

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It has been one year since we merged *International Journal of Small Group Research* with *Small Group Behavior* and began publishing *Small Group Research*. We are very pleased to report that both manuscript submissions and journal subscriptions have grown much faster than anticipated. Both of these indicators suggest that the field has moved past the crisis to which Nicholas Mullins referred in calling small group research “the light that failed.” Mullins attributed our crisis to the loss in 1947 of Kurt Lewin, whom he identified as the central intellectual leader of the small group movement. It is thus appropriate that in this past year, when we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kurt Lewin’s birth, small group research has shown new signs of vitality and growth. It is also appropriate that the field is showing signs of maturity; manuscripts regularly arrive from areas outside sociology and psychology. Practical theories are finding applications in political science, communication, social work, management, and education.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members to our Board of Editors: Joann Keyton of Baylor University and Shinobu Kitiyama of the University of Oregon. The increase in manuscript submissions has placed a growing burden on our Board of Editors; we are pleased to be able to add these two highly qualified members, and we remain grateful for the many hours that our members have contributed in the past year. Our continued growth is dependent on feedback from both the board and the rest of our readers. If you have suggestions for improving *Small Group Research*, please do not hesitate to call or write.

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