Science Editor is delighted to welcome three new staff members and two new Editorial Board members.

Cheryl Iverson has been appointed an associate editor of Science Editor. In this role, she will participate mainly in soliciting, reviewing, and shaping articles. Iverson brings extensive editorial experience and longstanding involvement in the Council. She has worked for 27 years in the Scientific Publications Group at the American Medical Association, where she is now director of the Division of Editorial Processing and managing editor for the nine AMA Archives Journals. Iverson chaired the committees that wrote the eighth and ninth editions of the American Medical Association Manual of Style, and she chairs the committee preparing the 10th edition. In CSE, she has chaired the Education Committee; coordinated, taught in, and helped to develop short courses; written for Science Editor and its predecessor, CBE Views; and served on a variety of Council committees. From May 1999 to May 2003, she was secretary of the Council.

Gabe Waggoner joins Science Editor's manuscript-editing staff, thus doubling the size thereof. His initial duties include further documenting Science Editor style and assisting the publication’s long-standing manuscript editor, Norman Grossblatt. Waggoner completed undergraduate majors in geology and English and has a master's degree in science and technology journalism. During graduate school, he did an internship at Science Editor. He is now a copyeditor at the American Society for Microbiology.

Beth Notzon has accepted the book review editorship of Science Editor. She takes over from Stephanie Deming, book review editor since 2001. Notzon is scientific publications manager at The University of Texas M D Anderson Cancer Center. She also has been assistant director of the journal department at Little, Brown and Company in Boston; manager of the publications office at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and a freelance editor. Science Editor thanks Deming for a superlative job as book review editor and welcomes Notzon to the role.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Fleischer and Donald Samulack have joined the Science Editor Editorial Board.

Fleischer, who has a doctorate in materials science and engineering, has been editor since 1994 of MRS Bulletin, the international monthly publication of the Materials Research Society. In 1989, as an American Association for the Advancement of Science mass-media fellow, she spent the summer writing for the science section of The [Portland] Oregonian. She is principal investigator for the (US) National Science Foundation–supported science exhibition “Strange Matter”, which opened in summer 2003 and is traveling to science centers throughout North America.

Samulack is director of the scientific editing department at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. After receiving a doctorate in physiology, he held a number of postdoctoral and other positions in neuroscience before embarking on a career in communication and consulting. A Canadian citizen, he studied and then worked in Montreal for most of the 2 decades before assuming his current position in 2002.

Fleischer and Samulack occupy the board positions formerly held by Elaine A Richman and Mary Ann Schmidt, whose terms have ended. Science Editor thanks Richman and Schmidt for their contributions.