Decade-End Thanks

With this issue, Science Editor ends its first decade of publication. Ten years ago—when the Council of Biology Editors was about to become the Council of Science Editors, and CBE Views was about to become Science Editor—I wrote a Viewpoint titled “Year-End Thanks”. Every year since, my November–December Viewpoint has included thanks to those contributing to and supporting the publication.

Now, as in previous November–December issues, I thank the sometimes overlapping groups that make Science Editor possible. Of course, I thank our authors, the Science Editor staff (composed almost entirely of volunteers), and our interns. I also thank our editorial board, the CSE Board of Directors, the CSE headquarters staff, and our printer. And I thank administrators and staff at Texas A&M University, where our editorial office resides.

Throughout the last decade, five names on the masthead (other than mine) have remained constant.

- Norman Grossblatt has been manuscript editor since the latter years of CBE Views. All six issues per year, he edits essentially every word on these pages.
- Tiffany D Inbody developed the design for Science Editor and has designed every issue.
- Roxanne K Young, our quality-control ace, has regularly been a main proofreader-plus of the publication.
- Poly Potter, in charge of cover art, has suggested many of the images on our covers, including that on the current issue. She also has dealt with image-reproduction permissions and related items.
- Winfield Swanson has compiled the annual indexes that have appeared in the November–December issues (see, for example, p 210). She also has prepared the cumulative indexes posted in the Science Editor section of the CSE Web site.

Those people deserve particular recognition for their skill and dedication.

Ten years—or more than 11, including my time as the last editor of CBE Views—is a long time to edit an association periodical. Such periodicals need the fresh ideas of new editors from time to time. And other activities, including international work, increasingly compete for my discretionary hours. So I will step down in May, when my fourth 3-year term as editor of the Council’s periodical ends.

As I edit my last November–December issue of Science Editor, I once more thank all who have contributed to and supported the publication. For me, editing Science Editor has many satisfactions. As the main commissioning editor, I love the search for article topics and authors. As the first recipient of copy, both invited and unsolicited, I appreciate the chance to read, early and thoroughly, about much that is happening in science editing and related realms. I enjoy helping to shape the articles, both before and after manuscripts arrive. And, even after some 60 issues, I still feel a thrill when each new issue of Science Editor appears.

The best part, though, of editing Science Editor is working with such remarkable people. To our long-time staff members and new contributors and everyone in between: Again, decade-end thanks.