FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Note: Jim Farrell, Associate Editor for the past year on IEEE Micro, becomes Editor-in-Chief effective April 1, 1985 for a two-year term. Peter Rony, who has completed his two-year term, will continue with IEEE Micro as Editorial Consultant.

First, I would like to thank the Computer Society's Governing Board, Publications Board and Magazine Advisory Committee for my nomination and confirmation as Editor-in-Chief of IEEE Micro. I will do my best to continue and enhance the fine work done by Peter Rony, Dick Jaeger, True Seaborn, Joe Schallan, and the rest of the full-time and volunteer professional staff listed on the current and previous mastheads.

There are many fine electronics magazines in our industry, both from the IEEE and from commercial publishers. Like me, I am sure that most of you subscribe to and read some of these. IEEE Micro is different. We are a niche magazine. We are an educational and tutorial magazine that takes both an academic and industrial viewpoint of microprocessors, microcomputers, associated peripheral hardware, software and other related issues. Whether you are still in college or your degree is thirty years old, learning about micros must be a continuing process in this fast moving technology. While the volunteer staff of IEEE Micro, including me, is unpaid, we work for you, to get you the finest and most educational information that we can. This is a team effort, and we need you on the team. If you want to point out an error, send a compliment, send a complaint, or have a good idea for IEEE Micro, please write to me. This is your magazine.

I am aggressively enthusiastic about IEEE Micro. I firmly believe that we are involved in one of the most exciting and interesting aspects of electronics. Starting with this issue, we are beginning a new feature, which will list seminars and tutorials where you can learn more about our vocation. If you like it, spend 22 cents and let me know. Would you like to grade the contributed technical articles and respond on the "bingo" (circle number) cards? Write me. Do you have a really great idea for IEEE Micro? Send me an outline. Our referees tend to be thorough but fair. Industrial contributed articles will not be refereed by editors from the author's company or a competing company. Conversely, articles submitted by academic authors will be reviewed by industrial editors. My assistant editor-in-chief will be from the academic community and will have the full powers of editor-in-chief when handling industrial contributed articles.

Since we presently have only six issues a year, most of our 1985 calendar queue is pretty full. However, we are considering a worldwide 32-bit micro issue in late 1985 or early 1986. Of course a good article on any micro-related subject will always be well received. In the long term, over the next two years, I would like to see IEEE Micro at least double in paid circulation, and become a monthly. If you have an article idea, or an idea of another kind to enhance the magazine, please write to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

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