

Annual Editor Report

Journal of Governmental & 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 who is advised by the editorial board.

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

The journal continued to execute the decisions made by the Government and Nonprofit Accounting Section of AAA to publish comment letters and instructional cases, both after a review process. The executive committee changed the Section's operating manual to allow me to appoint an associate editor to assist with the journal. I appointed Tom Vermeer of The University of Alabama as the first associate editor of the journal. He has since been appointed to serve as my successor as Senior Editor of *JOGNA*. I am grateful for the support that I have received from Tom as associate editor, from editorial board members, from the executive committee, and the leadership of the Government and Nonprofit Section. *JOGNA* is on a positive path of development, and I look forward to further progress. I believe that it provides an important home for government and nonprofit accounting research to flourish. This is my last report as Editor after six years of service. I have enjoyed my time as Editor, I learned a lot, and I was always mindful of the trust that had been placed in me. I worked to improve the standing of *JOGNA* as a new and rising outlet for GNP research. I believe that the journal has had some important successes and that it is well placed for the future with Tom Vermeer as Senior Editor.

IV. MANUSCRIPT FLOW AND PUBLICATION STATISTICS

AAA statistics show that submissions have risen substantially this year, reverting to historic norms at a total of 20. Indeed, we are only one paper away from our record setting number of submissions in 2019. Indeed, our total of all possibly available for decision was 49 and decisions issued was 38. No wonder I felt busy with *JOGNA* in my final full year as Editor.

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting* for the period from 2016 to 2021.

TABLE 1
Annual Activity Summary—For the Calendar Year

Year	Manuscripts In-Process, Beginning of Year (a)	New Submissions Received (b)	Resubmissions Received (c)	Manuscripts Available for Evaluation (a)+(b)+(c) = (d)	Decision Letters Sent (e)	Manuscripts In-Process, End of Year (d)–(e) = (f)
2021	9	20	20	49	38	11
2020	6	10	25	41	32	9
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

- (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 2018 to 2021.

TABLE 2
Annual Outcome Summary—By Calendar Year Cohort

Year	New Submissions Received (a)	Number of Rejections (b)	Percentage of Rejections (c) = (b)/(a)	Number of Papers in Process (d)	Percentage in Process (e)=(d)/(a)	Number of Acceptances (f)	Percentage of Acceptances (g)=(f)/(a)
2021	20	12	60%	0	0%	8	40%
2020	10	6	60%	0	0%	4	40%
2019	21	14	67%	0	0%	7	33%
2018	16	9	56%	0	0%	7	44%

- (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 more journal data and citation analysis, please see the December 2021 *Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting* Information Packet [here](#).

APPENDIX A

Ad Hoc Reviewers

Dana Forgione	<i>Texas A&M University Corpus Christi</i>
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