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To: *Journal of Cotton Science* Community

RE: *Journal of Cotton Science*

This month the *Journal of Cotton Science* will post its 7th quarterly edition since its beginning in December 1997. Even though *JCS* has experienced growing pains, it continues its high quality and enjoys increasing acceptance as a peer reviewed scientific journal. The collective efforts of the many authors, technical editors, reviewers and other volunteers, including staff of the National Cotton Council, are making the *Journal of Cotton Science* a growing success. For that I want to thank you.

To further strengthen the *Journal of Cotton Science*, we are proceeding with the establishment of an editorial board. Intended to be similar to that of other journals, the duties of the *JCS* Editorial Board are to guide policy, handle author appeals, resolve disputes over the peer review process and assist in making technical editor appointments. An added advantage for us is that Anne Wrona can more appropriately focus her efforts toward other job responsibilities at the National Cotton Council including that of the *JCS* Managing Editor.

In the meantime, until details of the Editorial Board can be worked out, an interim board consisting of Roy Baker, Pat Colyer, Dan Krieg, Lloyd May and Thea Wilkins has been appointed. Each of them has agreed to serve for a term of up to two years.

I think this is a significant enhancement to the management and publication of *JCS*. At this point in the growth of *JCS*, I am encouraging your active solicitation of submissions. Once again, thanks for the good work.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew G. Jordan  
Director Technical Services