

Acoustical Society of America

Fall 2015 Meeting Agenda for Committee on Publication Policy Jacksonville, FL

--- Final Minutes ---

Date & Location: Wed., 4 Nov. 2015, 7:00 am, City Terrace 12

To:

Members: D. Keith Wilson (Chair to 2018), Tim Duda (2016), Jennifer Miksis-Olds (2016), Brenda Lonsbury-Martin (2016), Alex Case (2017), Diane Kewley-Port (2017), Alan Wall (2017), Vera Khokhlova (2018, not attending), Andrew Morrison (2018), Roger Waxler (2018, not attending)

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

Guests attending: Mary Guillemette (Publications Manager), Helen Wall-Murray (Editorial Assistant, Publications Office), Dan Farrell (ASA webmaster), Fred Kontur (AIP), Christine Shadle (ASA Executive Council)

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
2. Committee business, possible committee expansion (Wilson)
3. Editorial Manager transition update

Update was provided by JL. The transition was made on Sep. 15 for both JASA and JASA EL. Although it has been substantial work, the transition has proceeded without serious difficulties. The PP Committee commends the publications staff for its outstanding efforts in implementing this transition.

4. *Acoustics Today* update

Update was provided by BLM. An effort is being made to make the writing style of the articles more consistent. The magazine is holding to a firm schedule and publishing issues on time. However, it was pointed out that the current publication schedule has the issue appearing late in the season, e.g., the Fall issue appears in December, and this might (falsely) convey that it is appearing late. The Acoustics Today committee and EiC are considering this issue; involvement of PP appears unnecessary.

KW then gave an update on POMA, based on an email from Kent Gee (who could not be in attendance). POMA is alive and well: 102 papers published through new system since Dec.

2014. POMA is becoming easier to use, thanks to an author tab on Scitation and a new manuscript template. Two new issues for cosponsored meetings are planned: PRUAC and Aquatics Noise conference in 2016 (which will result in 150+ papers). POMA wishes to maintain flexible editorial board policies, in particular because of the potential for a large number of submissions when co-sponsored meetings arise. This might involve appointment of special guest editors. The PP Committee expressed support for such flexibility. EC voted to approve a \$40 paper charge for non-ASA members who publish papers from cosponsored meetings, but no system for this is yet in place. JL indicated that this is being addressed.

5. Follow through on items discussed at last meeting

- a. Multimedia in JASA: *JL indicated that this capability is now available. Other recently added capabilities include open access, reviewer pdfs with line numbers, and updated Information for Contributors.*
- b. Appeal procedure (PP subcommittee): *At the Pittsburgh meeting, TD, JMO, and DKP expressed willingness to form a subcommittee that would assist the EiC in devising an appeals procedure. This slipped due to the focus on the EM transition, etc. JL offered to help get this restarted.*
- c. Paper sharing networks (e.g., ResearchGate): *Although concerns were raised about ResearchGate (and similar “social media” sites for scientists) at previous meetings, and use of such sites is rapidly growing, JL indicates that at the present time it does not appear to be a great concern. Other PP members generally concurred. These sites may even help boost citation metrics for JASA. AM suggested that authors should not post pre-publication versions of manuscripts.*
- d. Common ASA author agreement: *JL reports that he and Art Popper are addressing this.*

6. New items (from EiC)

- a. Should PASA (the JASA abstract volume) be made a separate publication, with the ASA main office having an Editor in residence? It is de facto a publication today - why not formalize it? Also, it could have separate pagination, which would not hold up the publication of JASA.

As clarification, JL indicated that there are two primary problems he wishes to address: (1) the mechanics of verifying correct authorship of abstracts, etc., and (2) having a responsible point-of-contact for PASA. DKP pointed out that ScholarOne handles the abstracts – could it also be used to help verify the author list at the time of submission?

A motion was made to support appointment of a PASA editor. The motion passed 6 for, 0 against. Details of implementation are left for the EiC and others involved.

- b. Should we post more commonly queried policies on a public FAQ page? Should we post an FAQ on copyright information? What other material should be on a FAQ page?

The PP Committee expressed strong support for creation of a FAQ. FK pointed out the desirability of providing several “levels” of information for authors (FAQ, Information for

Contributors, etc.). JMO suggested implementation of a "suggestion box" on the web site for FAQ questions. JL will proceed with implementation of a FAQ.

- c. Should we have a clear policy on publication of classified materials?

General consensus of the PP Committee was that it is the responsibility of authors to avoid submitting classified materials for publication, and that ASA should generally not publish any classified materials when it becomes aware of the situation. Discussions with the ASA attorney are recommended before attempting to formulate an official ASA policy.

7. Other matters arising

MS provided an overview of the Society's strategic plan, and pointed out that the PP activities fall under the Dissemination task, which is led by JL. JMO volunteered to participate in this task. PP will continue to maintain cognizance as this task proceeds.

JL mentioned that a committee is being formed to select a managing editor, which would handle day-to-day tasks such as assigning AE, maintaining prompt review and publication times, etc. JL will send a job description to KW, which will be forwarded to the PP Committee for informational purposes.

FK indicated that AIPP is also looking at longer term strategy, a 5-yr plan. Timeline for initial plan is early Jan. One of the goals is to align with member society strategy and improve marketing of society journals.