**What if CSE went it alone?**

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| **Benefits** | **Costs** |
| *For the society*• Retention of operational autonomy and flexibility• Retention of accumulated reserves under its immediate control • Undiminished capacity to engage members in society management and activities • Continuing strong focus of effort and resources on the needs of local and regional members• Avoidance of the need to undertake the probably complex, tedious and disheartening task of winding up the society• Avoidance of the need to learn and adopt new systems imposed by a national office | *For the society*• Loss of a proportion of the membership to the national body• Retention of the existing treasurer’s, membership secretary’s and professional development coordinator’s workloads, which IPEd purports would be reduced under DMM • Isolation – reduced awareness of what is happening nationally• Reduced opportunities and ability to influence and contribute to national affairs and the development of the profession• Excision from the national conference round  |
| *For individual members*• Lower annual membership fees• Continued free listing in the society’s *Directory of freelance editors*• Continuing opportunities to participate in formal society activities and management• Access to a professional development program driven by local member needs• Opportunity to join both CSE and IPEd, gaining the benefits of both worlds | *For individual members who do not join IPEd*• Higher IPEd exam, conference and professional development registration costs • Reduced opportunities and ability to influence and contribute to national affairs and the development of the profession• No access to national freelance register*For individual members who choose to join both CSE and IPEd*• Increased cost (two fees)  |

**Status quo**

• Access to national accreditation scheme and conferences, and professional development activities, though at higher individual cost [fees could possibly be subsidised by the society]

• Capacity to organise and run professional development courses and conferences for members