2007-2008 Committee Highlights

Although the annual meeting may be CSE's most visible activity, much of the Council's work occurs via committees that function throughout the year. The following are brief rundowns on some of the committees most active in 2007-2008. CSE's committee year runs from annual meeting to annual meeting (May to May). CSE members wishing to volunteer for membership on 2008-2009 committees can contact CSE headquarters (*CSE@ CouncilScienceEditors.org*) or the current chairs of the committees of interest.

The **Editorial Policy Committee** (chair, Heather Goodell, *heather.goodell@heart. org*) serves as a resource regarding editorial and publishing policies that apply to the sciences. During the current committee year, the committee has worked on updates to CSE's "White Paper on Promoting Integrity in Scientific Journal Publications" (*www.councilscienceeditors.org/editorial_policies/white_paper.cfm*). In addition, committee members gave presentations about the white paper to a group of editors of veterinary medical journals and at the 2007 American Medical Writers Association annual conference. The committee has decided not to provide formal consultation on cases from the community, but it was asked several times to evaluate cases from which identifying information had been removed. The committee typically has summarized a case and given its suggestions to the inquirer with disclaimers. When the current article went to press, the committee was hoping to post the summaries of its evaluations online. The committee also has begun working on a project using the Freedom of Information Act to acquire correspondence from the Office of Research Integrity (ORI). The goal is to compile and make available material that can help editors to understand the role and advice of ORI, which sometimes communicates with journal editors, peer reviewers, and authors about manuscripts and publications related to research about which allegations of mis-

conduct have arisen.

The **Education Committee** (chair, Pamella P Erickson, *perickson@ lilly.com*) supervises the educational activities of CSE, which include the CSE short courses and the International Scholarship Program. Committee members Lynelle Korte and Ken Heideman are the codirectors of the 2008 short courses. The 2007 short courses were very well received, and the committee is pleased that the same courses are being offered in 2008 and organized by the same people. The committee received 30 eligible applications for international scholarships to attend the 2008 CSE annual meeting. A subcommittee evaluated the applications; four scholarship designees and four alternates were chosen. A representative of the committee has been working with the annual-meeting Program Committee to integrate the scholarship recipients into program sessions. Information about those receiving the 2008 international scholarships is to appear in *Science Editor* after the annual meeting.

The **Publications Committee** (chair, Vicki Vaughn, *vaughnv@asco.org*) evaluates existing CSE publications and recommends actions pertaining thereto, and it identifies opportunities for new publications. Activities during the 2007-2008 program year have included working with a marketing-support company to map out the marketing plan for *Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers,* 7th edition. In addition, the committee surveyed the CSE membership regarding the possibility of a new edition of the CSE book *Peer Review in Scientific Publishing.*

Major activities of the **Web Committee** (chair, Seth Beckerman, *s.beckerman@*

Bruce Dancik (cochair, Program Committee), Heather Goodell, and Pamella Erickson at the winter 2008 CSE board meeting

vip.cgnet.com) in this program year have included organizing and administering the Web page about the CSE Global Theme Issue on Poverty and Human Development (*www.councilscienceeditors.org/globalthemeissue.cfm*); this page, which includes a list of the 237 participating journals, has been heavily visited. Other achievements have included automating the process for posting job ads by nonmembers, providing an online form with which members can submit nominations for CSE awards, continuing to add reference links, posting updated compilations of *Science Editor* articles, and revising forms posted on the Web site. Some of the presentations at the 2007 annual meeting were posted, and arrangements were made with the annual-meeting Program Committee to ask 2008 speakers in advance to provide their presentations for posting after the meeting. Please note that the e-mail address given above for Seth Beckerman is new. If Seth is in your e-mail directory, please update his address.

Other committees for which CSE members can volunteer include the Membership Committee, the annual-meeting Program Committee, the Sponsorship Committee, and the *Science Editor* Editorial Board. A full list of CSE committees and chairs appears at *www.councilscienceeditors.org/about/committees.cfm.*