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Editor's Message

This is the last issue under my editorship. As has been planned from the start, Glenn Nyre will be editor for 1980, Volume 2 of this Quarterly. Originally, Lance Buhl was going to be editor for 1981, but his election as Executive Director precluded that since it is improper in volunteer organizations such as POD to ask an individual to take on the two most demanding responsibilities back-to-back. However, the developing strength of POD was demonstrated in the ease by which two highly qualified and enthusiastic members were recruited for future editorships: Sandra Inglis for 1981 and Robert Young for 1982.

A new editorial board was formed at the meeting in Fairfield Glade; Glenn Nyre will introduce them together with their responsibilities in the first issue of Volume 2. I will be content with reporting on two other actions of that meeting. They stemmed from the need to state a clear description of the types of papers that would be acceptable as feature articles. While that need has yet to be satisfied, four general types emerged from the meeting:

Data based research reports that are both generalizable and directly related to POD-type activities;
Reviews of research pertinent to the needs of POD folks;
Values essays which stand on their internal logic; and
Methodological studies applicable to the situations of POD practitioners.

However, that taxonomy still leaves out some types of papers of POD Quarterly, Vol. 1, No. 4 (Winter 1979)

interest to POD members of which several good examples were submitted, but not published, last year. We concluded that those papers were furthering the networking function of POD but that no proper provision for them had been made in the Departments section of the *Quarterly*. So we decided that that section should be redesigned for Volume 2. Mary Lynn Crow took on the task, as will be detailed in the first issue of that volume.

I cannot thank enough the Editorial Board for their full and invaluable support. The improvements that I anticipate for Volume 2 are due in part to the reactions of readers, especially through the Feedback Forum that appeared at the end of issues 1 and 2. Every contribution submitted to the *Quarterly* was very much appreciated; I regretted every instance in which publication had to be denied. The work of the referees was superlative. Even though guidelines were loosely enunciated, disagreements were very rare. In almost every case, their reviews were returned promptly.

Finally, *POD Quarterly* would not have appeared without the dedication, skill, and persistence of Diane Johnson. She contributed to every aspect of the development, design, operation, production, and distribution of the journal. Her advice kept things moving in the right direction. Many thanks, Diane!

D.L.O.

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