Jane C. Lantz will succeed Grace Darling as publication manager of Science Editor, and Mary F. Chapman has agreed to join the Editorial Board. The changes will take effect at the May 2003 Science Editor Editorial Board meeting, to be held during the CSE annual meeting.

Darling has been publication manager since the position was created in 1997 by Martha Tacker, editor of Science Editor’s predecessor, CBE Views. Darling’s varied activities in this role have included preparing the production schedule each year, reviewing proofs, compiling the calendar of events for each issue, and serving as a liaison between printer, designer, editor, Council headquarters, and advertisers. She contributed much to the redesign that occurred with the publication’s change in name.

Darling, who is nearing retirement from her long-time job as managing editor of Selected Readings in Plastic Surgery, is leaving the publication manager position to devote more time to the transition to full-time freelance work. She will remain available, however, for consultation as needed. “Grace has been an amazing resource”, says Barbara Gastel, editor of Science Editor. “Recruiting her as publication manager is yet another of the fine legacies Martha Tacker left me.”

In preparation for Darling’s departure, Lantz, a Council member since 1989, has been serving as deputy publication manager since fall 2002. Currently an editor in the Section of Scientific Publications, Mayo Foundation, Lantz has held a variety of editorial positions, including departmental editor in the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Illinois at Chicago; editor-writer at Ross Laboratories; senior editor at the Annals of Saudi Medicine; director of copyediting at the Journal of the American Medical Association; and executive editor at Mayo Clinic Proceedings. She is a coauthor of the most recent American Medical Association Manual of Style, and she has contributed to Mayo Clinic Proceedings and Science Editor. Noting that Lantz “has a great editorial eye and has been a delight to work with”, Gastel says she feels very fortunate to be able to draw on Lantz’s expertise.

Chapman comes to the Science Editor Editorial Board with an editorial background in chemistry and earth science. She is an editor at the Ocean Drilling Program, Texas A&M University. Previously, she was an editorial assistant at the Journal of Molecular Structure. “With CSE extending more and more to nonbiologic sciences, I’m especially pleased to have someone with Mary’s background as a board member”, Gastel says. “Already Mary is contributing many excellent ideas.”