

Letter from the Editor

You may have noticed that there are several new names on the Editorial Board this issue and several of the old Board names are missing. To maintain the vitality of a journal, the Editorial Board must be renewed from time to time. Selecting new members is an easy and pleasant task, while choosing those dedicated and invaluable Board members that are to be replaced is a very painful process. Among those who no longer appear on the Board are two original Board members who have served the *Journal* for over ten years (when the publication was known as *Composites Technology Review*). The Editors express a very special thanks to these two gentlemen, Steve Tsai of Stanford University (formally with WRDC) and Carl Zweben of the General Electric Space Center.

Several others were Board members in 1985 when the *Composite Technology Review* became the current journal. A sincere thanks is also extended to those individuals that were so helpful in making the *Journal* what it is today. Thanks to H. W. Bergmann of DFVLR, L. J. Cohen of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, Issac Daniel of Northwestern University, W. W. Feng of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (also a previous Co-Editor), Tom Hahn of Penn State, Thomas Johansson of Linkoping University (Sweden), P. K. Mallick of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, John Mandell of the University of Montana, R. J. Morgan of the Michigan Molecular Institute, E. Morris of Structural Composites Industries, Lynne Penn of the Polytechnic University, Bob Sierakowski of Ohio State, C. T. Sun of Purdue University, and Jim Whitney of WRDC.

We also appreciate the services of former Board members R. J. Arsenault of the University of Maryland, Bob Badaliance of NRL, and Norm Johnston of NASA Langley. Truly the *Journal* is indebted to each of the past Board members mentioned above for their time and services rendered.

Paul, John, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard the new Board members: Don Adams of the University of Wyoming, Fu-Kuo Chang of Stanford University, Sam Garbo of Sikorsky Aircraft, Mike Hyer of Virginia Tech, Frank Ko of Drexel University, and Neil McCartney of the National Physics Laboratory (UK).

Co-Editor Paul Lagace will be working very closely with the new Board to assign paper reviewers and referee controversial papers. We hope that this will result in an expedient and thorough review of each paper. This process also is intended to get the Board more involved with the business of the *Journal*.

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