**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