

Committee Roundup

Education Committee

Margaret Reich, Chair

The Education Committee is charged with organizing all educational programs and products outside the annual meeting and publications. Many of the successes of last year's programs have been or will be repeated in 2002, and new programs have been created.

Short Courses

Short Course Director Nancy Taylor and Codirector Diane Lang are bringing back updated versions of the short courses for which CSE is famous. This year we will offer a new one, a short course on electronic publishing solutions, which we trust will become as popular as the short courses for journal editors, managing editors, and manuscript editors have been. As always, all the short courses are held on the 2 days before the annual meeting. Details are available on page 67 of this issue and on the CSE Web site, councilscienceeditors.org.

The executive refresher program was successful last year—short-course alumni can register for individual sessions in any of the short courses for a special fee—and will be repeated this year.

Editor Convocations

Susan Eastwood coordinated a second journal editors convocation in October 2001 at the University of California, San Francisco. Faculty were Christine Arturo, Michael L Callaham, and Bruce P Dancik. These convocations are designed as regional meetings to bring journal editors and their staffs together to exchange information, views, and experiences related to peer review and editing of scientific journals. More regional convocations are planned in such venues as Vancouver, New York City, the North Carolina-South Carolina area, the Mayo Clinic, and M D Anderson Cancer Center.

An open session on the planning of future editor convocations will be held at the annual meeting. There are plans to add discussions of responsible conduct in research and research reporting to future convocations. Anyone interested in participating in the open session should refer to the annual-meet-



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ing materials that are mailed out and appear on the CSE Web site.

Authorship Task Force

A retreat on authorship was held on 7 May 2001, during the CSE annual meeting. Led by Drummond Rennie, representatives of journals that have tried variations of the new policy of disclosing authorship contributions reported their findings. It was clear that the concept had gained much ground and that continued study and further implementation by more journals were needed. Having completed its work, the task force has been disbanded.

NEW—Retreat on Responsible Conduct in Research To Be Held in Fall 2002

Iain Taylor is developing a joint CSE-Office of Research Integrity conference on responsible conduct in research to be held on the East Coast in fall 2002. It will bring together journal editors, senior research administrators, and other interested parties to discuss responsibilities for research integrity that are shared by editors and institutions. Stay tuned for more information about this important meeting.

Membership Committee

Vicki Sullivan, Chair

Do you have or will you have a new editor-in-chief, publications chair, managing editor, or publications director who will need to learn about the issues facing all science editors? Are there reviewers and authors who need to be more aware of ethical practices in science writing? Do you know copyeditors who need to learn about the bigger picture of science editing? Are you thinking of author's editors who should be members? Do you know compositors and printers who would benefit from a bird's-eye view of what science editing is all about? Do you have clients who would benefit from membership in the Council of Science Editors?

Are you going to a meeting where there will be potential CSE members? Have you wanted to give a brochure about CSE to a prospective member? We now have a brochure, thanks in large part

to President Tom Lang. The brochure details benefits of membership and lists our publications.

Contact the CSE office to get limited quantities of the brochure, or go to the CSE Web site at www.councilscienceeditors.org to download a copy. By the way, have you heard that you can now renew your membership online? It's fast, easy, and secure.

Contact the CSE office if you have a mailing list of meeting attendees, editors, reviewers, or authors who are potential members.

My thanks to Barry Davis, who so ably chaired this committee for 3 years and then passed it to Stacy Lemick, who

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Program Committee

Jessica Ancker, Chair

As the 2002 Planning Committee finishes work on preparing the San Diego meeting (see page 66), we welcome Brenda Gregoline as the new committee vice-chair. She will become chair of the 2003 Planning Committee.

Gregoline is manager of copyediting for five of the Archives specialty journals published by the American Medical Association (AMA): *Archives of Neurology*, *Archives of General Psychiatry*, *Archives of Ophthalmology*, *Archives*

of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, and *Archives of Surgery*. She supervises a team of four full-time copyeditors and manages the editorial schedules for the journals. She is a member of the AMA Manual of Style Committee and will be writing four chapters of the new edition.



Jessica Ancker

A CSE member since 1988, Gregoline has been with the AMA since 1993, working as a proofreader and copyeditor before becoming copyediting manager. She also has some unusual advertising experience from a year as copywriter for a Bahrain ad agency.

As program committee vicechair, Gregoline has helped with the final print and electronic publication of the 2002 preliminary and final meeting programs in preparation for her role next year as committee chair.

Committee Roundup continued

Sponsorship Committee

Frank Stumpf, Chair

The mission of the CSE Sponsorship Committee is to generate revenue for CSE by offering attractive opportunities to organizations interested in supporting CSE programs. In 2001 the committee had a banner year. Sponsors of various activities at the annual meeting contributed \$21,000, compared with our budgeted \$11,000. Exhibit fees were \$14,000, exceeding the budgeted amount by

\$1,000. Many thanks to committee members Devora Mitrany and Bob Kidd for their valuable service to the committee. Staff member Lauren Maimone offered solid support.

We varied the approach to spon-



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sors for the annual meeting, and this twist seemed to attract more interest from potential sponsors. We offered opportunities for greater recognition through sponsorship of key sessions, such as the opening reception, the keynote address, and the plenary presentation.

The committee is beginning its work for 2002 and hopes to broaden the reach of the CSE sponsorship effort.

Style Manual Subcommittee

Peggy Robinson, Chair Karen Patrias, Vice-Chair

During the 2001 CSE annual meeting in Washington, the Style Manual Subcommittee offered a preview of the seventh edition of *Scientific Style and Format* (SSF7) during a session that has already been reported in these pages (24[5]:157). Feedback from the audience at that session prompted us to reorganize and expand the SSF information on CSE's Web site. The publications section of the site now includes a subsection devoted to SSF, where one can find out more about some of the documents that are being used as resources in updating the manual. Examples are the National Library of Medicine's recommendations on citing electronic documents, released in summer 2001; recommendations on naming chromosomes and genes for a



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wide variety of organisms; and updated nomenclature for viruses, plants, and animals. Direct links are provided to any of these documents that are available on the Internet. We hope that these resources will be helpful, and we will continue to add new links as they become available.

The group held two retreats in 2001, for which meeting space was provided by the National Library of Medicine. The

retreats gave the group an opportunity to work together in a focused manner (not to mention bonding over takeout pizza).

The Subcommittee is grateful to the SSF Task Force, headed by CSE Treasurer Paul Bozuwa, which has been examining the business aspects of publishing SSF7, such as publishing models and options for print and electronic production.

At the time of writing, in fall 2001, we are anticipating a productive winter of lively discussion and writing, reviewing, revising, and polishing the manual's content. As you read this, in spring 2002, we will be looking forward to participating in the style-manual panel during CSE's San Diego annual meeting and to completing the manuscript for submission to the CSE Publications Committee.