

Journal of Agricultural Education – Editing Managing Board Meeting
American Association for Agricultural Education
Downtown Marriott Hotel – Louisville, KY
May 19, 2009
4:00-6:30 pm
Location: Salon G

Voting Members Present: Matt Baker (Chair), Anna Ball, and Brian Warnick

Voting Members Absent: Levon Esters, Kim Dooley, David Lawver, and Greg Miller (Past Editor)

Team Members Present: Greg Thompson (Regional Editor), Barry Croom (Business Manager Elect), Grady Roberts (Editor Elect), and Rama Radhakrishna (Editor)

Team Members Absent: James Dyer (Chair, Outstanding Article Selection Committee), Greg Miller (Past Editor), and Wade Miller (Business Manager)

Guest: Dwayne K. Buttler, J.D. – Professor of University Libraries and Evelyn J. Schneider Endowed Chair for Scholarly Communication, University of Louisville

1. The meeting was called to order by Matt Baker, Chair.
2. Guest Speaker, Dwayne K. Buttler, discussed forces and factors that all scholarly journals are addressing including: (1) institutional depositories and issues with first right of publication, (2) liability issues, (3) ownership and copyright issues, (4) goals and expectations associated with Editing Managing Boards, and (5) strategic issues related to risks and benefits associated with online publications. He challenged our board to look closely at ownership/copyright issues and recommended on-line sources published by the National Research Libraries.
3. The JAE EM Board then discussed Editing-Managing Board and Editorial Review Board Members and Terms of Membership.
4. Matt Baker then shared the Business Manager’s Report provided by Wade Miller (Attachment A).
5. Editor Rama Radhakrishna presented the Editor’s Report (Attachment B). Rama was congratulated on his outstanding contribution.

Old Business

1. Barry Croom was congratulated for being elected as Business Manager Elect.
2. Rama described the rationale behind Jennifer Alexander’s employment and recommended that the Board look closely Grady’s needs as he transitions to the position of Editor.

3. Issues between AAAE Treasurer and Journal Business Manager/Editor were discussed. Business Manager elect Barry Croom volunteered to take Wade's report and work with the AAAE leadership team in order to develop a pro forma of the JAE.
4. Baker praised Jim Dyer for his leadership in coordinating the JAE Author of the Year process. Rama developed certificates for the winners for presentation at the Awards Dinner.

New Business

1. Anna agreed on her nomination for Editing Managing Board Chair in 2010 and Brian Warnick on his nomination for Editing Managing Board Secretary in 2010. As a result of the small number of voting members who were able to participate in the meeting, Baker agreed to conduct the election electronically.
2. The Board discussed the 49th (aka 50th Anniversary Program) on Wednesday, May 20.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachment A

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER FOR JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION (Vol. 49) 2008

**Submitted by
Wade Miller
Business Manager
May, 2009**

Activities conducted in 2008. The business manager:

1. Coordinated with Thomas Dobbins, AAAE Treasurer to maintain a computerized database (MS Access) of the 2008 AAAE Members and journal subscribers (non-members).
2. Collected subscription fees from non-member subscribers and forwarded checks received to Thomas Dobbins, AAAE Treasurer.
3. Corresponded with subscription services regarding rates, missing issues, and replacement issues.
4. Coordinated with Rama Radhakrishna, AAAE Editor, to make ready each issue of Volume 49 of the Journal of Agricultural Education.
5. Coordinated with Rama Radhakrishna, AAAE Editor; and Joe Dettling at IMS, to make revisions for the cover of Volume 48 of the Journal of Agricultural Education.
6. Arranged for printing and mailing of four issues of Volume 49 of the Journal of Agricultural Education with Instructional Materials Service at Texas A&M University. I worked with Joe Dettling at IMS.
7. Corresponded with members and subscribers requesting issues of the Journal of Agricultural Education that had not been received or were missing. Mailed missing and/or lost issues.
8. Mailed a copy of the Journal of Agricultural Education each quarter to ERIC Clearinghouse, 1900 Kenney Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1090 and Publication Processing Dept., ISI. 3501 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.
9. Reports that approximately 450 issues of Vol. 49 were printed each time. Back issues are available at a cost of \$10.00 each, including postage.
10. Recommends that non-member subscription charges remain the same for Volume 50 (2009). The present rate is \$120 for non-members (domestic) and \$150 for non-members (international). It is recommended that this rate remain the same for Volume 51 (2010).
11. Recommends that Editorial Review Board members for the three regions (two persons per region) and other Board members whose terms end in 2009 be identified by November, 2009 to allow enough time to update the inside cover of the Journal.
12. Recommends that the first issue of the year be prepared and mailed at the beginning of each quarter instead of the end of each quarter because of the number of subscribers who think that their issue has been lost in the mail.
13. Reports that the IMS bid for printing and distributing Volume 49 (2008) was approved by email vote. The total is: \$23,105.44. The requested budget for Volume 49 (2008) was \$25,250. The budget for Volume 50 (2009) will be determined after electronic distribution begins. IMS submitted a bid for issue No. 1. Issues 2-4 should be distributed to the membership electronically. One hundred printed copies will be made to mail to subscribers.

