

## It's Continuous Around Here: Improvement And Growth

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Last fall, I used this space to write about continuous improvement and how a publishing house is similar to a manufacturing plant. The ability to "turn on a dime" is what keeps a publication up and running—and clearly what separates it from the rest of the pack. That being said, Applied Technology Publications, Inc. has accepted the resignation of Terry Wireman, Editorial Director of MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY and LUBRICATION & FLUID POWER magazines, effective April 19, 2006. Terry has chosen to pursue other interests, and we wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

While we will miss Terry, we're pleased to report that Jane Alexander, former Managing Editor, has been named Editor. Although it's a new title, Jane will continue to do what she does best: that is managing what goes in our magazines, where it comes from and how it looks when it is published. The real news here is the all-star team of top industry experts with which Jane regularly will be working in order to get the job done.

We are delighted to announce that Rick Dunn has joined our team as Editorial Consultant. Rick, who has been involved in the maintenance and reliability field for many years, now will be providing his valuable expertise to us. His knowledge of industry issues and his background in the editorial arena will ensure that MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY and LUBRICATION & FLUID POWER continue to be the premier publications in the areas of asset management and equipment reliability.

We also are delighted to let you know that starting this month, our good friend Ken Bannister, so well respected for his regular feature articles in LUBRICATION & FLUID POWER over the past couple of years, will be writing the "Editor's Column" in this publication. Ken's outstanding technical background, his practical approach to industry problems and his powerful communication skills make him a natural to take on this his new "gig" with us. (Ken also has been named as a Contributing Editor for MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY magazine, writing a semi-monthly column on the importance of communication in plant environments.)

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We hope you are as excited as we are about our expanded editorial team. As we move forward, keep in mind that our publications will continue to focus on best practices and how you can meet those goals in your operations. We also will be covering more organizations that have achieved that coveted "Best Practice" status. This will allow you to learn from your successful peers—those who have been able to initiate and, very importantly, sustain changes in their organizations. Let us hear from you, end users and advertisers alike. We're eager to share your messages with others as we all continue to improve and grow. **LMT**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom", enclosed within a simple, hand-drawn rectangular border.