

## A "Thank You" and a Reflection

**B**EFORE adding a few thoughts of mine regarding my new job and the journal, I would be remiss if I did not extend my thanks to Dr. Clark Lewis for his tireless and selfless efforts to improve the timeliness and quality of the papers published by the *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*. His efforts must certainly be appreciated principally by the authors who want the journal to maintain high-quality papers and provide a prompt, professional review process. This he most certainly did.

As for me personally, I remember the first time that I had a paper accepted by the AIAA. I felt honored to have a paper included with those authors whose papers I had read with much attention and awe. After many years and a few more papers, I was requested by Dr. Lewis to serve as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*. I truly considered this also to be an honor. Recently, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Paul Holloway, AIAA Vice President—Publications, requested that I take the job of Editor-in-Chief. After agreeing to give it a try and with only a brief introduction to the gigantic responsibilities, I have wondered why I ever submit-

ted the very first paper. I can say that my commitment will be to continue efforts for prompt publication of articles. Obviously, the need to ensure a broad coverage of quality papers for the journal is always the main objective. As a result, I look with interest to my work with the Associate Editors. Their efforts are often overlooked, but the whole review process starts with their enthusiasm and commitment. A measure of the recent success of the journal has to be credited to their efforts. Of course, the quality of a peer-reviewed publication always depends on the reviewers—their responsiveness and the quality of their reviews. Without this dedicated combination of professionals, the creditable standing of any technical journal would not be possible. I may not be sure why I submitted that first paper, but, while remembering the past in writing this editorial, I can say that I am pleased to have had a chance to be a part of this whole process.

E. Vincent Zoby  
Editor-in-Chief

## ... And a Warm Welcome

**I**TAKE pleasure in extending an enthusiastic welcome to E. Vincent Zoby, the eighth distinguished Editor-in-Chief to serve the *Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets* since its inception in 1964. Mr. Zoby's predecessors, beginning with Volume 1, Number 1, were Gordon L. Dugger, Ralph R. Ragan, Donald C. Fraser, the undersigned, R. H. Woodward Waesche, Frank J. Redd, and Clark H. Lewis. Dr. Lewis, retiring from his editorship after serving a three-year term, devoted himself untiringly to enhancing the quality of *JSR* and so passes an estimable journal to his successor.

The name of Vince Zoby is not new to the *JSR* masthead. He served on the Editorial Advisory Board from 1989 to early 1990 and as an Associate Editor from 1990 until now, when he assumes this new role. The AIAA Board of Directors, AIAA Publications Committee, and I enthusiastically support his appointment as Editor-in-Chief. His photograph and biographical sketch follow.

Paul F. Holloway  
AIAA Vice President—Publications



**E. VINCENT ZOBY** is employed by NASA and has been at the Langley Research Center since 1962. He received his B.S.M.E. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and an M.S. in Thermal Engineering from Old Dominion University. Mr. Zoby has been responsible for developing and demonstrating the applicability of approximate codes that define the aerothermal environment about spacecraft at both Earth and planetary entry conditions. This work encompassed preliminary design and post-flight heating calculations for the RAM C, Re-entry F, Shuttle, and Venusian and Galileo vehicles. He has over 70 publications in the area of hypersonic aerothermodynamics to his credit, including studies for computing the equilibrium high temperature properties of gas mixtures and for the heat shield performance of entry probes. He is currently the Co-Principal Technologist for the Shuttle Infrared Leeside Temperature Sensing experiment, which provides a detailed mapping of the Shuttle leeside heat rates. Mr. Zoby served on the AIAA Thermophysics Technical Committee and is an Associate Fellow of the AIAA.