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Postscript: New Directions...

This is our fourth volume of *Synesis*, and the journal has grown steadily, and has become a fine platform for scholarly work. I am very proud of it and am grateful for the opportunity the Potomac Institute Press – and you, our readers – have afforded me and our staff in making it into what it is today. That said, this is also my final issue of *Synesis*. As we move into 2014 Dr. Robert Hummel, a mathematician, scientist, and scholar of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies will develop a new journal to foster novel ideas, concepts and interests.

There is a part of me that regards *Synesis* as a brainchild, and working with our authors, editors – and you, our readers – has been an ongoing source of great enjoyment and pride. But, a four-year tenure at the helm and underway is a fitting and timely juncture to either stay the course or entail change, and the latter is prudent to avoid “founder effect”, and in this way breathe some new air into the sails – and chart new directions.

I thank you, our readership and authors for all of your contributions, encouragement and enthusiasm, and I am equally thankful for the confidence and support of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies and Potomac Institute Press in bringing *Synesis* to fruition and sustainability over these past four years. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you all.

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