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Letter from the Editor

If you have been scrutinizing the inside covers of JOTE recently, you will have noticed that ASTM has been reorganizing the operation of the Journal with the aim of improving its service to the technical community. In 1984 the ASTM Committee on Publications approved the setting up of an Editorial Board for JOTE. Of the interested parties contacted by the ASTM staff, seventeen people volunteered to work as members of the Editorial Board. These members serve three-year terms, are recognized experts in certain aspects of the major thrust of the Journal, and are charged with several responsibilities including setting standards of article quality, recommending policy and procedures, and soliciting and reviewing manuscripts. The members' names and affiliations are listed on the inside front cover of this issue.

Towards the end of 1984 the newly formed Editorial Board made a strong recommendation to the Committee on Publications that the technical leadership required for the proposed development of JOTE would be best provided by the appointment of a Technical Editor. The members of the Editorial Board were then asked to propose nominations for the position to the Committee on Publications. The responsibilities and distinction of that position have fallen on my shoulders. It is my intention to provide a coordinated driving force to increase the quality of JOTE by working with the members of the Editorial Board and ASTM staff. Over the next

several months there will be more emphasis placed on the solicitation of papers, short technical notes, review articles, letters to the editor, conference reports, and book reviews. Editorial plans are being made for particular issues of JOTE wherein collected papers will focus on certain topics in testing and evaluation. Papers will be encouraged dealing with evaluation of the vast number of experimental results contained in reports of consumer products data bases and in reports from the national laboratories and contractors for the U.S. Department of Defense.

It has been several years since ASTM has taken a survey of the subscribers of JOTE and members of ASTM to find their expectations from the Journal. A new survey is being planned, and the analysis of the results will aid in the development of the Journal.

With this dynamic team spirit of the members of the Editorial Board and the ASTM staff, and my efforts in coordination and leadership, we can assure the readers of JOTE that the quality of the Journal will be steadily increased. It is our intention to make JOTE the leading journal that deals with all aspects of testing and evaluation across the broad fields of science and engineering.

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