Attachment A (Continued)

Instructional Materials Service
Texas A&M University

2588 TAMUS

College Station, TX 77843-2588

Office Telephone 979-845-6601

Office FAX – 979-845-6608

The following is the bid for the Journal of Agricultural Education for the year 2008, Volume 49, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Four issues are published each year. The number of pages in each issue will vary. Each issue needs to have at least 80 pages to accommodate printing on the spine of the publication. The number of journals printed will be 450 copies for each issue unless otherwise directed. This bid is for 450 copies.

Paper – Text

- 60# Bright White
- 8½X11

Paper – Cover

- 80#
- 23x48 (cut in house to fit each issue)
- Type – Cougar Natural Opaque
- Cover blanks will be designed and printed for the entire yearly volume. There will be no edits made to the covers due to printing them at one time, or additional charges will be assessed.
- Covers will be printed as needed with Table of Contents for each volume

Perfebinding

- Each issue needs to have a minimum of 80 pages or the journal will be printed without information on the spine.

Projected Expenses

Cover Design

Volume 49 Layout, Design, and Negatives \$ 200.00**

Printing and Binding - Volume 49, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4

Average – 100 pages per issue @ .105¢/page (impression)

X Average of 450 books per issue	\$ 18,900.00*
Cover Masters	
2,000 Generic Covers @ .45¢/cover	\$ 900.00**
Covers for Each Issue	
450 covers @ .40¢/copy x 4 copies	\$ 720.00
Perfebinding	
450 copies/issue@ .60¢/copy X 4 issues	\$ 1,080.00
<u>Mailing</u>	
Handling of Mail out	
4 issues @ \$50.00 each mail out	\$ 200.00
Library Rate Postage	
4 issues (charged as billed)	\$ 989.56*
International Postage (charged as billed)	\$ 171.45*
Postage to send Wade Miller remaining copies of journals	
4 issues (charged as billed)	\$ 44.43*
*These price quotes are estimates. A price in the current rates has altered projected expense. Additional price changes could equally affect the total billing.	
** <i>One-time charge that will be itemized on the first issue only.</i>	
Estimated bid for Volume 49, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4.	\$ 23,105.44
Average cost per copy based on above specifications	\$ 12.84

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Four issues are published each year. The Journal of Agricultural Education is going to be disseminated via the Internet. Volume 50 Number 1 will still be printed and mailed by IMS. The number of pages in each issue will vary. Each issue needs to have approximately 120 to 140 pages to accommodate printing on the spine of the publication. The number of journals printed will be 450 copies for the first issue and 100 copies for the remaining three issues unless otherwise directed. This bid is split for V50N1 at 450 copies and V50 Nos 2, 3, &4 at 100 copies each. Specifications and projected expenses are itemized below. The actual charges for each issue and a cost per copy will be emailed to the JAE Business Manager and an invoice that reflects the number of copies multiplied by the cost per copy with the total due will be mailed.

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Paper – Cover

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- 23x48 (cut in house to fit each issue)
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- Covers will be printed as needed with Table of Contents for each volume

Perfebinding

- Each issue needs to have a minimum of 140 pages or the journal will be printed without information on the spine.

Projected Expenses

Cover Design

Volume 49 Layout, Design, and Negatives \$ 200.00**

(This will be billed at \$50 per issue)

Printing and Binding - Volume 49, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4

Vol 50 No. 1 – 126 pages @ .105¢/page (impression) X 450 books \$ 5,953.50

Average – 140 pages per issue @ .105¢/page (impression)

X Average of 100 books per issue X 3 issues \$ 4,410.00*

Cover Masters

1,000 Generic Covers @ .50¢/cover \$ 500.00**

(This will be billed at \$125.00 per issue)

Covers for Vol 50 No 1

450 covers @ .50¢/copy \$ 225.00

Covers for Issues V50N2, V50 N3, V50 N4

100 covers @ .50¢/copy x 3 issues \$ 150.00

(This will be billed at \$50.00 per issue)

