



Editorial

With this issue, new members of the Editorial Board are being announced. They are listed inside the front cover. Six of the members (Stephen Brown, Charles Haas, Syd Peng, Steve Poulos, Ernie Selig, and Woodie Shockley) are reappointments. We are counting on their experience to help with any rough spots that we may encounter. The rest of the Board is composed of new members. All will be serving three-year terms.

To the "retiring" Board members (Richard Campanella, Clarence Chan, Gary Durham, W. J. Eden, John Schmertmann, Marshall Silver, Frank Townsend, and Yoshiaki Yoshimi), let me, on behalf of Ernie Selig (Past Technical Editor) and all of ASTM, express appreciation for their contribution as members of the Editorial Board.

The new Board is larger than the old by eight members. An effort has been made to secure representation for consulting practice, government agencies, and producers as well as academia. Before there were only three foreign countries represented. Now there are eight. Each of the members from foreign countries are being assigned the responsibility of representing not only their country but also their region. Nearly everyone worldwide will now have access to the journal through a regional person. We realize that some gaps in representation still exist, and I will make an effort to fill these in as soon as practical.

All Board members are automatically made members of Subcommittee D18.92 on Papers of Committee D-18 on Soil and Rock. It is within this subcommittee that policy matters and focus for the journal are decided. The subcommittee meets semi-annually at the same time as the meetings for Committee D-18. Much activity of the Board also takes place on a continuing basis by letter and telephone.

All Board members are responsible for promoting the journal by

soliciting the submission of papers, technical notes, testing tips, and news items and by helping to increase the readership through increase of subscriptions. The quality of the journal and the number of subscriptions are definitely related. Our aim is to continually increase both.

Many of the members of the Board are being asked to take on additional responsibilities. Carl Tockstein will be in charge of securing news items, draft standards, and so forth from Committee D-18 and its subcommittees. David Suits will be his counterpart for Committee D-35 on Geotextiles. ASTM is frequently provided with new books and monographs for review by their journals. Those materials on the subject of rock and rock mechanics will continue to be handled by Charles Haas. Materials on soils will be handled by John Peters.

The "Testing Forum" section of each issue has much potential for serving the readership and improving geotechnical testing with short articles and discussions on "Testing Tips." Willard DeGross will take charge of collecting and providing information of direct practical use in everyday laboratory and field testing. Readers with suggestions or questions are encouraged to communicate directly with him.

Times ahead are bound to be exciting in geotechnical testing. With a well functioning Editorial Board complemented by the continued strong support from the staff at ASTM, the *Geotechnical Testing Journal* will be on top of the action even more than before.

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