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# Introductory

With this issue the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology supercedes The Journal of California Anthropology. The JCA was published for five years under the auspices of the Malki Museum Press Editorial Board (5 volumes, 10 issues, 1428 pages) and we believe it to have been a successful venture. The many persons who helped to make it a success are heartily thanked. An index of the contents of the JCA, Vols. 1-5, originally scheduled to appear in this issue, will appear in Vol. 1, No. 2, of the JCGBA.

As this first issue of the JCGBA goes to press we note with sorrow the deaths of two distinguished colleagues, Theodora Kroeber Quinn and Robert F. Heizer, memorials to whom will appear in the next issue.

The transition from the JCA to the JCGBA actually began last autumn when I discussed with members of the Great Basin Anthropological Conference the matter of starting publication of a separate journal devoted to Great Basin anthropology. While it seemed like a good idea at the time, it was thought impractical for a number of reasons, not the least of which was financial. Later I discussed the matter with Professor Heizer and he invited me to visit his home in El Cerrito to talk the matter over in detail. In the meantime, I raised with Harry Lawton, Managing Editor of the JCA, and Katherine Saubel, President of Malki Museum, Inc., the possibility of expanding the range of the JCA to include the Great Basin. Lawton discussed this option with colleagues at the annual meetings of the Southwestern Anthropological Association and with members of the Malki Museum Press Editorial Board, while I met with Professor Heizer and several Great Basin colleagues. The consensus of these discussions was that we should have one journal covering both California (including Baja) and the Great Basin, and the decision to have an expanded emphasis was approved by the Malki Museum Press Editorial Board.

There are several reasons for expanding the range of the JCA. First was a desire to provide an outlet for the many manuscripts rumored to be drifting about the Great Basin lacking a publisher since there exists no journal for that area. Second was a desire to unify the theme of the journal since much of the material published in the past, while dealing with California in a geographical sense, fell outside California as a culture area and was properly Great Basin all along. Third was a desire to have a larger number of manuscripts submitted for consideration to ensure publication of a high quality journal.

There will be no major changes in editorial policy. Like its predecessor, the JCGBA will be a refereed journal, and all articles and reports submitted for consideration will be read by a committee of at least four reviewers. In the past it was customary for associate editors and contributing editors to serve as referees. We have appreciated the assistance of our many contributing editors but, rather than add a substantial number of Basinists to an already long list, we have decided against listing contributing editors in the new journal. Referees will be drawn from among the many California and Great Basin anthropologists and each article or report will be read by at least two members of the Board of Editors. The Board of Editors consists of the past Associate Editors Katherine Saubel, Margaret Langdon, David Fredrickson, and Lowell Bean, and the new members Robert Heizer (whose name remains on the board for this issue), Martin Baumhoff, and Don Fowler.

Discussions with knowledgeable persons at the Library of Congress led us to begin the new journal with Volume I rather than to continue the old volume numbering as is sometimes done when journals change name or focus. The expanded range will probably necessitate cataloguing changes resulting in shelving in a different location in library stacks. We anticipate no changes in format or frequency of issuance, and will continue to publish two issues a year and the linguistic supplement once a year.

We shall strive to present a broad variety of papers on various subjects in each issue of the JCGBA. This means that in the future more effort will be made to select shorter manuscripts and lengthy papers will, frankly, be discouraged. Generally speaking, we urge authors to limit their articles to 25 double-spaced pages including illustrations. Reports and comments should be kept as brief as possible, not exceeding 10 pages. All papers should be of general interest and intelligible to the knowledgeable lay person.

Authors are strongly urged to consult the format of the JCA or of this issue when preparing their manuscripts. Special attention should be given to matters of style. A maximum of three orders of subheadings are permitted. Bibliographies should conform

strictly to the style of the present issue. Illustrations must be of high quality and whenever possible line drawings should be submitted sized to fit the margins with ample room for captions on full-page figures. All illustrative or condensed material must conform to the categories "Table" or "Figure." Do not use "Map," "Chart," "Graph," etc. All material must be cleanly typed double-spaced. Do not single space anything. A little care along these lines will help to get manuscripts published in an expeditious manner and considerably reduce the work of the copy editors and type-setters. Persons desiring a copy of the style guide should write to the editor.

We have incurred certain added expenses in the process of beginning the new journal, and the continued support of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Department of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside, is gratefully acknowledged. On behalf of the entire staff of the JCGBA, I thank W. I. Follett, Curator Emeritus of Ichthyology, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, and Don Frazier, Board Chairman, Frazier Industrial Company, Long Valley, New Jersey, for their generous contributions which have helped to make this new journal possible.

We respectfully dedicate this first issue of the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology to the memory of Robert F. Heizer.

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