Perfebinding

450 copies (V50 N1) X .60¢/copy \$ 270.00*

(This will be billed at .60¢/copy X actual publications printed)

300 copies/issue @ .75¢/copy (3 issues) \$ 225.00*

(This will be billed at .75¢/copy X actual publications printed)

Mailing

Handling of Mail out

4 issues @ \$50.00 each mail out \$ 200.00

Library Rate Postage

Vol 50 No 1 (450 copies)	\$ 280.00*
3 remaining issues (charged as billed)	\$ 450.00*
International Postage (charged as billed)	\$ 200.00*
Postage to send Wade Miller remaining copies of journals	
3 remaining issues (charged as billed)	\$ 40.00*
Estimated bid for Volume 50, No. 1	\$ 7,013.50*
Estimated bid for Volume 50, Nos. 2, 3, & 4	\$ 6,090.00*
Average cost per copy based on above specifications for V50, N1	\$ 15.59*
Average cost per copy based on above specifications for V50, Nos. 2, 3, & 4	\$ 20.30*

*These price quotes are estimates. A price in the current rates has altered projected expense. Additional price changes could equally affect the total billing.

***One-time charge that will be itemized and billed in installments that are spread out over all issues.*

Attachment B

Journal of Agricultural Education
2008 Editor's Report to the Editing-Managing Board
May 19, 2009
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36th Annual Meeting of the
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May 19-22, 2009
Louisville, Kentucky

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JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
2008 Editor's Report to the Editing-Managing Board
Rama Radhakrishna, Editor and Jennifer Alexander, Associate Editor
(Report based on data available as of May 12, 2009)

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Editing-Managing Board

Matt Baker, Chair, Western Region, Texas Tech University (Term ends 2010)

Anna Ball, North Central Region, University of Missouri (Term ends 2011)

Levon Esters, North Central Region, Iowa State University (Term ends 2009)

Kim Dooley, Southern Region, Texas A&M University (Term ends 2011)

David Lawver, Southern Region, Texas Tech University (Term ends 2009)

Brian Warnick, Western Region, Utah State University (Term ends 2011)

Greg Miller, Past Editor, Iowa State University (Term ends 2009)

James Dyer, Chair, Outstanding Article Selection Committee, Volume 49

Regional Editors (2007-2009)

Matt Baker, Extension Education Editor, Western Region, Texas Tech University

Ed Yoder, Research, Measurement & Evaluation Editor, North Central Region, Penn State

Gregory Thompson, Integrating Academics Editor, Western Region, Oregon State University

Editorial Review Board

Term ends 2009

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Kirk Swortzel, Southern Region, Mississippi State University

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Ed Franklin, Western Region, University of Arizona

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Term ends 2010

Mark Balschweid, North Central Region, Purdue University
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Carrie Fritz, Southern Region, University of Tennessee
Tracy Kitchel, Southern Region, University of Kentucky
Steven Fraze, Western Region, Texas Tech University
Wendy Warner, Western Region, California Polytechnic State University

Term ends 2011

James Anderson, North Central Region, University of Illinois
Michael Retallick, North Central Region, Iowa State University
Amy Harder, Southern Region, University of Florida
Shane Robinson, Southern Region, Oklahoma State University
Benjamin Swan, Western Region, University of Idaho
Jonathan Velez, Western Region, Oregon State University

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Manuscript and Publication Data

The following details are summarized in Tables 1-6:

Table 1: Manuscripts Published by Year

Table 2: Number of Articles and Number of Pages by Year

Table 3: Manuscript Submission and Review Comparison by Year

Table 4: Accept/Reject Decisions by Year

Table 5: Manuscripts Submitted by Region

Table 6: Manuscript Status for 2009 Submissions

Table 1

Manuscripts Published by Year

Year	Manuscripts Published
2009	21 ^a
2008	45
2007	49
2006	43
2005	34
2004	35
2003	35
2002	30
2001	30
2000	45
1999	32
1998	33
1997	33
1996	31
1995	33

^aArticles published as of May 12, 2009: Vol. 50 (Issue 1& 2)

