

Message from the Editor

As I look back on 2009, I'd like to take a moment to thank those who have contributed to the ongoing success of *Engineering Journal* this year.

First, many thanks to our authors, who keep the industry informed with their diligent research and writing endeavors.

Second, a gracious round of applause for our reviewers (see next page), who have generously contributed their time and expertise.

Third, kudos to our readers, for giving AISC and our authors ongoing feedback about the quality and content of our journal. (Congratulations to Thomas McCormick, Scott White, and Donny Cook, the winners of our August 2009 reader survey random drawing.)

Fourth, a big thank you to Cindi Duncan, AISC's Director of Engineering and former editor of *Engineering Journal*, for setting high standards for the journal and for having the patience to get me up to speed.

And finally, I would like to personally thank Janet Cummins, AISC's Engineering and Research Coordinator, for keeping track of the behind-the-scenes correspondence and documentation necessary to produce a quarterly journal.

You will notice a few changes with this issue. We've started including article abstracts and keywords, as well as contact information for all authors. We hope you find these changes useful.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2010!



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Editor

P.S. It's time to vote for the Best EJ Paper of 2009. Cast your vote at www.aisc.org/ejsurvey through March 31, 2010. The winning author and one randomly selected voter will receive free registration and travel to the 2010 NASCC: The Steel Conference in Orlando, Florida, May 12–15.

