EDITORIAL

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As we begin a new year of publication, the Editors and Staff of **MJMS** are considering a number of changes that we believe will make our journal even better. I will briefly describe these possible changes along with our rationale for them. I want to encourage you to provide feedback to us concerning your view of these changes.

First, we would like to publish four issues of **MJMS** per year. We believe this will help shorten the time between acceptance and publication of an article. We want to decrease our backlog of manuscripts as much as possible.

We would also like to replace our current cover with a "slick" cover. We believe this will not only improve the appearance of the journal, but will also help to make it more durable. The format of the cover would remain the same.

Next, we want to explore the possibility of publishing from time to time special focus issues such as a "problem" issue, a "best of ..." issue, or issues that focus on a specific topics, problems, or questions.

It is clear that any of these changes would increase the production costs of the journal. Even without these changes, copying, printing, and postage costs continue to increase over time. We would prefer to keep our subscription rates at current levels (we raised our rates about one year ago). To help defray these increased costs we are planning to introduce "page costs" for manuscripts published in the journal. We are assuming that our contributor's institutions would pay all or some of these page costs (we believe this is fairly standard practice). At this point, we anticipate page costs to be $10 per journal page. Certainly, articles already part of our backlog would not be subject to page costs.

We also want to announce that an electronic version of **MJMS** is now available through MathPro Press. Previous issues of **MJMS** in dvi form can be found on the world wide web through the MathPro Press Home Page. This can be accessed on the world wide web through url

http://www.wwa.com/math/

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Please contact any of our editors (regular mail or email) to share your thoughts, suggestions, reactions, etc. relative to these potential changes. Our final decision concerning these changes will be greatly influenced by our readers response. We want **MJMS** to serve the needs and interests of our readers as completely as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.