

Acoustical Society of America

Spring 2017 Meeting Agenda for Committee on Publication Policy Boston, MA

-- Final Minutes --

Date & Location: 27 Jun. 2017, 7:00-8:15 am, Room 104

To:

Members present: Keith Wilson (Chair to 2018), Alex Case (2017), Diane Kewley-Port (2017), Andrew Morrison (2018), Roger Waxler (2018), Tim Duda (2019), Frederick Gallun (2019), Jennifer Miksis-Olds (2019), Jim Lynch (Editor-in-Chief, ex officio member)

Members not present: Alan Wall (2017), Michael Haberman (2019), Marcia Isakson (President-Elect, ex officio member)

Guests present: Kent Gee (Editor, POMA), Charles Church (Editor, JASA EL), Art Popper (Editor, Acoustics Today), Fred Kontur (AIPP), Liz Bury (ASA Managing Editor), Mary Guillemette (ASA Publications Manager), Helen Wall-Murray (POMA Manuscript Manager), Chris Jasinski, J. J. Flynn, and Sarah Young (Student 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

The Committee membership was well represented. All publications staff and editors were present, and three ASA student members were in attendance. After Introductions, the nature of PP's role in the ASA was discussed. The members reaffirmed that PP should serve a constructive, advisory role, which will help to inform publications decisions made by the Editor-In-Chief and ASA.

2. Publication Policy Committee web page

Wilson showed the new PP web page, which was recently brought on-line by Dan Farrell. Although there are currently only two features (a topic suggestion form for ASA members, and a password-protected area to post the PP Committee minutes), there was enthusiasm about the future possibilities for the web page as a mechanism for better communicating with the membership. It was agreed that the PP Committee agenda should be posted in advance of meetings. Publication of the minutes to the general membership was discussed, but there are concerns that some PP discussions are sensitive. Kewley-Port is on the web advisory committee and offered to assist PP in adding features to the page, such as a list of committee members. How do we publicize the web page?

3. AIPP activities

Fred Kontur of AIPP provided a presentation on zero-cite analysis and marketing initiatives. About 20% of JASA articles receive no citations. If these articles were removed, the JASA impact factor would be 1.916. Kontur mentioned that a full zero-cite analysis had been done with other AIPP journals, and AEs were provided with samples of zero-cite articles as feedback. Lynch pointed out the importance of performing the zero-cite analysis by TC, as the various TCs have their own publication characteristics and culture. Lynch noted that, besides citations, downloads are also an important metric. Kontur then discussed marketing for ASA, which he noted has been quite successful of late, particularly the JASA special issue on metamaterials. The upcoming usage of keywords and Kudo (social media) should provide further benefit. Waxler suggested that AEs might double check the keywords chosen by authors. Miksis-Olds suggested contacting TCs for possible mailing lists of other societies or meetings (e.g., marine mammals) that might be useful for publicizing special issues. Kontur suggested two action items: (1) a zero-cite analysis for JASA, and (2) utilization of further marketing initiatives. Although the Committee did not take a vote, there appeared to be strong support for both items.

4. Updates on publications

Detailed updates on publications were not requested, as these are now provided at the Editorial Board Luncheon. The EiC report was forwarded to all PP Committee members prior to his meeting. Wilson indicated that the main purpose of the updates to PP should be to bring up any items of particular concern or for which feedback from PP is desired.

a. Editor-in-Chief

No discussion items were raised.

b. *POMA*

Wilson asked whether POMA is financially subsidized. Lynch indicated that POMA and JASA EL are essentially not expected to cover costs now, while these publications are being grown. Popper noted that income from *Acoustics Today* has become very important. (See recent article by Feit.) Gallun suggested there should be more marketing of POMA; in particular, it is a useful medium for student papers.

c. *JASA EL*

The publication speed for JASA and JASA EL have become nearly the same of late. There was extensive discussion of this issue and its causes. The main issues seem to be that EL authors are being allowed to revise their manuscripts too many times, and being granted too many extensions. There was general consensus (including the EL Editor) that EL must take a tougher stance with authors.

d. *Acoustics Today*

Farrell noted that the new issue of *Acoustics Today* is in the mail. 1000 non-ASA members have asked to join the email distribution list.

e. Scitation change to Atypon

Kewley-Port provided an update of the transition to the new Scitation platform, designed by Atypon. While the initial six weeks were rough, things are working well now. There is a regular exchange of spreadsheets which communicate issues of concern and actions taken to resolve them. Search features, browsing, meeting abstracts, and citations are among the issues still being worked on. The new technical area picks have been well received. It would be nice if the web page footers could display some ASA information (in addition to AIPP); for example, by linking to POMA instead of AIP conference proceedings.

5. Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) policy on public access

Wilson presented information on the Department of Defense's new policy regarding public access to research. Authors will submit their final manuscript to DTIC when the article is accepted, and this version will be posted on the DTIC web site after a 12-month embargo period. This policy was noted to be nearly the same as the current NIH policy. Some concern was expressed that this might reduce downloads from the ASA site. Lynch noted that the NIH policy has not appeared to hurt JASA. Kontur noted that authors must generally have the final version if they plan to cite it.

Meeting adjourned.