

The Journal of Surgical Research Editorial Board—2007

The Journal of Surgical Research Editorial Board undergoes a membership change of approximately 30% each year, with all board members elected for an initial three-year term. An option for a second term is based upon exemplary performance and the preferences of both parties. This system allows for a steady blend of board members proficient in all surgical disciplines, while providing better service for our authors and readership. Board members are asked to review approximately one manuscript per month in their fields of expertise. Manuscript review is performed exclusively on-line using state-of-the art software that facilitates our peer-review process and rapid turnover. The JSR is currently among the industry's leaders in manuscript publication times, thanks in great part to our editorial board's commitment, our electronic submission and review process, and our executive publisher from Elsevier, David Dionne. Our most recent Science Citation Index ("impact factor") was 1.96, placing the Journal in the top quartile of surgical journals evaluated by this metric. Submission to the JSR also has continued to increase.

Members who are rotating off of the editorial board this year are to be thanked for their contributions to the Journal of Surgical Research [1-5]. These members include: Robert Cambria, Abbas Ardehali, Carey Ann Cullinane, Joren Madsen, Shirin Towfigh, Rich Hodin, David Geller, Frank Sellke and Hobart Harris. The Journal of Surgical Research is also proud to announce its new members for the 2007-2009 term: Mahesh Mankani, Daniel Albo, Ali Ahsan, Christopher Troppmann, Lee Faucher, Emily Robinson, George Sarosi, Jianxin Zhang, Benjamin Tsai, and Michael Helmrath. Many of these surgeon-scientists have supported the Journal with basic investigative work of their own [6-8].

This year, the Journal is also pleased to announce the election of Daniel Meldrum, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine, as the inaugural Book Review Editor. Dr. Meldrum, a member of our editorial board since 2004 and supporter of the Journal's scientific output [9-15], will coordinate and lead an effort to review textbooks and monographs that fit the needs and libraries of our diverse readership.

This year the Journal was pleased to publish the abstracts and manuscripts from the Second Annual Academic Surgical Congress—an exciting collaboration between the Association for Academic Surgery and the Society of University Surgeons. Dr. Herbert Chen, recorder of the AAS and a prolific supporter of the journal [16-29], again served exemplarily as the Associate Editor for this process, receiving, distributing, and processing the many fine manuscripts that were produced by participants of this meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, February 6-9, 2007.

The Journal again thanks its many contributors, the editorial board, our readership, our publisher, and the Association for Academic Surgery for a successful 2006, and in advance for an even better 2007.

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