



From the Editor's Desk

Service Calls

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When the phone call came asking me to consider taking the role of Editor-in-Chief for *IEEE Microwave Magazine*, my first thought was “save yourself—decline!” Like every other electronics engineer I know, I was already multitasking, juggling several projects at once. Most of us agree to take on (and take home) more work than we probably should.

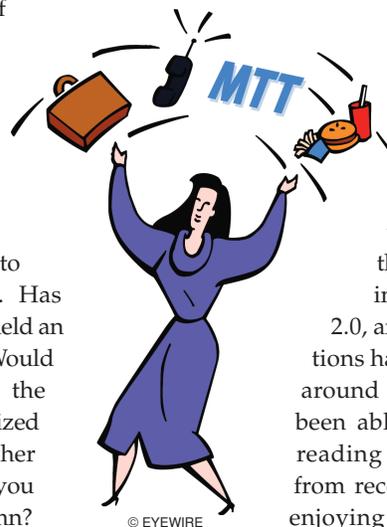
So what is it about service to the MTT Society that makes us think twice, take a deep breath, and agree to do more? Of course, professional advancement is a factor. Recognition by an international organization does not hurt one's chances for promotion at work. But in many cases, advancement is not the issue. For many of us, there is something more: a desire to advance the state of the art through publication, a chance to share new, exciting discoveries with our peers, a chance to clarify some facet of a problem we have been working on, and/or a chance to make life easier or more enjoyable for the community of microwave engineers.

For me, presenting ideas clearly and succinctly is an exciting challenge. That's a big part of what we do at the

National Institute of Standards and Technology and is one of the most enjoyable parts of my job. So editing is a good fit for me.

However, there are many other ways to make a contribution. Has your chapter recently held an interesting program? Would presentations from the workshop you organized be of interest to other MTT-S members? Do you have ideas for a column? Or do you have suggestions or ideas for the magazine? The magazine is your chance to contribute to the community in a meaningful way—different from the Transactions and Letters—but still with high impact and visibility. We would love to hear from you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to Mike Golio for his excellent job in managing and expanding the magazine during his most recent three-year tenure as Editor-in-Chief. The magazine is more widely read and respected than ever, as evidenced by its



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impact factor rating of about 1.1. The impact factor is a measure of how often a publication is cited in a given industry sector. For comparison, the Transactions has an impact factor of about 2.0, and most trade publications have an impact factor of around 0.4 or less. Mike has been able to get more people reading the magazine and, from recent survey comments, enjoying the magazine, than ever before.

Based on my short time as Editor-in-Chief, I can testify that sorting out the many aspects of the magazine is no small feat. From technical feature management to understanding the advertising perspective to seeking out new material, this is a wide-ranging position. I have the benefit of learning the ropes from Mike, but Mike had to develop many of these procedures on his own. I wish him all the best in his new endeavors and look forward to his contributions to the magazine in his role as Editor-in-Chief Emeritus.



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