

# Editorial

Garry Brewer has resigned as Editor of *Policy Sciences*, after three years of excellent service in that role. Those of us concerned about the continued good health of systematic thinking in policy analysis owe Garry a considerable debt for that service, and for the intelligent dedication with which it was performed. Having accepted the Advisory Board's invitation to succeed Garry as Editor, I owe him an even greater debt for his willingness to continue his association with *Policy Sciences* as its new Book Review Editor.

Garry's renewed association symbolizes the most important quality of this editorial transition: continuity. The belief that scientists and practitioners can learn a great deal from one another, the hope that such learning can be stimulated by cross-disciplinary and cross-national interaction, the commitment to excellence in communicating our work across roles and across national boundaries, and the determination to improve the "fit" between intelligence and public policy remain fundamental to the *Policy Sciences* enterprise. Garry Brewer strengthened those foundations; I hope to add further strength to them.

Although editorial policy will not change, other changes will be made to improve the journal. Beginning with the 1978 volume, we plan to publish six issues per year, in order to accommodate a larger fraction of the good manuscripts submitted to us. Garry Brewer's willingness to assume the Book Review editorship is predicated on his, and my, belief that the journal should pay more sustained attention to work that is worth reading—hence more space will be devoted to analyses of books on important policy issues. Finally, we plan to continue to publish at least one special issue per year, to illuminate an emerging problem or to provide more sophisticated treatment of some familiar but poorly-understood "old" problems. Negotiations for several such issues are under way, but readers are invited to submit their own ideas for topics suitable for treatment in special issues. The "continuing search for better solutions," to borrow a phrase from Fred C. Iklé, is too important a task to be left to editors.