Murrie Burgan Joins Science Editor Editorial Board

Murrie W Burgan, a Council member since 1971, has been appointed to the Editorial Board of Science Editor.

Burgan, who has a PhD degree in biochemistry, is a senior technical writer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, where she has worked since 1981. Previously, she was an associate editor of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. She also has been an assistant editor of the journal Circulation and an abstractor for Chemical Abstracts. She did a postdoctoral fellowship at Rockefeller University in the management of peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Over the years, Burgan has contributed to the Council and its publications in many ways. She has served on the Board of Directors and various committees, including the Style Manual Committee for the fourth and fifth editions of the CBE style manual. She also was a member of the CBE Views editorial board from 1980 to 1986, wrote the “Nomenclature Notes” column for CBE Views from 1980 to 1992, and has written articles for the publication. In 1990 she received a certificate of appreciation from CBE. She also is active in the Society for Technical Communication, of which she was appointed a fellow in 1999.

Burgan’s combination of longstanding familiarity with the Council and editorial experience in fields outside biology and medicine qualifies her especially well to help Science Editor broaden its scope as the Council moves increasingly to serve editors in various fields of science. “Murrie is an ideal addition to the Editorial Board at this time of transition”, says Barbara Gastel, editor of Science Editor.

Candidates for Editorial Board Sought from Various Fields of Science

Nominees are being sought for the next round of appointments to the Editorial Board. Because of the recently broadened scope of the Council, candidates working outside biology and medicine are particularly welcome. Activities of Editorial Board members include contributing, soliciting, and reviewing manuscripts; suggesting peer reviewers; and otherwise advising the editor. The Board meets yearly in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Council; between meetings it communicates mainly electronically. Members of the Board serve staggered 3-year terms.

To nominate a candidate for the Editorial Board or to express interest in being considered, please get in touch with Barbara Gastel, Department of Journalism, 230 Reed McDonald Building, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4111; telephone 979-845-6887; fax 979-845-5408; e-mail b-gastel@tamu.edu.

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