

Acoustical Society of America

Spring 2020 Meeting Agenda for Committee on Publication Policy Virtual Meeting

- Final Minutes -

Date & Location: Tuesday, 19 May 2020, 2 pm – 3:30 pm (EDT), Virtual Meeting.

Members present: Vladimir Ostashev (Chair to 2021), Cynthia Clopper (2021), Megan Ballard (2021), Keith Wilson (2021), John Colosi (2022), Michael Haberman (2022), Michael Muhlestein (2022), Laura Kloepper (2023), Eddie Lau (2023)

Members not present: Roger Waxler (2021), Whitney Coyle (2022), Thomas Wong (2023), Alan Wall (2023),

Ex-Officio Members: Jim Lynch (Editor-in-Chief), Diane Kewley-Port (President), Maureen Stone (President-Elect).

Guests present: Kent Gee (Editor, POMA), Charles Church (Editor, JASA EL), Art Popper (Editor, Acoustics Today), Bridget D'Amelio (AIPP), Matt Kershish (AIPP), Liz Bury (JASA/JASA-EL Managing Editor), Malene Walters (Publication Business Manager), Helen Wall Murray (POMA Manuscript Manager), Kat Setzer (Editorial Assistant, ASA Publications), Michelle Vigeant (EC), Daniel Guest (Student Council), Mark Hamilton (ASA Books), Kelly Quigley (ASA Publications)

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 ASA book 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 updated on the New Ethical Principles of the ASA for Research Involving Human and Non-Human Animals and Publishing and Presentations. For about a year, the Committee worked on a draft of the New Ethical Principles and at the last meeting, recommended the draft for approval. The draft was then approved by the EC. The New Ethical Principles are now online.

2. Update on the ASA journals and AIP Publishing initiatives that are relevant to the ASA publications.

Kershish updated on Data Availability Policy at the AIPP. As of February 2020, all AIPP publications require authors to include a statement about data availability in manuscripts. The statement informs how the data can be accessed, e.g., via email to the corresponding author or download from repository. The AIPP has a series of templates for the data availability

statements. Several studies showed that sharing data is very beneficial for science and also for authors and journals since this increases citations. Drawbacks of data sharing include lack of time or funding required to do so.

3. Plagiarism and self-plagiarism in books and books' chapters.

Ostashev raised concerns about plagiarism and self-plagiarism (text recycling) in books and books' chapters. These forms of publications normally present results already published in the literature and are specifically vulnerable for plagiarism. Hamilton presented examples of plagiarism and text recycling in books and books' chapters pertinent to the ASA books. He emphasized that Springer (which publishes ASA books) does not run manuscripts through the software Similarity Check/iThenticate which helps to determine if there are any potential concerns of plagiarism and text recycling. On the other hand, Springer does this for all its journals and proceedings. The Committee discussed possible actions. The Committee also decided to publish an article about plagiarism and text recycling in AT. This can be considered as an educational approach to this problem.

4. Data availability policy for the ASA journals

Lynch and Bury briefed on how data availability policy for the ASA publications will be addressed. The Committee emphasized that it is desirable to help authors who want to share their data. On the other hand, some data cannot be shared or cannot be shared immediately. Also sharing data varies significantly across different TCs; in some TCs sharing of data is required by sponsors and is already implemented.