Five people received recognition at the 2009 annual meeting for outstanding service to CSE: Distinguished Service Awards were given to Frank Stumpf and Diane M Sullenberger, and Certificates of Appreciation went to Patty Baskin, Robert E (Bob) Johnson, and John Wachter.

Stumpf was CSE treasurer in 2006–2008, having served 2 years as treasurer-elect, and he remains a member of the Finance Committee. He also was a member of the Sponsorship Committee for several years and has been its chair. Professionally, he is engaged in independent consulting and board advisory roles with several companies that provide services to publishers. He was previously president for publishing of SPI Technologies, Inc, and he has held senior leadership positions in technology development and in sales and marketing at Cadmus Communications. He has spoken many times at meetings of the Council and other organizations.

Sullenberger served on the CSE Board of Directors in 2004–2007, and for the 2009 annual meeting, she chaired the Program Committee, on which she had served most years since 1999. Other service to the Council has included chairing the Membership Committee, teaching in the Short Course for Journal Editors, and serving on the Task Force on Science Journals, Poverty, and Human Development. Since 1999, Sullenberger has been executive editor of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. Previously, she held positions in editing and publishing at the Society for Neuroscience and elsewhere. She recently was elected vice president of CSE.

Baskin was honored for her work on the Program Committee and the Education Committee. She chaired the Program Committee in CSE’s 50th-anniversary year and served on this committee in several other years. She also has coordinated the CSE Short Course on Publication Management, and she has taught in this course and the Short Course on Electronic Publication. In addition, she has organized, spoken at, or moderated many sessions at CSE annual meetings. Baskin is managing editor of Neurology. Previously, she was executive managing editor and manager of program operations for GeneReviews.

Johnson was recognized for his column The Word Hawk, which appears in Science Editor. A Council member since 2001, Johnson has contributed this column, which focuses on language and the manuscript editor’s work, since 2005. Currently a freelance editor, writer, proofreader, and fact checker, Johnson has been an editor at Frost & Sullivan, Annual Reviews, SRI International, and Applied Biosystems. His freelance work has included serving as language-arts editor for the California High School Exit Examination, editing journal articles, and editing dissertations and books.

Wachter received recognition for his volunteer photographic work at CSE annual meetings. His photos have appeared in Science Editor and add much to the Council’s archives. Wachter is president, senior editor, producer, and photographer at CPS Communication Production Services, Inc. Previously, he has been director of programming and production at Caltec Cablevision and director of media services at Catonsville Community College. Wachter could not attend the 2009 annual meeting but hopes to resume his role next year.