

EDITOR'S NOTE

Volume 30, Number 4 of the *Journal of Collective Negotiations in the Public Sector* will be the last number of the *Journal* to be published under that title. Beginning with Volume 31, Number 1, the *Journal's* name will be shortened to the *Journal of Collective Negotiations* to accommodate greater breadth. While still primarily focused on public sector labor relations, the editorial mission of the *Journal* will now also cover private sector negotiations, including the not-for-profit sector of the economy.

The editorial staff of the *Journal* has been expanded, and several individuals who are not members of the Editorial Board have been appointed to a board of referees. Blind review is essential to assure the quality of the articles published in the journal. Volume 30 has used the refereeing process to that end, and I would like to thank several individuals who refereed articles and provided helpful guidance but who are not listed as members of the Editorial Board. They are: James N. Giordano, Villanova University; Mashaalah Rahnama-Moghadam, Texas Tech University; William J. Walsh, Illinois Wesleyan University; Hedayeh Samavati, Indiana–Purdue University Fort Wayne; and Carrie Stumph, Indiana–Purdue University Fort Wayne. The last issue of each volume will include an index and a list of the individuals who served as referees for that volume.

Volume 30 began in 2003 and was not completed until 2005 because of the delays involved with the name change of the *Journal* and the implementation of a more-rigorous refereeing process for Volume 30. I apologize for the delay in the completion of this volume, but the broader scope and changes in the refereeing process took time. Volume 31 will begin publication in 2006 and will continue as a four-times-per-year publication as had been the practice with earlier volumes of the *Journal*. Most of the manuscripts accepted in the latter part of 2003 and the earlier part of 2004 are just now appearing; this is the sole responsibility of the executive editor. We very much value our contributors and hope this delay in the appearance of their articles did not cause any inconvenience.

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The staff and editors of the *Journal* continue to invite contributions, suggestions, and comments for the readers we seek to serve, and hope that both our readers and contributors will continue to support the *Journal*.

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