

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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We begin this issue of the Journal with a new look. The new 6×9 format and single column in each page make it easier for our new publisher (Technomic Publishing Co., Inc.) to produce, circulate and put the Journal on-line. In addition, we plan to produce the Journal on a quarterly basis to provide better service to our readers.

Although we have changed the format of the Journal and will be publishing the Journal on a quarterly basis, we have not changed the theme of the Journal. Our main objective is still to produce state-of-the-art technical papers to assist practicing fire protection engineers in providing better fire protection designs and services. With the world moving towards performance-based codes, we hope to publish papers from around the world to help our readers to see how others are doing it.

In addition, we hope to publish, from time to time, special papers that are of interest to our readers. This includes, in the current issue, a special paper by the 2000 Arthur B. Guise Medal winner, Dr. Craig Beyler, which was presented at the SFPE Annual General Meeting in Denver, May 14–17, 2000. In the future, we also plan to publish review papers on how some important papers in the past have helped shape the fire protection engineering of today.