Journal of Agricultural Education
Editing Managing Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2009

Voting Members Present: Matt Baker (Chair), Anna Ball, Brian Warnick, Kim Dooley

Voting Members Absent: David Lawver, Levon Esters

Team Members Present: Grady Roberts (Editor Elect), Rama Radhakrishna (Editor), and Greg Miller (Past Editor)

Team Members Absent: Greg Thompson (Regional Editor), James Dyer (Chair, Outstanding Article Selection Committee), Barry Croom (Business Manager Elect)

Guests Present: Marina Oliver (Texas Tech University Libraries), Christopher Stripling (University of Florida) and Matt Raven (2010 Member).

1. Guest Speaker – Marina Oliver, Head, Electronic Resources and Assessment, Texas Tech University Libraries, presented information related to copyright of the articles in the Journal. She suggested exploring SHERPA (http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/projects/sherparomeo.html) to view different copyright agreements between publishers and authors. She shared that authors can negotiate what they allow for copyright and can take more control over their rights as an author. A discussion followed and the following questions were proposed as discussion items for the May meeting: What is our current language? What should our revised language be regarding copyright and author rights for *JAE*?
2. The minutes of the August 28, 2009 conference call were approved as corrected. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Kim Dooley and seconded by Rama Radhakrishna.
3. Barry Croom provided a business manager report prior to the meeting as he was unable to attend. The items of the report included:
    a. Paper copies of the *JAE* will continue to be published by the Texas A&M IMS group. The other bidders withdrew their bids or failed to send their bids on time.
    b. Wade Miller has sent the back issues of the *JAE* to North Carolina State University. These have been pared down to a small quantity of each issue.
    c. Subscription renewal letters were mailed to all library and international subscribers earlier this month. Subscription rate requests will be processed as they arrive.
    Some discussion followed regarding the paper printing of the Journal and clarification of the current procedures and numbers of paper copies printed.
4. Grady Roberts reported on the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) system and the possibility of getting *JAE* registered. DOI numbers are a universal system that assigns each object a

unique number. This is becoming the established protocol for online publications. Each number is then registered in a system, thus providing a stable way of locating online information. For scholarly journals and associations, crossref.org (http://www.crossref.org/) is the organization that has been granted the ability to assign DOI numbers. A unique prefix is provided for the journal and then the editor would assign a suffix specific to each article. An annual fee of $275 would be charged to the organization and an additional fee of $1 per article would be charged for current articles with a total estimated cost for *JAE* per year of $335. Past articles can be registered at $.15 per article. There are approximately 2,500 articles in volumes 1–50 and registration of these articles would cost $375. This amount would be charged as articles are submitted for registration. This does not replace the FastPress system for hosting the Journal online, but simply registers articles published online and provides a DOI for each article. The 6th Edition of the APA Publication manual calls for the use of DOI numbers in the references. It is expected that authors cite the DOI for each reference included in articles if a DOI is available. Kim Dooley suggested that getting the Journal registered is a good idea considering the revised APA manual. Matt Baker asked if there is a centralized way to look up the DOI for each article. Grady explained that there is a way online to look up articles and determine if a DOI has been assigned. Grady reported that FastPress is exploring the use of DOI although no journals currently hosted through FastPress are using the DOI system. Rama asked about the use of the DOI system as a means for establishing a citation index. Kim Dooley also suggested that the records kept on the DOI system regarding citation of articles could be possibly used to measure impact of articles. Grady explained that this is relatively new and would likely not have the same clout as other citation indexes. Grady also reported that the $275 would also cover all of AAAE so conference proceedings could be included within the same annual charge. However, a discussion would have to follow regarding the consequences of the multiple publication of full articles. Grady suggested that we begin with DOI registration with Volume 51 to be consistent with a transition to the 6th edition of the APA Publication Manual on January 1. Education on this will be required and Grady suggested that he would be willing to put something together to help authors. Matt Baker suggested that we move forward with a recommendation to the AAAE executive committee to include *JAE* in the DOI system and ask authors to include DOI in the references if it is apparent in the citation.

5. Rama Radhakrishna suggested that Grady recommend a change to the submission guidelines to move to the APA 6th edition for Volume 51. Kim Dooley moved and Rama Radhakrishna seconded the transition from the 5th edition to the 6th edition of the APA manual effective January 1, 2010. The motion was accepted by general consensus.

6. Rama Radhakrishna reported on some transitional issues between editors, specifically the IMS printing of the hard copies of the journal as well as articles that can be submitted for resubmission and articles in transition. Rama asked for confirmation on the process and

timeline for transitioning to the new editor. Matt Baker recommended that we look at policy, particularly because of the electronic nature of the journal editing process and the potential for a new editor to view the reviewers of his or her own article. Kim Dooley provided information regarding the *Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education.* She shared that once an article is delegated to an associate editor, the editor does not see the reviewers or other information related to the review process. The group agreed that protocol for delegation needs to be explored. Rama and Grady agreed to explore with George at FastTrack the possibility of hiding information prior to it being handed off to the new editor. Language will be drafted in the *JAE* policy manual regarding the transition of the journal to the new editor.

7. Rama reported that *The Journal of Agricultural Education* is cataloged in ERIC and full text copies will be hosted in that system. There is a window of one year before ERIC will publish the journal articles.
8. Additional discussion was held regarding "Turnitin.com" This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.
9. The conference call was adjourned.