

## Acoustical Society of America

### Fall 2018 Meeting Agenda for Committee on Publication Policy Victoria, BC, Canada

#### - Final minutes -

Date & Location: Wednesday, 7 November 2018, 7:00-8:30 am, Library (FE) Room.

Members present: Vladimir Ostashev (Chair to 2021), Tim Duda (2019), Erick Gallun (2019), Michael Haberman (2019), Laura Kloepper (2020), Alan Wall (2020), Megan Ballard (2021), Keith Wilson (2021).

Members not present: Jennifer Miksis-Olds (2019), Carolina Abdala (2020), Alex Case (2020), Roger Waxler (2021), Cynthia Clopper (2021).

Ex-Officio Members: Jim Lynch (Editor-in-Chief), Victor Sparrow (President-Elect)

Guests present: Charles Church (Editor, JASA EL), Art Popper (Editor, Acoustics Today), Bridget D'Amelio (AIPP), Fred Kontur (AIPP), Jason Bardi (AIPP), Liz Bury (JASA/JASA-EL Managing Editor), Kat Setzer (Editorial Coordinator, Acoustics Today), Diane Kewley-Port (Indiana University), Kieren Smith (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 (Ostashev).
2. Update on the ASA journals and AIP Publishing initiatives that are relevant to the ASA publications.

Kontur informed that the impact factor (IF) of JASA has improved in 2017 and is projected to be even better for 2018. Projected revenue of JASA for 2018 is also larger, \$2.05 million. AIP publishing policy allows arXiv preprints to be published in peer-reviewed journals. There is a European initiative called "Plan S" from 13 national research funding organizations that starting 1 January 2020, all research supported by public grants must be published in Open Access Journals. In U.S., the Gates Foundation has joined this initiative. If this initiative gains momentum, this could have a huge impact on hybrid journals including JASA, which are not considered compliant. However, Plan S allows for a transition period for hybrid journals and AIPP is working on a transitional model, which they will be testing in 2019. The details of Plan S have not been released and will surely evolve. AIPP will regularly update ASA and JASA on the development of this initiative and their transitional model.

3. JASA Letters to the Editor.

Some editors have brought whether it is needed for JASA to have its own Letters to the Editor format given that we have JASA EL. It was noted that JASA Letters to the Editor and JASA EL have different guidelines. The former can be used for commentary on previously published JASA and JASA EL articles and reviews. The Committee recommended unanimously to keep JASA Letters.

4. What is considered as a previous publication, which cannot be submitted to JASA?

Regarding presentations and reprints, the instructions for JASA reads: "Presentations at conferences are not construed as prior publication; neither is the circulation of preprints or the posting of preprints on any web site, providing the site does not have the semblance of an archival online journal." It was decided to update this statement to offer more guidance on preprint servers like arXiv and make it consistent with AIPP policies. It was also suggested that it might be useful to clarify what is meant by "semblance of archival online journal." Bury will make the corresponding changes.

5. Updating the ASA Ethical Principles page.

The ASA Ethical Principles page (<https://acousticalsociety.org/ethical-principles/>) was approved 19 November 2004 by Executive Council. It was decided to update the page. Gallun will suggest new wording related to Human Subjects, Kloepper will lead on Non-Human Animals, and Wall on Publication Ethics. Their suggestions will be posted on the PP Committee website for discussions and considered at the next meeting.

6. Withdrawn or not presented papers at ASA meetings were published in POMA.

It was reiterated that withdrawn or not presented papers at ASA meetings should not be published in POMA. If happened, this has not been widespread. A decision was made to refer this issue to Gee for further analysis and possible changes for POMA. It was also noted that POMA publishes papers presented at other conferences, for which they might have or want different policies for.

7. From the previous PP Committee Draft Minutes: "The Committee recommended removing the current EL limitation of 15 references."

This recommendation was not implemented because some members of the Committee had second thoughts. At the current meeting, it was discussed that on one hand, it is desirable for JASA EL papers to have a smaller number of references than those in JASA; and they usually do. On the other hand, it was pointed out that we should not micromanage the number of references; authors, reviewers, and AEs can make this decision; the limit of pages in JASA EL papers dictates the number of references; and there are no similar restrictions for JASA and Letters to JASA. It was decided that Bury, Church, and Lynch will change the wording related to the number of references in JASA EL.

8. Procedures when coauthors are added or dropped from a manuscript after the initial submission.

It was suggested that procedural changes are needed in the submission of revised manuscripts when coauthors are added or dropped after the initial submission or the order of the authors is changed. Bury will work on this issue.