Thanks and Welcomes

“They really work hard!” says CSE Executive Director Kathy Hoskins later in this issue, in the piece on CSE headquarters (p 209). Although she is referring in general to CSE volunteers, I think the comment especially applies to the Science Editor staff. Now, as 2003 approaches its end, let me thank all who have contributed to Science Editor during the year. Let me also welcome those joining the Science Editor staff and board.

As always, special thanks go to our publication manager—or, this year, publication managers. Grace Darling, publication manager since 1997, served until May, while Deputy Publication Manager Jane C Lantz prepared to assume the role. Grace has continued to provide valuable backup. And Jane has taken over admirably. She even traveled from Minnesota to Texas to visit the Science Editor office.

Much gratitude also goes to others whose contributions permeate every issue: Norman Grossblatt, who has been editing all the copy; Tiffany Inbody, our talented, hardworking, and computer-savvy designer; and Roxanne Young, whose sharp eye and fine judgment well merit her designation as “quality control”. Book-review editor Stephanie Deming, Views Afield columnist Lynn Dirk, and Solution Corner columnist Della Mundy deserve substantial credit for their departments. Much of the credit for obtaining cover art goes to Poly Potter. And for the excellent printing on our covers and inside each issue, thanks to Newman Printing Company, Inc.

At this time of year, much of Science Editor consists of annual-meeting reports. Special thanks go to Ann Morcos, annual-meeting editor, for obtaining reporters for each session, ensuring that reports are submitted, and seeing that reports meet specifications. I appreciate the energy, organizational skill, and graciousness that Ann brings to this role.

I deeply thank our fellows and interns, who serve as staff writers for Science Editor and assist in other ways. This year, Science Editor has been fortunate to receive such help from Jennifer Ann Hutt and then Diego Pineda. And as always, thanks go the Editorial Board for its counsel.

Thanks also go to those not on the masthead who have contributed during the year. Of course, I am grateful to all who have written for Science Editor. I also thank Barbara Meyers, CSE’s marketing marvel, for obtaining advertisements; and I thank Kathy Hoskins, Elisa Lucini, and others at CSE headquarters for their help and support. I also thank CSE Webmaster Seth Beckerman, who, as part of the redesign of the CSE Web site (see p 208), has enabled the posting of Science Editor on the Web.

As described on page 196, others have agreed to join in the hard work: Cheryl Iverson has become associate editor, Gabe Waggoner will help with manuscript editing, Beth Notzon is taking over as book-review editor, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Fleischer and Donald Samulack have joined the Editorial Board. My warmest welcome to all five.

Finally, my thanks to all the readers of Science Editor. Please share your ideas, and please keep sending the submissions. It’s a pleasure to be working for you.