

JFP Management Committee

Members Present: Sean Leighton (Chair), Fred Breidt (Vice Chair), Joshua Gurtler, Lauren Jackson, Elliot Ryser, Panos Skandamis, Peter Ben Embarek, John Donaghy, Narjol Gonzalez Escalona, Sanjay Gummalla, Chengan Hwang, Barbara Ingham, Steve Kenney, Balasubrahmanyam (Bala) Kottapalli, Deon Mahoney, Matthew Moore, Pat Rule, Joyjit Saha, Angela Shaw, and Hyun-Gyun Yuk.

Outgoing Members Present: Peyman Fatemi, Abani Pradhan, and Manan Sharma.

Board/Staff Present: Michelle Danyluk, Timothy Jackson, Kali Kniel, Mickey Parish, Didi Loynachan, Lisa Hovey, and David Tharp.

Visitors Present: Neil Bogart, Cathy Cutter, Yaohua Feng, Linda Harris, Pushpinder Litt, Judy Luther, Kelly Stevens, and Yifan Zhang.

Number of Attendees: 37.

Recording Secretary of Minutes: Stephen Kenney.

Meeting Called to Order: 10:01 a.m., Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Change to Agenda: Add an agenda item to discuss time from submission to publication. Motion was approved to add item to agenda.

Old Business: Committee reviewed minutes from 2018 JFP Management Committee meeting. A motion was approved to accept the 2017, as written. No edits were needed.

New Business:

Scientific Co-Editors Report: Panos Skandamis provided the journal's Scientific Editor's Report. Highlights include that Vol. 81 (2018) included 2,092 pages and 10 fewer papers when compared to Vol. 80 (2017). There has been an increase submission of mini-reviews, but there has been a reduction of research papers and notes. The increase in mini-reviews may be due to reduction in amount of time from submission to publication. 99.6% of manuscripts accepted for publication were published within 12 months of submission.

Thirty-nine countries were represented by corresponding authors with China (32), Korea (16), and Japan

(11) being the top 3 countries being represented. Articles authored by researchers in the United States were 40% of the total articles submitted to the *Journal*.

The editorial board ended 2018 with 161 members. Fifty-two international countries were represented on the editorial board.

The number of pages per article have increased when compared to previous years.

The John Sofos Most Cited Publication Award and the Most Downloaded Publication Award will be announced at the Editorial Reception.

There was a question to see how to promote the publication of articles in the *Journal* to authors in international

countries. Dr. Skandamis stated that he believed there has been a reduction on submissions from Europe due to the lower impact factor of the *Journal*.

Table 3 of the editor's report may contain an error in the 2018 numbers for accepted and published rows. The numbers for 2018 accepted should state 257 and published 226 as of July 1st.

Fred Breidt suggested a rating system for reviewers. The editors stated that there is an informal process and that there is a 3-year term for the editorial board members. It has happened in the past that an editorial board member has been removed prior the end of their 3-year term.

Dr. Jackson asked if there was a way to determine how many food toxicology papers were submitted and how many are being accepted/rejected. Didi will need to research to see if there is a way to get this type of breakdown. There is some concern that maybe more of these types of paper are getting rejected. It is possible that there may not be enough reviewers for this type of submission. Note check this to make sure that I captured the discussion accurately.

Administrative Editor's Report:

Didi announced some system changes. Allen Press will no longer use AllenTrack. It is transitioning to a new system (PeerTrack) and is slated to start late July. This will require parallel use of the systems until all of the manuscripts in AllenTrack are published.

Alan Press is transitioning from Pinnacle to Silver Chair for the website. The *Journal* website now contains journal articles from the 1937 to 1966. Sixteen open access articles were published in 2018.

The impact factor of *JFP* has increased from 1.510 to 1.559.

New Business:

Invited reviews on hot topics were discussed by Dr. Joshua Gurtler. He solicited idea for hot topics that could be used for invited mini-reviews. Reviews tend to increase the impact factor due to increased citations that tend to occur with review articles.

The editors can target authors to invite them write review articles. Suggestions of review article topics can be submitted to Dr. Gurtler.

JFP Marketing Plan Report:

Judy Luther presented an update on the *JFP* marketing plan. Highlights include that a strategic plan was started in 2015. Plain language summaries are being distributed using Kudos. Articles more than 5 years old are free to read. The growth of *JFP* usage has increased from <100,000 to nearly 800,000 from 2016 to 2018. This increase has been due to an increased amount of content online (i.e., articles now online from 1937 – 1966) and access to the content (i.e., free after 5 years). This is a dramatic increase in usage.

The new *JFP* logo was unveiled. The cover of *JFP* is being redesigned to incorporate the new logo.

Podcasting is the next step. There is a call for volunteers to help with starting up the podcast and for social media engagement.

This is the first year since the start of the strategic plan that there has been an impact in IF. The IF has increased in 2017 and 2018. *JFP* increased in rankings for the Food category, but declined in the Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology category.

Time From Submission to Publication:

Dr. Linda Harris brought up an experience that she recently had. Her paper was approved and within 12 hours a galley copy and a DOI was sent to her. She is already getting requests for information about the article. Competitive journals have journal articles online for September and October (in July).

Recommendations to the Executive Board:

1. The Committee recommends that a comprehensive review be conducted on the overall quality of the experience our *JFP* authors are receiving through their engagement with the Journal. This includes how long it takes to go from approval to publication, the quality and calibration of reviewers comments and should also include comparison to other journals published by similar organizations.
2. The Committee recommends a new process be initiated to invite targeted authors to write reviews for *JFP* on specific, high impact/highly relevant and timely topics.

Next Meeting Date: August 2 – 5, 2020, Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:08 p.m.

Chairperson: Sean Leighton.