Happy Spring to all,

Some of you may be finishing up your spring semesters; good luck to ending the school year strong, and to those who have retired from all of that, enjoy the flowers and sunshine. Let’s talk about surveys!

Peer review surveys are a meaningful way to identify and gain feedback from, you, the reviewer. While I will not discussed each question and its responses, I will share the highlights. Peer Reviewer survey 2017 was emailed, and 160 surveys came back yielding the following results about reviewer frequency:

- 65% of reviewers review twice a year
- 4% review five times or more
- 17% have not reviewed at all

Additionally, some reviewers complained that they have never had the chance to review. If you find that you have not reviewed recently or not at all, drop me a line or two. I want everyone who would like to review manuscripts to have that opportunity. However, if you are a part of the reviewer pool and do not want to be, drop me a line also. There are several long-standing Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) members, some of whom recently became Section Editors (SEs), whose reviewing styles are solid. When searching for reviewers in ScholarOne, I get an alphabetical list based upon the JNE keywords, but I try to reduce the frequency of repeat reviewers by looking at the type of information given a different way. I will use specific keywords from the manuscript or reverse the order I run the list just to mix things up. There is still a chance that I will get to you.

Reviewers’ statistics from Survey Monkey 2017 continues with academic demographics:

- 70% of reviewers are new to JNE
- 6% reviewed 10-15 years
- 3% have been reviewing for 15 years or more
- 66% of reviewers are teachers and researchers
- 9% are students
- 4% are retired professionals
- 1% have been in academia 1-9 years
- 34% have been in academia more than 15 years

We have quite a few reviewers new to JNE. Welcome! We also have more students who are reviewing. This is an excellent training ground for young scholars. Please note that I may assign you a book review to review as well as a manuscript. We have guidelines for book reviews on the JNE Website.

Reviewers responses to the quality of articles published in the journal are:

- 22% quality is good
- 33% quality varies
- 1% quality was poor

A manuscript rubric may be a helpful way to guide newer reviewers in this editorial process as we seek to improve manuscript quality. JNE is also receiving more manuscripts from international authors and with the rubric and possibly editorial mentors/coaches, publishing should possible for all who want their scholarship in JNE. The EAB will help make the decisions about any new processes we establish, so stay tuned.
Reviewers’ responses to whether we should implement a peer reviewer recognition yielded:

- 46% said yes
- 26% said no
- 29% said that they couldn’t say or that it didn’t matter

When asked what that incentive or recognition should be:

- 46% said name published in JNE
- 20%, name listed on Website
- 4%, link to my recognition page
- 30%, no recognition necessary

Well, with that split decision, JNE’s reviewer recognition will remain with a listing of the names in the printed and electronic version of each fall issue. Thank you for participating in the peer review process and the 2017 JNE survey!

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