

# editor's page

## Meeting of the Minds

It's recorded that ". . . they came from the east and from the west, and from the north and south to speak upon great issues." Surprisingly, the *Journal* has a sequel to this historical happening. Recently at the VPI and State University Dulles facilities, 12 of the 15 members of the Editorial Committee journeyed from the four corners of the nation to talk about great *Journal* issues. And, our Editorial Committee in carrying out its *Journal* responsibilities did bring about some significant editorial policy changes.

Every two years, Editorial Committee members attend a day-long workshop to meet the current editor, learn his/her editorial philosophy and policy, exchange ideas, and agree on the best approach to evaluate *Journal* articles.

This was a repeat performance for some committee veterans like Ovid Bay, Win Lawson, and Wendell Smith, but it was a new experience for Harlan Copeland, Arlen Etling, J. D. George, F. C. Humphrey, Wynon Mayes, Willette Merritt, Ken Olson, Jackie Yep, and myself. The oldies kept us straight and guided our thinking.

For openers, I briefly philosophized on the significant relationship between a profession and a professional journal. I also stated my policy position—as editor and as members of the *Journal* Editorial Committee, we must produce a quality journal that meets the needs of our professionals and one they will feel proud to subscribe to.

Ann Thompson, Editorial Committee chairperson, and Colleen Schuh, our assistant editor, led the workshop in reviewing two articles, based on content and readability criteria.

The committee suggested a number of significant editorial changes. First, new editorial members will receive a more comprehensive set of editorial instructions. Secondly, the current article evaluation sheet will be revised, with additional criteria listed for article content and readability. Thirdly, a standardized article rating scale will be used. And lastly, reviewers will be more direct and specific in their review comments. Summarizing the workshop: *Journal* correspondence became conversation, committee names became personalities, and the *Journal* review process became standardized—not bad for a brief meeting of the minds.

It's a pleasure to welcome Arlen Etling (Arizona), J. D. George (North Carolina), F. C. Humphrey (North Dakota), Ken Olson (Arizona), and Jack Wise (Nevada) to the Editorial Committee and Arden Huff (Virginia), James Limbird (Ohio), Carl Schenema (Missouri), William Tedrick (Texas), and G. M. Whitton, Jr. (Florida) to the Board of Directors.

Our guest editor for the November/December, 1978, theme issue—Managing: With and Through Others—will be Henrietta Van Maanen, area director, Fort Dodge, Iowa, and former member of the Board of Directors. Congratulations, Henrietta.

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