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Dear Council:

As you know, we will are undergoing the process of electing a new Editor in Chief for *Systematic Biology*. The new EiC will start his/her tenure in 2019 for a three-year period. As background, a search committee consisting of the three presidents nominated three candidates: Tom Near (who is the current EiC and would be eligible for a second term), Laura Kubatko, and Bryan Carstens.

I would like to let you know that Tom Near has accepted to become Chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Yale University. Because of this reason, he decided to decline participating as a candidate for a second term as EiC. Therefore, only Laura and Bryan will remain as candidates. The new EiC will be discussed and elected at the Council Meeting during the Annual Meeting of the Society.

We congratulate Tom for his new position, and send him best wishes for this new undertaking in his career.

* Susana.