

Annual Editor Report

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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 2018-2019 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.

III. NEW AND ON-GOING INITIATIVES

Two innovations occurred over the course of the last year: during the Business Meeting at the GNP Midyear Meeting in Rhode Island in March 2018, we 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 now have two comment letters that have gone through *JOGNA*'s editorial processes and will shortly be published. We also have one instructional case that has been reviewed and accepted for publication. A teaching note will be made available separately to *JOGNA*'s subscribers via the AAA website so as to preserve the integrity of the instructional case.

We continue to pursue adoption 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 materially risen over the past few years indicating that interest in the journal is rising. I will be adding to the editorial board to increase our reviewing capacity to handle these additional manuscripts.

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *JOGNA* for the period from 2014 to 2018.

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)
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
2014	2	10	17	29	26	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 2014 to 2017.

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)
2018	16	5	31%	7	44%	4	25%
2017	16	7	44%	8	50%	1	6%
2016	10	7	70%	0	0%	3	30%
2015	11	7	64%	0	0%	4	40%
2014	10	6	60%	0	0%	4	40%

(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 2018 *Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting* Information Packet: <https://aaajournals.org/userimages/ContentEditor/1556113263144/JOGNA-Info-Packet-2018-EOY-FINAL.pdf>.

APPENDIX A 2018-2019 Editorial Board

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