Editor's Forward

Welcome to Volume XII, Number 1 of the *New England Journal of Political Science.* As hard as it might be to believe, we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope your returns to campus (either in person or remote) are going as well as they possibly can.

This issue features two articles and four state reports. Richard Born of Vassar College leads off this issue with an examination of how the joint effects of retirement and redistricting impact incumbent party success in US House elections. Our second article in this issue features Lyndsey Rolheiser of Ryerson University and Albert Saiz of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology investigating the representativeness of town meetings, a most New England institution. For our state reports, Jonathan Wharton of Southern Connecticut State University updates us on the Nutmeg State, James Melcher of the University of Maine at Farmington reports on Maine, Jerold Duquette of Central Connecticut State University brings us up to speed on Massachusetts, and Christopher Galdieri of St. Anselm College provides the lay of the political land in New Hampshire.

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With this issue we have brought the journal in line with the actual calendar—a long-running goal of the staff here. We very much wish to stay on track so as always we hope that you will consider us as an outlet for your work, and that you recommend us to your colleagues and graduate students. Best wishes for a successful semester. We hope you stay safe and healthy.

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