

# Susan M Shirley to Become Science Editor Book-Review Editor

*Science Editor* is pleased to announce that Susan M Shirley will be its next book-review editor. She is taking the place of Edith Paal, who has served since 2005 and is stepping down to make time for new opportunities. Shirley and Paal are collaborating on the book-review department during the time of transition.

A Council member since 2000, Shirley served on the Style Manual Committee that produced the 7th edition of *Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*. In this role, she developed new content related to aquatic and oceanographic sciences, helped to update information on geographic designations, provided critical comments on chapters on various scientific and editorial subjects, and contributed to the committee decisions on general style conventions

and recommendations. She has been asked to remain on the Style Manual Committee for the next edition of the manual.

The recipient of an MS in zoology and physiology, Shirley has taught biology and histology and served as a research associate and research analyst. Recent positions have included scientific publications editor, Alaska Department of Fish and Game; managing editor, *Alaska Fishery Research Bulletin*; and chief of information services, Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Currently, Shirley is a freelance editor in Corpus Christi, Texas; her



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work includes serving as project editor for the multivolume series *Gulf of Mexico—Origins, Waters, and Biota*. She is author or coauthor of many scientific papers and technical reports, and she is certified by the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences as an Editor in the Life Sciences.

*Science Editor* welcomes Shirley and expresses gratitude to Paal for the thoughtfulness, conscientiousness, and creativity she has brought to the book-review editorship. Special thanks to Paal for instituting the yearly summer reading roundup (please see the next issue for the 2008 roundup), and best wishes to her in her new endeavors. 🍷