**Qualifications of the Editor-in-Chief**

* Is a Fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
* Holds an academic appointment
* Has no conflict of interest with the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and/or the publisher of *Diseases of the Colon & Rectum*
* Is fluent in the English language
* Has a credible track record of first authored or senior authored publications in peer-reviewed journals
* Is recognized for her/his ability to perform, complete and contribute to meaningful research including but not limited to clinical, basic, translational or health services research
* Has editorial board experience on one or more major surgery journals
* Has knowledge of the publishing process including copyright issues, journal printing, peer review process
* Has knowledge of clinical research design and basic statistical concepts
* Has knowledge of publication standards and ethics, roles and responsibilities of research investigators, international publishing guidelines including Equator Network and associated guidelines, declaration of Helsinki, copyright procedures, and fraud in publishing
* Has and continues to develop knowledge of the impact of artificial intelligence on scientific publications

**Editor-in-Chief Attributes and Key Competencies**

* Has proven leadership skills to ensure that DC&R maintains its reputation as the premier colorectal surgery journal
* Has the vision to lead the journal in new directions including educational opportunities and innovations in technology in order to further enhance the journal’s reach and reputation.
* Has an unbiased viewpoint so that he/she can fairly assess submitted manuscripts
* Has proven organizational skills to manage the volume of manuscripts in a timely manner
* Has excellent interpersonal skills for interactions with authors, editorial staff, and the Editorial Board
* Has the ability to arbitrate conflicts
* Is well recognized for her/his editorial skills
* Has a strong awareness of how new technologies and electronic publication platforms can impact traditional publication mechanisms

**Job Description**

* Has a 5-year term which may be renewed by the ASCRS Executive Council for a second 5-year term
* Devote adequate time to the position, which is estimated to be 15-20 hours per week
* Will have support from her/his institution
* Will be expected to appoint two Co-Editors and additional contractors subject to budgetary approval by the ASCRS Executive Council
* Work with the editorial staff to facilitate timely review and publication of manuscripts and be sensitive to their concerns about the journal
* Work with the Editorial Board and Editorial leadership to stimulate them to participate in decision-making
* Participate in the Surgical Journal Editors Group and other scientific journal editor organizations including attendance at meetings and participation in the development of joint statements and policies
* Maintains a respectful and collaborative relationship with the ASCRS Executive Council and responds to the concerns of the Council
* Work to maintain a broad and diverse representation of the colorectal surgery community on the Editorial Board and other reviewers and continue to respond to the needs of the ASCRS membership
* Maintain an electronic evaluation mechanism for reviewers and provide score reviews for obtaining CME credit and support the Maintenance of Certification requirements of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgeons by ensuring the availability of practice guidelines and other key publications within the journal
* Collaborate with the publishers to ensure the financial viability of the journal including overseeing the income stream from advertisers, subscriptions, reprints, and other commercial opportunities

**Compensation**

* Editor-in-Chief will receive a stipend as contractually determined by a mutual agreement between the candidate and the ASCRS Executive Council