

## From the Editor

This is the first issue of the *Journal of the Optical Society of America B* (JOSA B). This journal was established to extend the coverage of the OSA journals to include much more laser spectroscopy and modern quantum optics. To emphasize this we have added the descriptor *Optical Physics* on the cover of the journal. JOSA B will include the material on atomic spectroscopy and optical properties of solids that was formerly published in JOSA. Your contributions, particularly during the first year, are solicited to get this new journal published.

The companion journal JOSA A has been given the descriptors *Optics and Image Science*. The former is included to indicate that JOSA A will be the general journal of the Optical Society for basic material. JOSA A will include the bulk of the material that was formerly published in JOSA. The latter descriptor is included to indicate our strong commitment to expand the coverage of JOSA A in the area of image science.

Each journal has a group of topical editors who, by using the advice of reviewers, accepts and rejects papers in their topical areas. My job is to coordinate their activities and maintain a centralized reviewer file.

Special launch committees were formed to define the scope of the new material that is being sought for the journals. The launch committee members are listed in the January issue of JOSA A. These launch committees are planning feature issues and review articles. Also, when appropriate, they are directly soliciting articles.

Let us make JOSA A and JOSA B truly excellent research journals!

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