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I am certain that my first year as editor would not have been as pleasant and rewarding without the continuing efforts of everyone involved with ABT. I am already looking forward to 2015. Keep those manuscripts coming!


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