Editorial

Sharing Some Goals

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Even so, the time of an editorial transition is an opportunity to articulate some goals going forward:

1. We will favor research that helps surgeons take better care of patients, and we will use features and columns to make more of the world of orthopaedics interesting to a larger number of readers. Many of these are coming in the months ahead; in this issue, we introduce three:

Editor's Spotlight/Take Five

"Editor's Spotlight" is a monthly feature in which we identify a manuscript of particular interest and offer a brief analysis focusing on why the paper should be of interest even outside the subspecialty. In "Take Five," we interview an author of the Editor's Spotlight selection to help us delve a little deeper into the work and the process of discovery.

Not The Last Word

This column explores current pressing issues in our specialty, and will end with several viewpoints on the opinions expressed in the column by other experts on the topic in question.

Medicolegal Sidebar

This section covers the complexities that arise when the worlds of medicine and jurisprudence intersect.

2. We will cast the widest possible net in terms of bringing our specialty to readers. With the goal of attracting submissions from specialties that have, historically, been underrepresented, we have empannelled a world-class roster of Senior Editors from diverse backgrounds, and are in the process of rounding out our team of Deputy Editors to represent the full breadth of our specialty.
3. We will examine and streamline every possible facet of peer review to make it easier to submit manuscripts to *CORR*®, to make the process more efficient for

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authors, and to get the most current information into the hands of readers as quickly as possible.

Going forward, I see my role here as serving orthopaedic surgeons, musculoskeletal scientists, and our patients. I hope you will help me do this better by sharing your thoughts about *CORR*'s content and approaches with me, both candidly and frequently.

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