Table 2

Number of Articles and Number of Pages by Year

Volume/Year	Number of Articles				Average Article Length				Pages in Issue			
	Issue Number				Issue Number				Issue Number			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
49/2008	12	12	10	11	11	12	11	12	131	138	108	135
48/2007	13	12	12	12	11	11	11	12	138	135	134	146
47/2006	10	10	11	12	11	12	11	12	109	117	129	147
46/2005	8	8	10	8	11	12	12	12	89	95	118	98
45/2004	9	7	9	10	10	12	11	12	94	82	97	120
44/2003	10	8	8	9	12	12	12	11	116	95	90	108
43/2002	7	7	7	9	12	12	12	11	81	81	83	98
42/2001	10	8	6	6	10	10	11	10	103	78	64	62
41/2000	12	9	11	13	8	10	12	11	98	86	130	145
40/1999	9	7	7	8	9	9	10	9	86	67	70	79
39/1998	9	8	7	9	9	9	9	9	83	73	72	70
38/1997	9	8	8	7	7	8	9	10	65	68	72	70

Table 3

Manuscript Submission and Review Comparison by Year

Year	Unsolicited Manuscripts Submitted	Number of Reviews Conducted
2008 (on-line)	21	63
2008 (traditional)	51	123
2007	78	205
2006	77	208
2005	80	204 ^a
2004	72	192 ^a
2003	66	180
2002	79	206
2001	47	105
2000	66	188
1999	58	198
1998	69	167
1997	47	112
1996	40	
1995	50	

^a Not including manuscripts submitted to regional editors

Table 4

Accept/Reject Decisions by Year

Year	Initial Submissions					Resubmissions (2 nd and 3 rd) ^a					Total Accept Rate
	Accept	Reject	Under Review	Total Submitted	Accept Rate	Accept	Reject	Under Review	Total Submitted	Accept Rate	
2008	30	36 ^b	6	72	46%	2	1	2	5	66%	48%
2007	32	36	10	78	47%	1	1	0	2	50%	47%
2006	35	35	7	77	50%	6	3	4	13	67%	52%
2005	40	37	3	80	52%	8	2	3	13	80%	56%
2004	32	40	0	72	44%	7	3	0	10	70%	48%
2003	13	35	18	66	27%	3	1	4	8	75%	31%
2002	25	37	17	79	40%	3	2	4	9	60%	42%
2001	14	19	14	47	42%	1	3	1	5	25%	42%
2000	23	27	16	66	46%	5	2	1	8	71%	49%
1999	21	25	12	58	46%	2	1	2	5	67%	47%
1998	18	25	26	69	42%	1	1	2	4	50%	42%
1997	21	10	16	47	68%	0	1	0	1	0%	66%
1996 ^c					43%					100%	47%

^a Includes one third submission that was accepted

^c As reported by Jamie Cano in his 1997 Editor's Report

^b Includes new option (reject with resubmission request) under the on-line system

Table 5

Manuscripts Submitted by Region

Year	Region				Total
	North Central	Southern	Western	International	
2008	24	33	12	3	72
2007	27	35	10	6	78
2006	18	42	4	13	77
2005	25	39	14	2	80
2004	23	33	11	5	72
	Central	Eastern			
2003	25	4	30	7	66
2002	28	5	36	6	79
2001	17	3	26	0	47
2000	24	5	27	8	66
1999	17	4	27	8	58
1998	32	16	12	6	68
1997	13	11	6	17	47
1996	24	8	5	2	40
1995	18	9	11	9	50

Table 6

Manuscript Status for 2009 Submissions^a Using FastTrack

Category	Number of Manuscripts
Manuscripts submitted	34
Initial submissions accepted	6
Initial submission rejected, but resubmission requested	5
Initial submissions rejected	1
Initial submissions under review	22

^a January 1, 2009 to May 12, 2009

JAE Editor Update

JAE Review Board Member Appointment

As per JAE policy, six individuals were appointed to the JAE Review Board. The appointments were made in consultation with the regional representatives of the JAE-EM Board, Chair of JAE-EM Board and the Editor of the journal. The newly appointed review board members will serve a three-year term beginning 2009 and ending 2012. The new members are:

James Anderson, North Central Region, University of Illinois
Michael Retallick, North Central Region, Iowa State University
Amy Harder, Southern Region, University of Florida
Shane Robinson, Southern Region, Oklahoma State University

Benjamin Swan, Western Region, University of Idaho; and
Jonathan Velez, Western Region, Oregon State University

Sincere appreciation is extended to all the six outgoing review board members for their service and contribution to the JAE review process and to the AAAE profession. These members include:

Brad Greiman, North Central Region, University of Minnesota
Rob Terry, North Central Region, University of Missouri
James Dyer, Southern Region, University of Florida
Kathleen Kelsey, Southern Region, Oklahoma State University
Cindy Akers, Western Region, Texas Tech University
Rudy Tarpley, Western Region, Utah State University

JAE-EM Board Member Election

In 2009, AAAE regions need to elect two representatives on the JAE-EM Board. The current members—Levon Esters (North Central Region) and David Lawver (Southern Region) will complete their terms this year. This needs to be communicated to the two respective AAAE regions.

