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FROM THE MANAGING AND ASSOCIATE MANAGING EDITORS

Austin Long is one of those people who is notoriously averse to having a fuss made over him, but we did not want to let the occasion of his retirement pass without a few quiet words of appreciation.

As an editor, Austin has been unwavering in his devotion to concision, clarity, and exact language. We have learned from him not to tolerate calling a bar graph without class intervals a "histogram", and to substitute the more accurate "uncertainty" for what has often been called "error" in the reporting of radiocarbon dates. Whenever he has returned a set of proofs to the *RADIOCARBON* office, we knew that we would find pencil marks through any flabby language that we had let slip through: the idle "there are", the pretentious "it is to be expected that", and their kin.

He has been unwavering also in his devotion to objectivity and proper scientific method. The most difficult part of a scientific journal editor's job is to adjudicate the occasional paper where authors and reviewers violently disagree or accuse one another of bias. More than once Austin has put in long hours soliciting and reading second, third, or even fourth reviews of disputed papers, along with authors' revisions and explanations, before finally judging a submission to be publishable or not. And although we may have heard him grumble in private about the lunacy of a particular author or reviewer, he never allowed himself to reject a paper because of personal objections to it.

The radiocarbon community is a highly diverse and sometimes contentious one; Austin's ability to remain calm and fair-minded has helped prevent its infrequent disputes from becoming serious. We thank him for bringing order out of chaos for this past decade, in the outside world as well as in our journal office.

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