

Looking Ahead—History and Poetry; Help Us Observe CSE's 50th (and More)

As editor of this bimonthly, I must work seasons ahead. So, as a blizzard buries New York City and even Texas shivers, I am compiling this issue of *Science Editor*, which includes suggestions for summer reading (see pages 89-91).

We also are working on future issues. Now in the planning stages are coverage of the Council's 50th birthday and addition of a science-editorial poetry column. For both, we seek participation by readers. Here's how you can contribute:

Aiding in CSE's Birthday Coverage

A baby boomer like many of its members, CSE turns 50 next year. The 2007 annual meeting will include celebration of the event. Likewise, *Science Editor* will include birthday features.

Do you have reminiscences from the Council's early years? Do you have photos from

Council events? Do you have ideas for 50th-anniversary articles? Would you like to help with the 50th-anniversary coverage? Are there others you would recommend for that role?

If you have ideas—or more—to contribute, please let me know as soon as possible. Work on our CSE birthday coverage already is under way.

Submitting or Suggesting Poetry

A favorite administrator once described her craft as identifying items worth doing, identifying people able and eager to do them, and bringing the two together. Such matchmaking also can be part of editing a periodical. A recent occasion made such a match:

CSE member Mary Knatterud, whose occasional contributions have enlivened these pages, recently sent me e-mail asking

"Is *Science Editor* ever interested in poems?"

I replied that we did publish poems from time to time—and that we would be glad to publish her poem that had been attached.

I then invited Mary, a science editor with literary gifts, to become our poetry editor. Fortunately, Mary enthusiastically agreed. So, starting with our July-August issue, we plan to run a poetry column, *Peer-Renewed*, some three times per year. (Thank you, Mary, for the title.) The July-August issue will introduce the column more formally, and it will include the poem Mary submitted.

In *Peer-Renewed*, we look forward to including various



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voices, both of Council members and of others. So if you have written or come across a potentially suitable poem on a science-communication theme, please send it to Mary for consideration. Also, if you have questions about the column, please ask her. Mary can be reached at knatt001@umn.edu.

And More

Of course, we also welcome—and, indeed, depend on—other contributions. So whether you have a bit of CSE history to share, a poem to contribute or recommend, or an article idea to offer, we look forward to hearing from you. Whatever the season, contributions by readers make the sun shine on this publication.

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