

Decade-End Thanks

With this issue, *Science Editor* ends its first decade of publication. Ten years ago—when the Council of Biology Editors was about to become the Council of Science Editors, and *CBE Views* was about to become *Science Editor*—I wrote a Viewpoint titled “Year-End Thanks”. Every year since, my November–December Viewpoint has included thanks to those contributing to and supporting the publication.

Now, as in previous November–December issues, I thank the sometimes overlapping groups that make *Science Editor* possible. Of course, I thank our authors, the *Science Editor* staff (composed almost entirely of volunteers), and our interns. I also thank our editorial board, the CSE Board of Directors, the CSE headquarters staff, and our printer. And I thank administrators and staff at Texas A&M University, where our editorial office resides.

Throughout the last decade, five names on the masthead (other than mine) have remained constant.

- Norman Grossblatt has been manuscript editor since the latter years of *CBE Views*. All six issues per year, he edits essentially every word on these pages.
- Tiffany D Inbody developed the design

for *Science Editor* and has designed every issue.

- Roxanne K Young, our quality-control ace, has regularly been a main proofreader-plus of the publication.
- Poly Potter, in charge of cover art, has suggested many of the images on our covers, including that on the current issue. She also has dealt with image-reproduction permissions and related items.
- Winfield Swanson has compiled the annual indexes that have appeared in the November–December issues (see, for example, p 210). She also has prepared the cumulative indexes posted in the *Science Editor* section of the CSE Web site.

Those people deserve particular recognition for their skill and dedication.

Ten years—or more than 11, including my time as the last editor of *CBE Views*—is a long time to edit an association periodical. Such periodicals need the fresh ideas of new editors from time to time. And other



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activities, including international work, increasingly compete for my discretionary hours. So I will step down in May, when my fourth 3-year term as editor of the Council’s periodical ends.

As I edit my last November–December issue of *Science Editor*, I once more thank all who have contributed to and supported the publication. For me, editing *Science Editor* has many satisfactions. As the main commissioning editor, I love the search for article topics and authors. As the first recipient of copy, both invited and unsolicited, I appreciate the chance to read, early and thoroughly, about much that is happening in science editing and related realms. I enjoy helping to shape the articles, both before and after manuscripts arrive. And, even after some 60 issues, I still feel a thrill when each new issue of *Science Editor* appears.

The best part, though, of editing *Science Editor* is working with such remarkable people. To our long-time staff members and new contributors and everyone in between: Again, decade-end thanks.

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