for reviewers of submitted articles continues to be a major problem.

Under old business, the Council performed a review of the journals for content and overlap during the year, and decided the journals are reasonably distinct in subject matter. Furthermore, the current range of subjects provides members with flexibility of placement of their articles. The distinction between journals is clear to each of the editors-in-chief, who recommend resubmission of ill-placed articles.

In addition, a reviewer code of conduct was developed during the year. Final issues were resolved during the meeting, and the report is expected to be submitted to the Governing Board in the near future. A key point discussed in the meeting was the need for confidentiality with submitted manuscripts. The new policy is that manuscripts may be shared only after receiving permission from the editor.

Finally, we developed a policy for sharing of materials for research reported in our journals.

The meeting concluded at 4:00.