

Editorial Changing of the Guard by

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Vincent P. Drnevich—We have the changing of the guard as Paul Knodel becomes the Technical Editor of the *Geotechnical Testing Journal* (GTJ) starting with the March 1990 issue. Paul is the Chief of the Geotechnical Services Branch at the Bureau of Reclamation in Denver. I have known Paul since 1974 when I spent a sabbatical leave at the Bureau. He is a knowledgeable and articulate person who will execute the duties of the Technical Editor with skill and timeliness.

It seems like yesterday, but it was over four years ago that I took over from Ernie Selig, the founder and first Technical Editor. I resigned this position because my new duties as Acting Dean of Engineering at the University of Kentucky do not leave me sufficient time for the GTJ. I, like Ernie, will remain on the Editorial Board and will help out as needed. In fact, I already have volunteered to be the News Editor for Committee D-18. Previously, Carl Tockstein had that responsibility, and he has asked to not be reappointed to another term on the Editorial Board. Let me express my thanks to Carl for the fine work he has done over the past four years.

GTJ has really been quite successful, and the primary reason for this has been all the authors who have provided the high-quality papers that appear in each issue. I am especially indebted to all those on the Editorial Board for their responsiveness, advice, and assistance. However, there is much more to getting a journal out than reviewing and proofreading papers. I and the Editorial Board had a super team to work with at ASTM headquarters. Specifically, Kathy Greene, Manager of Acquisition and Review, her assistant, Bette Grugan, and Susan L. Gebremedhin, Editor, need to be given special recognition. Bob Morgan, Staff Manager for Committee D-18, also has been extremely helpful.

The job of Technical Editor was much easier because of the strong support that was provided by Woody Shockley, the outgoing Chairman of Committee D-18, Richard Gray, outgoing First Vice-Chairman, and the other members of the D-18 Executive Subcommittee. Woody was a charter member of the Editorial Board and served on it until 1986. GTJ also is supported by Committee D-4 on Road and Paving Materials and by Committee D-35 on Geotechnical Fabrics. Each of those committees has a representative on the Editorial Board.

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In ASTM, all publications come under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Publications. This Committee has endorsed most of the innovations and initiatives proposed by the Editorial Board of GTJ. It too can take pride in the success that GTJ enjoys.

GTJ is now a truly international journal with many submissions and subscriptions coming from countries outside the United States. Editorial Board Members are now located in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, People's Republic of China, United Kingdom, and Venezuela. These people have contributed much to this international status and to geotechnical testing.

Geotechnical testing has come a long way in recent years, especially with the availability of modern electronics and computers. However, our knowledge of soil and rock behavior is still quite empirical and relies on relatively imperfect models of material behavior. The future in geotechnics still has many exciting discoveries and advances in store. Many will rely on new testing methods and procedures, and most people will find out about those first in GTJ.

Paul Knodel has my best wishes and support for an increasingly successful Geotechnical Testing Journal.

Paul Knodel—I am somewhat overwhelmed by the responsibilities of Technical Editor, as the effort associated with producing a technical journal is formidable. However, I do look forward to the challenge and fortunately have an excellent Editorial Board and strong support from the team at ASTM headquarters to assist with keeping the Journal a viable publication. I look forward to working with all involved to ensure a continued high-quality Journal.

It might be well to re-emphasize the purpose and scope of the Journal. The three main objectives are (1) to provide a publication of quality that informs the profession of new developments in soil and rock testing and related fields; (2) to provide a forum for the exchange of information, particularly that which leads to the development of new test procedures or improves existing procedures; and (3) to stimulate active participation of the profession in the work of ASTM committees dealing with soil

and rock. These objectives are printed inside the front cover of each issue, but we sometimes need to be reminded of them.

There will be some changes on the Editorial Board. As Vincent Drnevich indicated, Carl Tockstein has asked not to be reappointed to the Board. Also, Dr. Stephen F. Brown of the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, who has been on the Board since its inception is assuming the job as Department Head at the University and has asked to be replaced. Their replacements are currently being sought. Bill DeGroff who was Testing Tips Editor has asked to be relieved of that duty, and Dr. Poul Lade of University of California, Los Angeles, CA, has agreed to that assignment. As Vince mentioned above, he will be the new News Editor for Committee D-18, replacing Carl Tockstein. Let me on behalf of Vince Drnevich (Past Technical Editor) and all of ASTM thank each of those members for their contribution, and to those to newly appointed assignments I look forward to

continued support. In summary then, Editorial Board members who have taken on additional responsibilities are:

- Vincent Drnevich, D-18 News Editor
- David Suits, D-35 News Editor
- Poul Lade, Testing Tips Editor
- Charles Haas, Book Review Editor—Rock Mechanics
- John Peters, Book Review Editor—Soil Mechanics

Readers with news items, draft standards, laboratory or field testing tips, or who know of new books or monographs that would be of interest are encouraged to communicate directly with the persons listed above.

I am encouraged by the continued flow of high-quality papers and technical notes and am committed to continued success for the Geotechnical Testing Journal.