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John S. Dick, Executive Editor

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As illustrated by the articles in this issue, our intent is to cover all types of concrete design solutions: cast-in-place, precast, reinforced, pretensioned and post-tensioned. Our goal is to showcase concrete bridges from all areas of the country. We’ve featured large projects and small; exotic and straightforward. All are, we believe, at the leading edge of practice.

ASPIRE will grow in 2008. There’ll be more editorial pages and more advertising (relevant to readers). We’re planning a new special feature in every issue. This will be on the topic of accelerated bridge construction. In addition, in 2008, we’ll theme the entire year around “sustainable design” of transportation bridges. The subscription list, already reaching more than 21,000, will continue to expand. Your input will guide us in our growth.

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What else would you like to see in the pages of ASPIRE? What do you like about the magazine? What do you dislike? What would you change? Do you have suggestions for projects we ought to feature? How about one of yours? Go to www.aspirebridge.org and let us know.

We look forward to seeing many of you as we close out the year at the Western Bridge Engineers’ Seminar in September, the PCI-FHWA National Bridge Conference in October and the ASBI Conference in November. Perhaps we can also chat there on making ASPIRE the best magazine that it can be!

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