

Committee Report

Education Committee

Cheryl Iverson, Chair

Although long out of school, I have never lost the feeling of the student that fall is the time for fresh notebooks, sharp pencils, and setting out on an exciting course. The Education Committee will meet in early November, following the Airlie House Retreat, to take stock of what we have accomplished and plan what lies ahead.

During the last year, Christy Wright, one of our valuable members who contributed so much to the Airlie House retreats, rotated off the committee and 2 new members, Barbara Drew and Elisabeth Heseltine, joined us. (Other members are Paul Bozuwa, Lew Gidez, Michael Held, and Faith McLellan.) We are fortunate to have the committee's former chair, Susan Eastwood, remain on the committee as liaison to the board and inspiring presence.

In 1996 to date, our activities have included the following:

Under the codirection of Bob Utiger and Iorna Conway, the 7th Short Course for Journal Editors was given before the annual meeting in Portland.

Working with Judy Dickson and Pat Stephens of the Author's Editors Committee, we added a 2nd Short Course—Short Course for Manuscript Editors—to the popular premeeting series. (See *CBE Views* 1996;19(4):98-9.)

The 3rd Airlie House Retreat, "The Fate of the Scientific Paper in a Paperless Age", coordinated by Faith McLellan, will be held 1 to 3 November 1996.

Two half-day workshops will precede the Airlie House Retreat: "Navigating the Internet and the World Wide Web", led by Kerlyn Brandt, and "Digitizing Figures", led by Michael Held, Paul Bozuwa, and Todd McGee (Stanford University).

For 1997 we plan to continue with the 2 short courses and perhaps for 1998 develop a 3rd short course for this series: Short Course for Managing Editors. If you would be interested in taking a 1- or 2-day course on this topic, I would be most interested in hearing from you about the topics you'd like included.

Two new courses have also been added before the 1997 meeting: a workshop on how to write a scientific paper, taught by Elisabeth Heseltine, and a course on the

principles of meta-analysis for journal editors taught by Ingram Olkin of Stanford University and Joseph Lau of Harvard University.

Paul Bozuwa is making plans for 2 Windows sessions immediately following the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Barbara Drew and Lew Gidez have been working on the development of an independent-contractor model, which will allow us to work, in a contractual arrangement, with members who have developed successful courses so that these courses can be given throughout the year at diverse locations with benefit to both the member-leader and to CBE. Several of the premeeting courses planned for 1997 will allow us to better develop the specifics of this model.

Finally, at our committee meeting, we will discuss how best to use CBE's new Website to publicize our educational activities (and perhaps allow people to register for them online) and to serve the educational needs of our members. Again, I welcome your ideas and suggestions. cheryl_iverson@ama-assn.org