MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Perspectives on CP

It has been one year since I took over the editorship of Cartographic Perspectives. In that year we have tried to make some changes in the journal, while trying to maintain the high quality and standards that CP has been known for.

At the start of my editorial tenure I had hopes of increasing the number of featured articles published in CP from one an issue to two. I am pleased that we were able to do this and I would like to continue this practice. The articles published this year were representative of a range of cartographic subjects. We published articles on map production; processing and analysis of map information; map compilation; and national mapping activities. We were also honored to publish an article by Arthur Robinson on the Behaim Globe (Spring 1993).

In the past year we have made certain that the Map Library Bulletin Board and Cartography Bulletin Board appeared as regular features in the journal. The Bulletin Boards are an important...
contribution to CP and add to the scholarly content of the journal.

Another significant change this year was the publication of the first color issue of CP (Spring 1993). Last year the NACIS Officers and Board of Directors unanimously approved a request that one issue a year of CP be published in color. This decision provides CP with a unique opportunity to enhance, through the use of color, the information presented in its articles. It also provides an outlet for research articles specifically dealing with color and map design. It is my hope that potential authors will see this as an opportunity seldom offered by other cartographic journals.

Our first color issue (Spring 1993) did not come about without some trials and tribulations. These included problems with conversion calibrations of RGB colors on computer monitors into CMYK printed colors; the uncertainty of determining which pages would have color until the total number of pages in the publication were predetermined; and an extremely busy April and May for the Editor and Assistant Editor. Although the color issue was the Spring Issue, many of you probably noticed that you did not receive it until late July or early August. I apologize for the delay. A colleague of mine told me to just tell everyone that "Spring comes very, very late in Milwaukee." I said that was fine, however, our Fall Issue would be on schedule and members would receive it only one month after receiving the Spring Issue. Her reply was "tell them not only does Spring come late in Milwaukee, but our summers are very, very, very short—sometimes lasting only a week or two." Even with all the production problems, I am very pleased with the color plates in the issue and I would like to thank the authors for their patience and work.

I would like to encourage all of you to consider CP as an outlet for your research and other information that you feel is worth sharing with our readers. I extend a special invitation to individuals presenting papers at NACIS XIII to consider submitting their manuscripts to CP.

Finally, I would like to thank CP's Assistant Editor, David Tilton, for all the work he has done (and will hopefully continue to do), Michael Peterson (CP Editorial Board Chair), and the members of the CP Editorial Board.

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