

EDITORIAL

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I have several feelings after finishing, editing and assembling this issue. The length of time it has taken to complete this issue has been somewhat stressful for me. I didn't know it would take as long as it did to get enough articles and to get them reviewed. Almost all of the articles in this issue were submitted during the past six months. A friend who is the editor of an APA journal recently said that when a new journal is to be started the publication date of the first issue is set for three years after the editor is appointed. This allows time both for the articles to be received and a year for review and revision. By the time the first issue appears, enough articles would have been received for several future issues. It would not have been stressful if we had followed that strategy.

Another feeling about this issue of the Journal is one of satisfaction. The articles seem both interesting and a real contribution. We include one therapy typescript article and two older, unpublished articles.

Finally, I felt very good about my experience with the reviewers. The communications from them were open and honest. Because we didn't have a year for review and revision, I frequently asked reviewers to return their reviews in a month, and sometimes less. This happened in every case. What a lovely, responsible group of people.

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Although this second issue of the journal has been a long time coming, the number and length of the articles as well as the increased technical quality of the publication is encouraging. An increased number of articles are now being submitted. Hopefully, the next issue will be out within a much shorter length of time.

I have had several concerns about the operation of the journal over the past year which I have shared with Co-Editor, Fred Zimring. The first concern is that of the inordinate delay of this second issue. The dearth of articles as well as the somewhat clogged process and confusion of procedures seemed to me to be largely responsible for the delay. The second concern that I have is that the co-editing format is not very efficient. At ADPCA in Kansas, Nat Raskin and I were asked to co-edit the journal. Nat decided not to take on the task at that time; hence, I was elected to serve as editor. I asked Fred to co-edit in order that there be a check of the perceptions of one editor. I began to feel, however, that two editors were simply falling all over each other. Essentially, I and Managing Editor, Jeanne Stubbs, edited the first issue. Fred, then, edited this issue. My role for this issue was primarily that of preparing the material for the publisher. Fred deserves the credit for this issue but I will share the responsibility for any shortcomings that might exist. Fred and I agree that a new format of managerial structure for the journal is desirable. I am proposing that there be one editor who has the responsibility and that there be a past editor, editor elect and two other "board members" to advise the editor. Some of the policies need to be re-examined and re-affirmed by the organization during our next meeting.

I will now serve as the editor for the third issue. My goal is to have the third issue out by the time of the next ADPCA meeting in May. Several articles are already in process and I encourage articles to be submitted to me at the University of Georgia. -JDB

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