

EDITORIAL

The AMS Council approved in September 1976 a new approach to broaden the editorial effort for the *Journal of Applied Meteorology*. This approach involves five people in the editorial process, rather than the previous editor and assistant. The new editorial staff of JAM includes five professional scientists, working on a non-paid basis, and four supporting part-time secretaries. The approach became effective 1 January 1977.

The entire editorial effort will be under the direction of the Chief Editor, Stanley A. Changnon, Jr., of the Illinois State Water Survey. The Assistant Chief Editor will be Richard G. Semonin of the Illinois State Water Survey. The three Editors working under the general direction of the Chief Editor will be Jeremy M. Hales, affiliated with the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Richland, Wash., James D. McQuigg, a consulting meteorologist in Columbia, Mo., and Bernard A. Silverman, of the Bureau of Reclamation, Denver.

In the new editorial procedure, all papers for consideration in JAM should be directed to Chief Editor Changnon. He and Assistant Chief Editor Semonin will respond to the author indicating not only receipt of the paper but also the specific editor to whom it has been assigned. That is, the Chief Editor will decide which of the three editors will handle the review of the paper. The three editors will handle papers according to their expertise—in the general areas of interest encompassed by JAM. The scope of the papers to be published in JAM was described in the July 1975 issue of the *Journal of Applied Meteorology*.

The new JAM editors will have these broad areas of editorial responsibility:

- 1) Editor Silverman—operational meteorology including severe storms, planned weather modification and instrumentation.
- 2) Editor Hales—effects of man and his activities on weather, climate, and air quality.
- 3) Editor McQuigg—the effects of weather and climate on man and his activities.

The three editors will be responsible for the selection of qualified reviewers for the papers assigned to them. They will be assisted by approximately 15 associate editors of JAM who will serve on an interim basis until a new and possibly different approach evolves.

A major goal in this new editorial team for JAM is to move articles through the review system, and if accepted, into publication by 6–12 months after a paper is first submitted for consideration. Notes and correspondence items will be moved at a faster rate, hopefully published in 2–4 months after receipt.

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