

# Committee Roundup

## Editorial Policy Committee

### Heather Goodell, Chair

The Editorial Policy Committee serves as a resource regarding editorial and publishing policies that apply to the sciences. The committee studies and analyzes procedural, ethical, legal, and economic policies and recommends policies or guidelines related to the editing, review, and publication of books and journals. The committee recommends policies to the CSE Board of Directors and suggests policies that affect CSE's own publications. Policy guidelines developed by the committee are presented to the membership via publication in *Science Editor* and the Web site, at CSE annual meetings, and in other ways.

*The CSE White Paper on Promoting Integrity in Scientific Journal Publications*, prepared by the Editorial Policy

Committee, was approved by the CSE Board in September 2006 and posted on the CSE Web site. The white paper should be considered a living document that will be updated, improved on, and altered as the publishing environment and needs of the editorial community change. Cadmus Communications sponsored the composition, printing, and shipping of 1,500 copies of the white paper and the delivery of PDFs for the CSE Web site. Committee members have been helping to publicize it. A short piece about it appeared in the January-February issue of *Science Editor*.



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After the editorial policy statement "CSE Recommendations for Group-Author Articles in Scientific Journals and Bibliometric Databases" was approved by the Board and posted on the CSE Web site, the National Library of Medicine changed how it displays citations of group-author articles. The posted statement has been updated accordingly.

In 2007, as in 2006, the CSE annual meeting will include an ethics clinic, to consist of two consecutive sessions. The Editorial Policy Committee, working with Diane Scott-Lichter, has been planning the clinic.

The Editorial Policy Committee thanks the CSE Board, committee chairs, member volunteers, and management staff for their support. We continue to seek input and help, and we welcome dedicated volunteers to join in our work.

## Education Committee

### Rebecca S Benner, Chair

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."—  
Marian Wright Edelman

The Education Committee supervises the educational activities of the Council of Science Editors, which include the short courses, retreats, and the International Scholarship Program. In 2006-2007, the committee has continued to focus on the scholarship program, with an eye toward improving the experience for our participants from abroad. During the year, we solicit donations to the scholarship fund and revise the application and evaluation forms to make sure they are updated and useful for both scholarship applicants and

reviewers. Finally, once a year, committee members are divided into teams and asked to evaluate the applications. For the 2006 annual meeting, 94 editors from around the world applied for CSE's international scholarship. The experience of evaluating the candidates is often a difficult task but ultimately rewarding: We are offered a glimpse into the lives of editors whose day-to-day experiences are vastly different from our own.

Many of you may have met the 2006 scholarship winners—Rosemary Kinyua, of Kenya, and Barth Ekwueme,



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of Nigeria—at the CSE annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. Both have extensive experience as editors in the developing world, and I hope that many CSE members were able to meet them in person or attend the retreat held by the Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development, at which Ekwueme spoke. We plan to welcome several more scholarship winners to the 2007 annual meeting in Austin, and I hope you will join us in making their experience memorable. Be sure to keep your eye on the meeting program, because the winners will be participating in a session in which they will share their experiences as editors in the developing world.

Before the annual meeting, CSE members will once again have the opportunity to attend one of the four great short

courses. The 2007 short courses are being coordinated by Diane Lang (director) and Mark Hoffman (vice director). They include

- Short Course for Journal Editors (18-19 May; organizer: Iain E P Taylor).
- Short Course for Manuscript Editors (19 May; organizer: Margaret Perkins).
- Short Course on Publication Management (19 May; organizer: Patty Baskin).
- Short Course on Statistics for Editors (19 May; organizer: Jessica Ancker).

If you have not taken a short course, please visit the CSE Web site to view the preliminary descriptions. We would also love to hear from short-course alumni; comments can be sent to Diane Lang at [dbl@press.uchicago.edu](mailto:dbl@press.uchicago.edu).

In summary, the 2006-2007 Education Committee is a great group of 17 thoughtful and hard-working people with experience in many types of scientific publications and a commitment to CSE's mission. Pam Erickson is the vice chair, and the other members are Rebecca Barr,

Paul Bergstresser, Virginia Bourgeois, Barbara Campaigne, Susan Eastwood, Jennifer Fleet, Ken Heideman, Mark Hoffman, Cheryl Iverson, Lynelle Korte, Diane Lang, Margaret Perkins, Suzanne Smith, Iain Taylor, and Nancy Wachter. We meet once a year at the annual meeting in May but conduct most of our business by e-mail. I encourage anyone who is interested in finding out more about this committee to seek us out in Austin or e-mail me at [rbenner@greenjournal.org](mailto:rbenner@greenjournal.org).

