



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

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Reflecting on our past five years of publishing this *Journal of Space Philosophy* (see Bob Krone and Gordon Arthur's Preface) gives the Board of Directors both satisfaction and confidence for important future contributions that Kepler Space Institute (KSI) can make.

Note the dedication of this issue to the scholars, researchers, authors, and students who use their talents to improve humankind's future. KSI leaders has devoted their time and resources to KSI over eight years of volunteer work since Dr. Richard Kirby, our first president, announced its formation on January 1, 2009, for one fundamental reason. We believe that the philosophy, goals, products, research, and education we have sponsored, and will sponsor, are critically important for the progress – and even survival – of humanity on Earth and as humans expand their presence into the Solar System and beyond.

Also, note in this issue the report of the September 2016 Conference on Recursive Distinctioning (RD), which was the sole focus of our Special Science Issue published in Spring 2016. KSI will continue to support the documentation of knowledge and research into RD, which Dr. Joel Isaacson, who discovered this natural cosmic intelligence phenomenon in 1964, has described as being a fundamental part of perception, cognition and intelligence and suggested that "it is a law of nature, perhaps on a par with gravity" (e-mail to Bob Krone, April 20,2011).

Readers will also note in this issue the wide diversity of subjects addressing *Resurrecting the US Space Program, Recursive Distinctioning, Building in Space with 3D Printers, Future Crew Culture for Space Flights, New Worlds of Education, and the Dawn of a Space Revolution.*

In our view, Space exploration, Space development, and human settlement offers people of all cultures, nationalities, ages, politics, and races the most exciting breakthrough thinking – and hoping – possible today.