Four Honored for Contributions to Council

Four CSE members were recognized at the 2006 annual meeting for substantial service to the Council. Distinguished Service Awards went to Annette Flanagin and Devora Krischer. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Norman Grossblatt and Stephen Prudhomme.

Flanagin was recognized for her many contributions to the Council over the years. A past president of CSE, she also has served as secretary, Annual Meeting Program Committee chair, Education Committee chair, and chair of other committees. In addition, she has spoken at many annual meetings and was cochair of the CSE retreat on conflict of interest. She currently is involved in the African Medical Journal Editors Partnership Project and the Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development. Flanagin is director, editorial processing systems and international activities, JAMA and Archives Journals.

Krischer was cited for her highly productive 3 years as chair of the Sponsorship Committee and her work as Program Committee chair for the 2006 CSE annual meeting. Under Krischer, revenues from sponsors and annual-meeting exhibitors reached all-time highs, and fundraising was successfully initiated for scholarships to CSE retreats and annual meetings. Krischer also served as an Annual Meeting Program Committee member for several years and has written annual-meeting reports and other items for Science Editor. She is a consulting medical editor for Caremark, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Grossblatt was recognized for his extensive service as manuscript editor of Science Editor and its forerunner, CBE Views. Grossblatt also has written book reviews and other material for the two publications and has served as an annual-meeting reporter. Other Council roles have included chair of the Certification Program Development Committee, member of the Scope and Mandate Task Force, and annual-meeting editor. Since 1963, Grossblatt has been a senior editor at the US National Academy of Sciences.

Prudhomme was honored principally for his service as treasurer-elect and then treasurer. Since joining the Council in 1984, he has spoken at a number of annual-meeting sessions. He also contributed a chapter to the book Economics of Scientific Journals. Prudhomme is director of scientific publishing, American Heart Association. Previously, he was director of professional development and publishing at the Canadian Medical Association.

CSE Distinguished Service Awards recognize excellence in the performance of specific tasks by CSE members. Certificates of Appreciation can recognize a variety of member contributions.

Highlights of the CSE Board Meeting

The CSE Board of Directors met on 23 May 2006 in Tampa, Florida. Highlights of the meeting follow:

1. The Board of Directors approved a motion to help authors in developing areas of the world by means of $1,000 in seed money for the purpose of supporting AuthorAid via the CSE Web site.

2. The Board established a task force on the CSE 50th Anniversary, which will plan and coordinate events to celebrate the 50th anniversary meeting of CSE, on 18–22 May 2007 at the Hilton Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas. Devora Krischer will serve as chair of the task force.

3. The Board accepted an invitation to CSE to participate on the advisory committee for an international conference being organized jointly by the Office of Research Integrity (US Department of Health and Human Services) and the European Science Foundation. The goal of the conference is to assemble an international group of policy-makers, administrators, academics, and others, such as journal editors, to discuss ways to work together to foster responsible research practices and, by implication, to confront the problem of misconduct in research.