

EDITOR'S NOTE

With this issue we proudly begin our fifth year of publication. During the past four years, the journal's audience has expanded to include not only members of the Small Business Institute Directors' Association, but also individuals and organizations with an interest in applied small business research. In an effort to give the readers information that is helpful in operating or consulting with small businesses, the editor and members of the Editorial Advisory Board continue to stress the practical nature of the journal while maintaining sound methodological procedures.

This year the Editorial Advisory Board will include small business owners and consultants in addition to the current Board of academicians. We are making this move to further insure that the articles presented in the journal meet the needs of both practitioner and academic readers.

We appreciate the dedication of all members of the Editorial Advisory Board and extend special thanks to those who are retiring from the Board. Your service and commitment to the journal have helped us build and maintain a reputable publication. In addition, we welcome the new members of the Board. The new Editorial Advisory Board members who will serve through December 1996 include:

David M. Ambrose
Jeffrey S. Bracker
Robert Brockhaus
Sam Bruno
James J. Carroll
Fred Fry
Peter Rainsford
Richard J. Stapleton
Howard E. Van Auken
John Wallace

I look forward to working with all of you.



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Editor
