

Editorial

With this issue of the *Journal of Applied Meteorology*, I come to the end of my formal association with the editorial system of this journal. Beginning in January 1982, the new Co-Chief Editors will be Dr. Bernard A. Silverman of the Bureau of Reclamation and Dr. Alan D. Hecht, Jr., of the National Science Foundation. Having joined the editorial system of the AMS in 1977 as Assistant Chief Editor, then Co-Chief Editor in 1980, and finally Chief Editor in 1981, I feel obligated to publicly express my appreciation to my many colleagues for their valuable assistance in making the *Journal of Applied Meteorology* the highly respected journal that it is now recognized to be.

First, my deepest appreciation goes to the editors that assisted me and my associate, Stanley A. Chagnon, through these past five years: Drs. Bernard Silverman, Jeremy Hales, James McQuigg and Paul Janota. These individuals have served you and the Society unselfishly over the past several years and have managed to keep the manuscripts in their charge flowing smoothly. I am sure that I speak for all of you when I acknowledge the great service they have performed in assisting you in publishing your scientific findings.

Second, I want to acknowledge the contribution of the Associate Editors for their participation in the review process. Without their assistance through the years the journal editorial process would not function as smoothly and timely as it does.

Third, and very importantly, I deeply appreciate the efforts of the unsung reviewers who for the most part remain anonymous and yet are of the greatest assistance to authors in improving their manuscripts for publication. Without the voluntary help of the membership and those outside of our Society, it would be impossible to produce a journal of such high quality.

Fourth, it is not possible to adequately express my gratitude to John Gerhardt and his staff at the AMS headquarters. Their assistance, patience, guidance, and sharing their wisdom of experience have made the chief editor's tasks pleasurable and memorable.

Finally, I am in debt to the authors who have seen the wisdom in submitting their manuscripts to the *Journal of Applied Meteorology* for publication.

As I leave my association with the *Journal*, I trust that all of you will give your support and assistance to Drs. Silverman and Hecht, so they will enjoy the same fulfillment as I have in serving the Society and you, the scientific community.

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