50th-Anniversary Appreciations

The cover of the issue before you is the last to bear CSE’s 50th-anniversary medallion. As this special year ends, let me share some special thanks.

First, many thanks to all who contributed 50th-anniversary content. Among those deserving recognition are Devora Krischer, chair of the CSE 50th-anniversary task force, who began the coverage with an overview of the Council’s history; Philip L Altman, executive director of the Council from 1981 to 1991, who wrote about the Council’s early and middle years; emeritus member Domenic A Fuccillo, who traced the Council’s initial contributions to teaching scientific writing; and longtime member Barbara Meyers, who gathered 50th-anniversary reflections from fellow past presidents. Many thanks also to members of the Science Editor Editorial Board and staff who provided ideas for 50th-anniversary coverage.

This year was the first that David Nadziejka and Leslie Neistadt were the publication managers of Science Editor. Their hard work, sharp eyes, and good counsel are much appreciated. Others deserving gratitude for volunteering their time and skill issue after issue include our manuscript editor, Norman Grossblatt; our quality-control ace, Roxanne K Young; and our contributing editors, Poly M Potter, Jamie Holaday, Edith Paal, Bob Johnson, Elizabeth L Fleischer, and Mary E Knattened, whose contributions are indicated on the masthead below.

Our 2007 interns—Amelia A Williamson (spring), Shauna Kanel (summer), and Misha Kidambi (fall)—deserve recognition for their talent and hard work. As always, thanks are due to the CSE Board of Directors for its support. Also deserving thanks for their contributions are three groups of people not listed on the masthead: the CSE headquarters staff; the staff in the Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences, Texas A&M University, which houses this publication; and those working with us at our printer, Newman Printing Company, Inc. Thanks also to our advertising coordinator, Lisande Bissonette; to our Web liaison, Gabe Waggoner; to our indexer, Winfield Swanson; and to the CSE Web editor, Seth Beckerman, whose efforts are crucial to our online presence.

Were there a “beyond the call of duty” award for the year, it would go to our designer, Tiffany Inbody. In March, Tiffany was hospitalized with a life-threatening illness. When I told a close colleague of hers that someone else could take over the issue then in proof, the response was, “Can you wait? Tiffany enjoys designing Science Editor so much.” Sure enough, at her own initiative, Tiffany was correcting proofs while still in the hospital. (She said it helped counter the boredom.) Tiffany continued working on Science Editor during her months of convalescence. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Tiffany. May you have many years of good health.

Finally, let me thank all the authors and others not named who have contributed to Science Editor in 2007. As the Council enters its second half-century, I hope that many more from CSE and beyond will contribute to our pages.

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