JAE Editor's Budget Update

In 2008, a total of \$2500 was received from the treasurer of AAAE. At the 2008 meeting in Reno, additional monies were allocated for FastTrack and editorial expenditures. I was told by George Chronis of FastTrack that his office has received \$1500/ for the JAE on-line review setup and maintenance. I want to share the receipts and expenditures of the money I received from AAAE. We still need to make payments to Jennifer for her work on issue # 3 & 4 of vol. 50 and Rama's Louisville expenses.

2008 Receipts and Expenditures

Balance Forward from last year	5/20/08 -	\$1,857.00
Receipts	3/06/09	\$2,500.00
Total		\$4,357.00

Expenditures:

Layout and editing Charges paid to Jennifer Alexander (Sample copy of her invoice is attached)

07/21/08 - Volume 49 (3) -	\$360.00
10/03/08 - Volume 49 (4) -	\$475.00
01/15/09 – Volume 50 (1) -	\$435.00
04/09/09 – Volume 50 (2) -	\$475.00
Total (Jennifer)	\$1,745.00

Editor's Expenses

Reno Travel (Airfare, room, meals)	949.82
Supplies	27.05

Grad student wages	300.00
Conf Registration (Louisville)	256.00
Total (Rama)	\$1,532.87

Total Expenses (Jennifer & Rama) 3,416.25

Balance as of 5/8/09 (4,357 – 3,277.87) = 1079.13

Status of Manuscripts

As indicated in Tables 1 through 6, we received 72 new submissions (51 regular and 21 on-line using the FastTrack system) in 2008. Thirty of the 72 manuscripts were accepted (47%). A number of manuscripts (20 or 26%) ended up in a tie needing a third reviewer. This process has significantly delayed the review process. However, these delays are showing a declining trend since we moved to on-line review system and the number of reviewers changed to three.

Regarding publication of manuscripts, for the entire year of 2008, we published manuscripts that were accepted in 2007. To expedite the publication process, I more or less maintained 10-12 articles per issue with an average 128 pages per issue. This increase in number of articles and/or maintaining an average of 10-12 articles per issue has reduced the backlog of articles to be published. For the year 2008, we accepted a total of 30 manuscripts. As of May 12, a total of 21 manuscripts have been published in volume 50, issues 1 & 2. There are another 25 manuscripts (including five from 2009 and resubmissions that were accepted) awaiting publication. These will be published in the next two issues 3 and 4 of volume 50 (2009).

JAE Online Review Process

The JAE online-review went into effect on September 9, 2008. The online review is handled by the FastTrack System maintained at the University of Missouri, Columbia. So far the system is working fine. We did have some minor glitches in the initial months, but they have been addressed with the assistance from George Chronis who is the contact person for the FastTrack System.

As we moved into the on-line review system, our review process and criteria for evaluating the manuscripts have also changed. The review process changed from two reviewers to three. The evaluation criteria for evaluating quantitative and qualitative manuscripts were also revised. Each of the two forms now has 26 questions. Thanks to Jim Dyer and members of the JAE-EM Board who reviewed and approved the changes. We need to consider creating a new evaluation form for manuscripts that fall under “mixed methodology” category. Currently, we are using the “qualitative” form for evaluating mixed methodology manuscripts. I suggest that a committee be formed to address this issue.

As indicated earlier, on-line review process is going smoothly. However, delays in reviews continue to be a concern. The change from two to three reviewers has considerably reduced review process time. In 2009, 34 manuscripts were submitted on-line, of which 6 were accepted, 1 rejected, 5 rejected but resubmission requested, and 22 manuscripts under review. Of these 22 manuscripts under review, 16 were submitted in the last 4-6 weeks. One challenge in making a decision regarding a manuscript is when three reviewers rate a manuscript as reject,

reject with resubmission request and accept. There were two instances like this and I as editor made the decision to request authors to resubmit their manuscripts.

