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The AIC Board of Trustees approved the formation of the *Journal* because they believed strongly that it would contribute to the mission and plan of AIC as a chartered institution of higher education. The purposes of the *Journal* were expressed as follows:

- To encourage basic and applied research on issues of importance to cooperatives and their members
- To provide a marketplace for the exchange of cooperative research results and thinking among academics, cooperative leadership, and cooperative membership
- To provide a means for a rigorous review of thought and writings on cooperative topics.

In just three years of publication under the editorship of Jeffrey Royer, Agricultural Cooperative Service, the *Journal* has been accepted by the academic community as a bona fide refereed publication and has achieved national and even international recognition. We are confident its new editor, Emerson Babb of the University of Florida, will build on this excellent foundation during the years of his editorship.

Eight articles and one book review were selected for publication in this 1989 volume. I believe they will make a valuable contribution to current cooperative research and will encourage future research and thinking in the area of cooperation.

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