PREFACE:

The theme of this Symposium—“Public Policy Impacts on Organizational Behavior”—was a way for us to bring together two well-known themes in government into focus. We know that public policy decisions at the federal, state and local levels continuously impact organizational behavior in both direct and subtle ways. After September 11, 2001, public policies such as the Homeland Security legislation and the Patriot Act have had direct and significant impact on how all sectors of enterprise deliver their goods and services. Two of the articles in this volume specifically refer to these recent laws.

There are always externalities to any public policy, both positive and negative. Our authors in this Symposium have brought from their research, teaching, and practical experience unique insights to bear upon this subject. We have been fortunate in this issue of PAMIJ to have been able to draw contributions from scholars and practitioners in a vast array of disciplines—city and regional planning, sociology, public administration, non-profit administration, agriculture, political science, and others. We thank each of the authors for their contributions. We also thank others who contributed to the discourse, but due to space, and editorial considerations, could not be included. A special thanks goes out to our distinguished Editorial Board.

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