JAE Editor Notes

All four issues in Volume 49 were produced on schedule. However, the production of issue # 4 was delayed due to timely supply of labels to the printers. There should be greater coordination between the treasurer and the printing unit at Texas A&M University. Despite many efforts from Joe Dettling and JAE editor, the problem of timely supply of updated labels continues. Production of Volume 50, issue # 1 was also delayed by 10 days due to delays in updating of JAE inside cover. As many of you know, Volume 50, issue # 2 is published both on-line and in print. We will be printing only 100 copies of the journal in hard copy to meet library and international subscriptions. All AAAE members can access the JAE on-line Web site to view abstracts of articles published.

JAE on-line

I shared a prototype of JAE on-line to JAE-EM Board members on April 4, 2009. As discussed, several improvements have been made to the on-line version of JAE. We have added all the JAE resources, forms and information for authors and reviewers (LEFT pane). We have also provided links to several of our sister journals (JOLE, JIAEE, JOLE, NACTA, JES, ACE, etc.) which can be seen on the upper RIGHT pane. Again, this is a work in progress and could be improved further. As indicated earlier, abstracts of articles published in JAE are available to the public. Access to full-text of articles published in JAE on-line requires members' userid and password. The treasurer of AAAE has been asked to provide the list of AAAE members and their e-mail addresses. So far no information has been provided to the editor or to the JAE Fastpress manager. The address for accessing JAE on-line is <http://jae.fp.expressacademic.org/>

Indexing JAE in ERIC

PDF versions of Volumes 48 (2007) and 49 (2008) have been sent to Ms. Anita Waltz for indexing JAE into the ERIC database. The Acquisitions Team is indexing this content. Issue # 1 and 2 of Volume 50 will also be indexed. Thanks to Gary Moore and Wade Miller for their efforts in indexing JAE to ERIC and following with Ms Waltz.

New Editor Transition

Transition to new editor (Grady Roberts) will occur in August. I will ask Grady to visit Penn State to get the process moving. Since most of it is electronic now, I don't see a need for a whole lot of guidance. Grady is a seasoned author and reviewer and he knows most editorial activities. I will share with Grady the "How To" notes prepared by Jennifer and Greg Miller.

Grady and Jennifer will have to work out the review process and procedures depending on their time and convenience. I am grateful to Jennifer for offering her continued service to JAE. She has done an outstanding job as associate editor. Her job responsibilities have increased a little bit because of two different forms of layout and printing of journal. The JAE-EM Board needs to closely look at the budget situation and see what changes are needed for compensating Jennifer and JAE editor for their work. The proposal submitted by Jim Dyer at the last meeting needs to re-examined because of the new on-line review and on-line publishing of JAE.

Challenges Ahead

We will continue to have challenges ahead as I transfer the editorship to Grady Roberts. Key issues Grady and I will face include: 1) delay in the review process, 2) further improvement to on-line review system, 3) publishing JAE on-line, 4) changes and/or improvement to manuscript formatting and submission guidelines, 5) time limit for resubmitting rejected manuscripts and time limit for submitting accepted manuscripts, 6) delays in distribution of journal to members and 7) budget. These are to be addressed for smooth and efficient running of the journal.

Sincere Appreciation and Thanks

As I complete my term as editor of JAE, I want take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to our Business Manager, Dr. Wade Miller of Iowa State University, for his contributions and keeping track of printing costs, publication schedule, and updating the inside cover of JAE. I am also grateful to Joe Dettling and the production staff at Texas A&M University for their efforts in the production of this high quality journal. I express my sincere appreciation to Joe for all the work he and his staff have done for JAE.

As we moved into on-line review system and on-line publication of JAE, several individuals contributed their time and effort. Sincere appreciation is extended to Jim Dyer for taking the initial steps and helping to carry out this major and time consuming effort. I also want to thank the JAE-EM Board members for their assistance in revising the JAE review process and manuscript evaluation forms. The current chair of JAE-EM Board Matt Baker has provided invaluable input and help to the editor in carrying out JAE activities. Matt, I truly appreciate your time and effort in this important professional activity.

George Chronis who manages our on-line review and publication deserves a special thank you. He has been very patient and receptive to all the revisions that were made during this process. George, I truly appreciate your effort and help.

Many individuals share responsibility for producing this high quality journal for our profession. We truly appreciate the excellent work of authors and reviewers and thank them for their time and service to this important professional activity. A final word of thanks and appreciation goes to Ms. Colleen Bloom, staff assistant in the AEE department at Penn State, for assisting the editor in the final editing and in preparing manuscripts for printing. In addition, Colleen took a lead role in developing the JAE online Web site. I also appreciate the assistance of Rhemilyn Relado, Fulbright Scholar in the AEE department and Prosper Doamekpor in the journal activities.