

Message From The Chair: Editorial Transition At Icarus

After 20 years as Editor-in-Chief of Icarus, Phil Nicholson has decided to step down at the end of this year. Phil's letter announcing this transition to his fellow editors can be read [here](#) [1].

In the past two decades, Phil has lead the journal's growth by appointing discipline-specific associate editors and has escorted the journal into the age of digital publishing. Under Phil's guidance, the journal has moved from strength to strength, and he has built and maintained the journal's reputation in planetary sciences. On behalf of the Division for Planetary Sciences, we thank him for his years at the helm of Icarus.

The DPS Committee and Elsevier are working in partnership to recruit a new Editor-in-Chief with the goal of starting in January 2018. We will post a position description and application process in the coming weeks, with an anticipated application deadline of October 8, 2017. Please begin thinking about candidates for this position, including yourself.

The Editor-in-Chief works with the publisher and the DPS to shape the strategy and direction of the journal as well as commissioning research articles, review articles and special issues. The editor-in-chief convenes the Editorial Advisory Board in consultation with DPS leadership, is responsible for overseeing the peer review process alongside a team of editors. Currently, each editor is responsible for a particular field, and the Editor-in-Chief would be responsible for directly handling peer review of papers falling within her or his area of expertise. For questions about the position, contact DPS.Chair@aaas.org [2].

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