Editor’s Note

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By the time you receive this issue of CTER, the Career and Technical Education Research Conference (CTERC) will have come and gone. For those of you who were unable to attend this year’s conference in Kansas City, you missed an outstanding conference featuring 27 quality research paper presentations. The conference provided a great opportunity for those of us in attendance to reconnect with old friends and to meet many of the new faces of those studying career and technical education. The Association for Career and Technical Education owes a huge word of “thanks” to Joe Kotrlik from Louisiana State University for serving as the 2005 conference chair. I would encourage you to take a look at the conference papers as well as the various comments from the discussants. The conference program and proceedings can be found at http://www.lsu.edu/faculty/kotrlik/cterc/.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all who have not done so already to turn their conference papers into manuscripts according to the guidelines and submit them to CTER for publication consideration. These papers contain some great knowledge that should be distributed across the field. Janet Bray, Executive Director of ACTE, remarked during the conference luncheon that ACTE is looking to the Association for Career and Technical Education Research to be one of the primary providers of current research that can help inform policy and decision making concerning career and technical education. Consequently, use the feedback provided from the CTERC review to make revisions to your papers and send them to us.

At this year’s CTER Board Meeting, we voted in new individuals to fill some vacant positions. I would like to welcome the following colleagues to the Board:

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On behalf of the entire CTER Board, I would like to thank Morgan Lewis for his four years of service as the Managing Editor. The role of the Managing Editor is critical to ensuring that the journal is professionally printed and distributed to all subscribers. Morgan’s attention to this detail has helped CTER to maintain its rating as a professional research journal.

Publishing Editor
Pete Magnuson, ACTE

During my Editor’s Report at the CTER Board Meeting, I noted that the journal is getting back on its regular publishing schedule. Volume 30, No. 3 will be going to press shortly after the first of the year. We will then get back on a spring, summer, and fall schedule for Volume 31 Nos. 1-3.

CTER has been receiving larger numbers of quality manuscripts based on my initial review as well as those from the referees. I believe our 2005 slump was based on the fact that people were not aware of the name change – both for the association and the journal – assuming that one or both no longer existed. However, we should be able to fill all three issues of Volume 31 without difficulty and possibly have manuscripts ready to go into Volume 32.