

## Science Editor: Entering Our 10th Year

With publication of this issue, *Science Editor* enters its 10th year. We look back with gratitude to all who have contributed thus far, and we look forward to another active year.

As longtime members of the Council may recall, *Science Editor* took the place of *CBE Views*, the long-running and very substantial newsletter of the Council of Biology Editors. During the 1999 annual meeting of the Council, we on the *CBE Views* Editorial Board and staff met to discuss moving from newsletter to magazine format. Approval from the Council's Board of Directors followed.

Over the ensuing months, Designer Tiffany Inbody, Publication Manager Grace Darling, and I and others conferred about plans for what would be called *Science Editor*. After competitive bids, we lined up our excellent printer, Newman Printing Company, Inc. And in January 2000—just as *CBE* became *CSE*—the first issue of *Science Editor* appeared. Content included an article on the history of *CBE Views*, a set of annual meeting reports, and introduction of the Council's first Web editor, Seth Beckerman—who remains in the role.

Since then, *Science Editor* has retained various popular elements of *CBE Views* and introduced new types of content. Mainstays have continued to include feature articles on science-editorial topics, peer-reviewed articles presenting science-editorial research, reports from the Council's annual meeting and from other conferences, book reviews, and Council news. New departments have included Other Than Editing, featuring profiles of science editors with avid outside interests; Peer-Renewed, showcasing poetry; and Council Classics, reprinting items from *CBE Views* and its forerunner, the *CBE Newsletter*.

Successors to some favorite departments also have appeared: Many word lovers among us regretted seeing Lorraine Loviglio and her column, The Word Watcher, retire—but were pleased to welcome Bob Johnson and his column, The Word Hawk. The gap left when Della Mundy retired as Solution Corner editor is now being filled by Ken Heideman, who is reviving the column.

What about *Science Editor* in 2009? In addition to department pieces and other fare, we have a variety of feature articles

in store—on environmental writer Rachel Carson as science editor, on blogging and social media as they are related to scientific publishing, on being a science editor for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), and more. In keeping with *CSE*'s growing emphasis on science-editorial research, we plan to publish abstracts of research-based podium and poster presentations from the 2009 *CSE* annual meeting in addition to our traditional annual meeting reports.

The content of *Science Editor* in this 10th year and beyond depends largely on you, our readers. If you have research for potential publication in *Science Editor*, do submit it. If you have an idea for a feature article or department piece, please let me know. And if you're invited to cover an annual meeting session, review a book, or otherwise contribute, I hope you will be able to agree. We appreciate your contributions thus far and look forward to your continuing to help us serve you.

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