Barbara Cox retires after this issue as editor of “The Lighter View”, the CBE Views column featuring humorous material about the editing life. “I’ve enjoyed putting together the columns over the past 3+ years”, Cox says, “and hope that CBE members have enjoyed reading them.”

A CBE member since 1973, Cox also has served on the Author’s Editors Committee and spoken at CBE annual meetings. Her numerous publications include articles in CBE Views.

Cox founded and directs MedEdit Associates, Gainesville, Florida. Her previous experience includes editorial positions at M D Anderson Hospital, Duke University, the University of Oklahoma, and the Mayo Clinic.

CBE thanks Cox for all she has brought to “The Lighter View”. It also thanks Celia A Paynter, associate editor, MedEdit Associates, who has helped with the column.

Over the years, Lighter Views have ranged from lists of amusing definitions, to poems, to a cartoon. For readers who wish to look at past Lighter Views, a list accompanies this article.

“The Lighter View” will continue in coming months as an occasional column. We invite your contributions. Please send ideas to CBE Views editor Barbara Gastel, Department of Journalism, 230 Reed McDonald Building, Texas A&M University, College Station TX 77843-4111; telephone 409-845-6887; fax 409-845-5408; e-mail b-gastel@tamu.edu.

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