## Program Committee

### Patty Baskin, Chair

Members of the Program Committee plan the CSE annual meeting and work together, via e-mail and telephone, to plan the conference theme, sessions, and keynote and plenary speakers. Ideas for the theme for the 2007 meetings in Austin, Texas, centered on the history of CSE (2007 is the 50th anniversary year) and the technologic, geographic, and cultural shifts that will affect publishing in the future. The theme chosen was "The Next 50 Years: CSE in the Digital World". Our plenary speakers include Colin Humphreys, of Cambridge, a futurist materials scientist, and Alex Pang, of the Institute for the Future, who will talk about the future of publishing and the Internet.

Following the theme, many of the sessions were organized to focus on change at a global level. Topics include teaching editorial practices to editors in non-English-speaking countries, the influence of technologic changes on publishing business models, delivery modes of the future, and the future of print. Other practical sessions focus on current and evolving technology, such as surviving Word 2007, manipulation of images, and Open Access 2.0. The Editorial Policy

Committee will address another popular and always-relevant topic at its hands-on, half-day Ethics Clinic organized by Diane Scott-Lichter and Heather Goodell.

Each committee member organized at least one concurrent session, invited speakers, and drafted a description of the session. Committee members are Rebecca Benner, Philippa Benson, Carrie Cameron, Heather Goodell, Penny Hodgson, Richard Kobel, Devora Krischer, Ana Marusic, Susan Mitmesser, Monica Mungle, Andrew Robinson, Mauricio Rocha e Silva, Bruce Rosenblum, Angie Schmeckebier, Diane Scott-Lichter, Annielaurie Seifert, Adrian Stanley, and Maggie Winker. Diane Sullenberger and Gavin Yamey represent the Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development.

The Local Arrangements Subcommittee in Austin consists of Lori Brix (chair), Sherri Bowen, and Anita Frijhoff, who scouted the city to organize the bus tours to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and other local attrac-



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tions and who are preparing a list of activities to be enjoyed on your own or with your families in the Austin area.

Because we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of CSE this year, Devora Krischer is organizing exhibits of historical photographs and publications and a special gala evening event at the hotel. Past presidents of CSE will be introduced, and denim and diamonds (or whatever glitters) will be the dress code of the evening.

Austin, the "Live Music Capital of the World", is a fantastic site for the CSE meetings. The beautiful Austin Hilton, the venue for the meetings, is in a great spot next to the live-music districts and near the historic, university, and government buildings. We've organized an exciting and informative program, and we hope you'll join us in this terrific setting.

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## Web Committee

**Seth Beckerman, Chair**

The CSE Web site continues to evolve. During the last year, we have automated more processes as a convenience to members and other Web-site users and reduced the workload of the management office. Web-site users can now use a credit card to join CSE, to simultaneously join CSE and order publications at the member rate, and to place a Position Available ad at the member rate.

**New postings.** *The CSE White Paper on Promoting Integrity in Scientific Journal Publications* was posted in both HTML

and downloadable PDF formats. Information about the Global Theme Issue on poverty and human development was also posted, including a list of the more than 130 journals (as of November 2006) that will participate.

**Reference links.** Links to reference materials are offered in 36 broad categories. New links were added in these

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categories: travel, measurement, Internet, health information, medical Internet, and dictionaries.

**Notification lists.** Each time a new job is posted on the CSE Web site, an e-mail is automatically sent to people who have asked to be notified (currently more than 750). If there are new contributions to the CSE Forum during a week, an e-mail is automatically sent to people who have asked for such notification (currently about 150). Activity on the Forum is very low.

## From the CSE Editorial Policy Committee:

### *The CSE White Paper on Promoting Integrity in Scientific Journal Publications*

Look for it in the Editorial Policies section of the CSE Web site ([www.CouncilScienceEditors.org](http://www.CouncilScienceEditors.org)).