

Changes Abound – An Editorial

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The arrival of Fall brought with it cooler weather and significant changes to the ASC's *International Journal of Construction Education and Research*. I was asked to serve as the *Journal's* interim editor in late July. On August 1, 2005, I was very graciously hosted by Drs. Mark Hutchings and Jay Christofferson at Brigham Young University, where we quickly began to effect an editorial transition. At my request, Mark consented to stay on as an Associate Editor. I also invited Dr. Chuck Berryman to join the Editorial Office as an Associate Editor. Both Mark and Chuck bring terrific experience, education and commitment to bear on their editorial responsibilities. In addition, I have established a *Journal* Advisory and Mentoring Council, chaired by Dr. John Schaufelberger. John has agreed to assist the ASC and specifically the *Journal* by providing strategic input on the direction of the *Journal*. I have also asked John to organize an annual *Journal* publishing workshop, in concert with the Annual ASC Conference, to assist attendees with their publishing skills. In November my temporary appointment as the *Journal's* "interim editor" changed when I was elected to the position of editor by the ASC's Board of Directors.

In mid-August, ASC also finalized an agreement with Taylor & Francis (T&F), a two-hundred year old publishing company. T&F will begin publishing the *Journal* in 2006. The issue is expected to be available in April 2006 – just in time for the ASC National Conference in Fort Collins, CO. The Editorial Office is working hard with our new publisher to prepare the first ever print copy of the *Journal*. In recent months, the excellent submissions to the *Journal* promise to make the first print issue informative and interesting.

As we prepare for the upcoming *Journal* issues to be published by T&F, I strongly encourage all authors to submit your works to the *Journal*. We are, after all, striving to improve construction education and research. How do we accomplish this? I believe that we must share research, share opinions, push each other to improve and, ultimately, question the foundation concepts of our industry. We can be responsible for leading the changes or sitting by as changes occur around us. Can we afford to accept only incremental improvements? Can we expect a world without competition? From high performance buildings and green construction to skilled and unskilled worker shortages, the reality is that throughout the world changes are afoot in the construction industry that will change the lives of individuals and the business practices of corporations. We must strive to be a part of that transition or find our students and ourselves ill-prepared to compete in an increasingly global marketplace. While the *Journal* will continue to publish excellent manuscripts, we will also find ways to allow for discussion and disagreement and the resulting benefits that can come from such interaction.

In the meantime, the Editorial Office has scoured the *ASC National Conference Proceedings* for the years 2001, 2002, and 2003 and selected notable manuscripts to include in this the last issue of the ASC-published online *Journal*. We hope that you enjoy these works.

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