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WELCOME CHANGES

DURING MUCH OF THE LAST DECADE, IF YOU CALLED AISC FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, the odds were better than even that you'd talk to Pat Newman. Pat joined AISC's engineering staff back in 1985 and has worked on such important projects as the ASD Manual of Steel Construction (9th Edition), Editorial Task Committee of the Spec Committee and the forthcoming AISC Tubular Specification. In addition, for several years he has coordinated the seminar portion of the National Steel Construction Conference, has had primary editorial responsibility for *Engineering Journal* and, for the past six-and-a-half years, has reviewed every article published in *MSC*.

Of late, these latter three areas have taken up more and more of Pat's time, especially his responsibilities on *Modern Steel Construction*. In recognition of this evolution, beginning with this issue Pat is moving from being a technical advisor to the position of Executive Editor. In his new role, he'll take a more pro-active position. So if you have a project that should be included in *MSC*, or a topic that should be covered, give Pat a call or drop him a note. His direct extension is 312/670-5417 and his e-mail address is aiscpmn@interaccess.com.

In addition to Pat's new position, more changes are afoot. While it's too early to discuss most of these, one of the most important will be the addition of a section of the magazine devoted solely to bridges. This bridge section will cover cutting edge news, and also will provide useful information on such topics as bridge details, bearing design and the use of weathering steel.

Other changes that you can expect to see in upcoming months are a renewed emphasis on news stories, a slight graphic redesign and more in-depth product features.

If there are other changes you'd like to see, we'd like to hear from you. **SM**