

Editor's Note

With this issue, our sixth, we are able to look more clearly ahead and see issues seven and eight.

We now have a number of manuscripts that we are going to publish. This fortunate situation allows us to plan regarding certain topics that we would like to see covered in the *Missouri Policy Journal*. Knowing that we can plan and address issues, we feel, is important to Missouri.

There are always pertinent issues that do not receive enough attention, and the *Missouri Policy Journal* can publish articles that address these issues in balanced and in-depth ways. It is our hope that our articles can be relevant to policymakers and help them to better understand and develop programs and policies.

As the editor, I have frequently met both elected and non-elected public officials who are seeking information to help them better understand issues they need to confront and solve, and our aim is that *Missouri Policy Journal* can be part of the policy process mix.

Increasingly, as we look at the number of times our journal has been accessed online from the previous year, we see an upward trend. Readers are finding us; that is a sign of progress.

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