

Annual Editor Report

Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting

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I. INTRODUCTION

The *Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting (JOGNA)* is published online by the Government and Nonprofit (GNP) Section of the American Accounting Association. The purpose of *JOGNA* is to stimulate and report premier-quality research on a wide range of governmental and nonprofit accounting issues. The journal is interdisciplinary in scope and welcomes a broad array of research traditions and approaches. The journal solicits scholarly manuscripts of approximately 7,000 words (20 to 25 total pages). Manuscripts are double-blind reviewed by qualified reviewers under the direction of an editor advised by the editorial board. The 2019–2020 editorial board is attached as an appendix to this report.

II. EDITORIAL PROCESS

The *JOGNA* editorial process ensures that high-quality research appears in the journal. Leading scholars from the GNP research community give freely of their time to oversee these processes and provide the editor and authors with their advice. Our review processes are of consistently high quality.

III. NEW AND ONGOING INITIATIVES

Two innovations were executed in 2020: members had previously approved the inclusion of comment letters to standard setting bodies in a special section of the journal designated for these items. Further to this the Officer Group approved a broadening of scope to permit the publication of instructional cases in the GNP field, also in a special section.

JOGNA's focus will primarily remain the publication of high quality academic research but this broadening of scope is consistent with the hopes that were first envisioned for the journal by the task force that led to its formation. I am pleased to say that we have commenced publishing comment letters that have gone through *JOGNA*'s editorial processes and have also published an instructional case. A teaching note will be made available separately to *JOGNA*'s subscribers via the AAA website so as to preserve the integrity of the case.

We are an early adopter of the AAA's Kudos platform for publishing and promoting published articles on social media. This requires authors to create a social media platform and to develop a short, plain language summary of their paper.

IV. MANUSCRIPT FLOW AND PUBLICATION STATISTICS

AAA statistics show that submissions have risen substantially over the past few years indicating that interest in the journal is rising. I will be adding to the Editorial Board to add to our reviewing capacity to handle these additional manuscripts. In addition the Executive Committee changed the Section's operating manual to allow me to appoint an associate editor to assist with the journal. I expect to be able to make an appointment shortly.

I am grateful for the support that I have received from Editorial Board members, from the Executive Committee, and the leadership of the Government and Nonprofit Section. *JOGNA* is on a very positive path of development and I look forward to further progress.

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *JOGNA* for the period from 2015 to 2019.

TABLE 1
Annual Activity Summary—For the Journal Year

Year	Manuscripts In-Process, Beginning of Year	New Submissions Received	Resubmissions Received	Manuscripts Available for Evaluation	Decision Letters Sent	Manuscripts In-Process, End of Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c) = (d)	(e)	(d)–(e) = (f)
2019	5	21	10	36	30	6
2018	4	16	16	36	31	5
2017	2	16	10	28	24	4
2016	3	10	8	21	19	2
2015	3	11	7	21	18	3

(a) Includes submissions in the editor's hands, but excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions in authors' hands.

(b) New manuscripts, excluding resubmissions.

(c) Resubmissions of previous revise and resubmit editor decisions.

(d) Evaluation means all actions by referees, associate editor, and/or editor are complete and the manuscript has been returned to the authors.

(e) Manuscripts processed with a decision returned to the author, including manuscripts returned by the editor without involving referees.

(f) Submissions where a decision has not yet been sent to the author (note that in-process excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions that are now in the authors' hands).

Table 2 shows acceptance and rejection rates for the period from 2016 to 2019.

TABLE 2
Annual Outcome Summary—By Journal Year Annual Cohort

Year	New Submissions Received	Number of Rejections	Percentage of Rejections	Number of Papers in Process	Percentage in Process	Number of Acceptances	Percentage of Acceptances
	(a)	(b)	(c)=(b)/(a)	(d)	(e)=(d)/(a)	(f)	(g)=(f)/(a)
2019	21	7	33%	14	67%	0	0%
2018	16	9	56%	1	6%	6	38%
2017	16	8	50%	6	38%	2	13%
2016	10	7	70%	0	0%	3	30%

(a) Number of submitted manuscripts from that year's cohort.

(b) Number of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort.

(c) Percent of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort.

(d) Number of manuscripts still being evaluated (no report yet, revise, resubmit).

(e) Percent of manuscripts from that year's cohort still being evaluated.

(f) Number of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort.

(g) Percent of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort.

For additional journal data, see the December 2019 *Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting* Information Packet: <https://meridian.allenpress.com/DocumentLibrary/AAAN/JOGNA/JOGNA-Information-Packet-2019-EOY-FINAL.pdf>.

APPENDIX A 2019–2020 Editorial Board

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