

**Acoustical Society of America**

**Spring 2016 Meeting Agenda for Committee on Publication Policy  
Salt Lake City, UT**

**-- Final Meeting Minutes --**

Date & Location: Wed., 25 May 2016, 7:00 am, 250A Salt Palace

To:

Members: (In attendance): Keith Wilson (Chair to 2018), Tim Duda (2016), Jennifer Miksis-Olds (2016), Brenda Lonsbury-Martin (2016), Diane Kewley-Port (2017), Andrew Morrison (2018), Roger Waxler (2018). (Absent): Alex Case (2017), Alan Wall (2017), Vera Khokhlova (2018).

Ex-Officio Members: Jim Lynch (Editor-in-Chief), Mike Stinson (President-Elect)

Guests: Kent Gee (POMA), Charles Church (JASA EL), Art Popper (Editor, Acoustics Today), Bridget D'Amelio (AIPP), Fred Kontur (AIPP), Liz Bury (ASA Managing Editor), Mary Guillemette (ASA Publications Manager), Chris Jasinski (Student Council)

**Summary: The Committee held discussions on its role in the ASA, specifically as relates to the ASA Strategic Plan. AIPP presented its plans for a new web platform and journal roadmap. Activities of the Publications Office have been focused on the transition to Aries, which is now largely completed. *Acoustics Today* is prospering and generating very impressive web traffic. POMA is rapidly growing (particularly through addition of papers from co-sponsored conferences and special issues), making its format more uniform and attractive, and endeavoring to streamline its publication processes. The POMA editor plans to request a new Managing Editor – the PP Committee supports this request.**

Committee Charge:

37. COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION POLICY

37.1 Charged with reviewing and suggesting changes in the policy, contents, and format of the Journal and other Society publications, but excluding the book-plus program and Standards, for consideration by the Editor-in-Chief and the Executive Council, and proposing new publications.

37.2 Composed of the Chair and members appointed by the President, and the Editor-in-Chief and President-Elect as ex-officio members.

1. Introductions and committee business (Wilson)

a. Introduction and role of new Managing Editor (Bury, Lynch)

*JL introduced Liz Bury and explained the duties of the new Managing Editor.*

b. Reorganization of publications-related committees (Wilson, Lynch)

*KW led a discussion on the role of the Committee and how it serves an independent, advisory role in the ASA. MS stressed the importance of such input to the ASA Strategic Plan, which is intended to carry on for 10 years.*

2. AIPP activities, migration to the new platform, journal roadmaps (D'Amelio)

*BD discussed the AIPP's migration to a new on-line platform. This was motivated by a lack of satisfaction (as voiced by the member societies) with the current version of Scitation. The new platform will emphasize content. Society branding will be prominent. Feedback was obtained from PP on a mock version. RW emphasized the criticality of the search engine functionality.*

*FK then discussed the AIPP initiative to create journal roadmaps, which include key performance statistics, SWOT analysis, and other information. Such a roadmap has already been created for JASA. Feedback from the ASA is encouraged and this will help AIPP provide better service to the ASA.*

3. Updates on publications

a. Editor-in-Chief (Lynch)

*JL explained that the Publications Office has been nearly completely focused of late on the transition to Aries. Although lots of testing was done before the transition, there have still been time-consuming issues to be fixed. Publication of POMA was held up for several months. The problems are largely smoothed out now. There will be two major emphases in the coming months: (1) taking a closer look at the AE pool and (2) assessing bottlenecks in the publication process. Also upgrading the thesaurus (effort led by DKP).*

*BLM expressed some concerns that Aries is rather complex and counter-intuitive from the standpoint of the AEs. This viewpoint was seconded by many in attendance.*

*DKP mentioned concerns about the sensitivity of AEs to being assessed through performance metrics. JL plans to write a memo to the AEs to explain how the assessments will be done and how the data will be handled, which should help build trust and consensus.*

b. Aries transition update (Guillemette, Lynch)

*See preceding item.*

c. Acoustics Today (Popper)

*AP: Just finished the summer issue. Soliciting articles from new fellows and other sources. Always very actively looking for papers and new ideas for issues. Very concerned about diversity and engaging younger members. JL: Suggested the idea of coordinating ideas for content between the various ASA journals.*

d. POMA (Gee)

*KG reports that POMA is still finalizing functionality of RightsLink for articles published by non-members in co-sponsored issues. This capability will be ready for the ICA. Hand-off*

*of manuscripts from EM to AIPP is being streamlined. Such efficiencies are critical to supporting further growth of POMA, as HWM is spending substantial time on details which could potentially be done automatically.*

*KG asked whether the PP Committee would support appointment of a managing editor for POMA. This would be an added cost, as it would not be offset by current publication charges. The PP Committee affirmed its support for appointment of a POMA managing editor.*

*Some general discussion followed on POMA procedures for editing papers and whether they count as “reviewed” papers, e.g., for promotion and tenure decisions. KG indicated that the official wording is that the papers are “editor reviewed”. DKP suggested that having a reviewed conference proceedings might help encourage engineers doing acoustics to attend ASA meetings more regularly.*

e. JASA EL (Church)

*CC indicated that EL is doing about the same now as it was before the Aries transition. Pre-screening is still an issue. He would also like to create more special issues.*

4. ASA Strategic Plan – role of PP Committee (Stinson, Lynch)

*MS briefly overviewed the strategic plan. It was already discussed to some extent earlier in the meeting, in reference to item 1.b.*

5. Follow through on items from previous meetings

a. Appeal procedure

*This has not received much attention due to the focus on the Aries transition. JL suggested tabling it until the next meeting and all agreed.*

b. Should PASA (JASA abstract volume) be made a separate publication?

*This idea is not being pursued at the present time.*

c. FAQ for authors (copyright policies, other topics)?

*JL explained that a FAQ is already in progress.*

6. Other matters arising

*None.*

*Meeting adjourned.*