LETTER
from the Foundation

One of the myths surrounding FreeBSD is that it is only useful in server environments or as the foundation for appliances. The truth is FreeBSD is also a desktop operating system. FreeBSD's base system and packages include device drivers for modern graphics adapters and input devices. Consistent with FreeBSD's role as a toolkit, FreeBSD supports a variety of graphical interfaces ranging from minimalist window managers to full-featured desktop environments. The first article in this issue walks through several of these options explaining how users can tailor their desktop to their needs. It also provides pointers to downstream projects which build an integrated desktop system on top of FreeBSD. The next two articles dig into the details behind some of the newer desktop-supporting device drivers. Finally, our fourth article in this issue explains how to stay current with FreeBSD's development after the project's recent migration from Subversion to Git.

In June the editorial board along with developers from the FreeBSD Project hashed out themes for the next six issues of the *FreeBSD Journal*. We are very excited about these topics. As always, we love to hear from readers. If you have feedback on articles, suggestions for topics for a future article, or would like to write an article, please email us at info@freebsdjournal.com.
- FreeBSD Development (Sep/Oct 2021)
- Storage (Nov/Dec 2021)
- Ports and Packaged Base (Jan/Feb 2022)
- ARM64 is Tier 1 (Mar/Apr 2022)
- Disaster Recovery (May/Jun 2022)
- Science, Systems, and FreeBSD (Jul/Aug 2022)

Finally, we would like to thank George Neville-Neil and Kristof Provost for their service on the editorial board. Both individuals have stepped down for a well-earned break. George has served on the editorial board since the Journal's founding and was the first chair of the editorial board. Kristof has served on the editorial board for the past two years. Even though they are no longer on the editorial board, they will still be around the *Journal*'s pages. One of them (or at least his alter ego) may even make an appearance in this issue…

On behalf of the FreeBSD Foundation,
John Baldwin
Chair of the *FreeBSD Journal* Editorial Board