Letter from the Editorial Team

We are pleased to announce that, effective immediately, new procedures for submission and review of papers are in place for JIBS. We have devised these new procedures to provide an expedited and efficient review process that is author-friendly and reviewer-friendly. The new procedures use electronic files and communications extensively throughout the submission-review process, and we expect them to reduce the turn-around time at several points. We will be reporting the results of the new procedures in due course.

All submissions should now include: a disk (in either Word or WordPerfect), two hard copies of the paper, and a check for the submission fee. All submissions should be sent to: Managing Editor, JIBS, 3240 Prospect Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007-3762.

Although the need for a copy of the paper on disk represents an additional item to be submitted, the need for only two hard copies of the paper will reduce authors' mailing/delivery costs. Most importantly, the submission of an electronic copy on disk will enable us to expedite the entire review process. For further information, see the guidelines for authors at the back of this issue of the Journal. There are also implications for reviewers, as will be made clear in subsequent communications to them.

We hope that both authors and reviewers will find these new procedures to be convenient and efficient.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Brewer, Editor
Catherine Langlois, Deputy Editor
Laura C. Lawson, Managing Editor

We apologize to *JIBS* readers for the lateness of this issue; a newly applied regulation of the United States Postal Service delayed mailing.