2007-2008 Committee Highlights

Although the annual meeting may be CSE’s most visible activity, much of the Council’s work occurs via committees that function throughout the year. The following are brief run-downs on some of the committees most active in 2007-2008.

The Education Committee (chair, Pamella P Erickson, perickson@lilly.com) supervises the educational activities of CSE, which include the CSE short courses and the International Scholarship Program. Committee members Lynelle Korte and Ken Heideman are the codirectors of the 2008 short courses. The 2007 short courses were very well received, and the committee is pleased that the same courses are being offered in 2008 and organized by the same people. The committee received 30 eligible applications for international scholarships to attend the 2008 CSE annual meeting. A subcommittee evaluated the applications; four scholarship designees and four alternates were chosen. A representative of the committee has been working with the annual-meeting Program Committee to integrate the scholarship recipients into program sessions. Information about those receiving the 2008 international scholarships will be made public in the Editor after the annual meeting.

The Publications Committee (chair, Vicki Vaughn, vaughnv@asco.org) evaluates existing CSE publications and recommends actions pertaining thereto, and it identifies opportunities for new publications. Activities during the 2007-2008 program year have included working with a marketing-support company to map out the marketing plan for Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, 7th edition. In addition, the committee surveyed the CSE membership regarding the possibility of a new edition of the CSE book Peer Review in Scientific Publishing.

Major activities of the Web Committee (chair, Seth Beckerman, s.beckerman@vip.cgnet.com) in this program year have included organizing and administering the Web page about the CSE Global Theme Issue on Poverty and Human Development (www.councilscienceeditors.org/globalthemeissue.cfm); this page, which includes a list of the 237 participating journals, has been heavily visited. Other achievements have included automating the process for posting job ads by nonmembers, providing an online form with which members can submit nominations for CSE awards, continuing to add reference links, posting updated compilations of Science Editor articles, and revising forms posted on the Web site. Some of the presentations at the 2007 annual meeting were posted, and arrangements were made with the annual-meeting Program Committee to ask 2008 speakers in advance to provide their presentations for posting after the meeting. Please note that the e-mail address given above for Seth Beckerman is now. If Seth is in your e-mail directory, please update his address.

Other committees for which CSE members can volunteer include the Membership Committee, the annual-meeting Program Committee, the Sponsorship Committee, and the Science Editor Editorial Board. A full list of CSE committees and chairs appears at www.councilscienceeditors.org/about/committees.cfm.