

AACP REPORT

Report of the Journal Editor

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This report is a compilation of activity and statistics for the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* (AJPE) for 2018 (Volume 82). The *Journal* is published in electronic, open-access format and housed at www.ajpe.org.

There were 166 manuscripts published in 10 issues of Volume 82 (Table 1). In 2018, 583 manuscripts were submitted to the *Journal*. Of these, 29% were accepted for publication. There were 553 individuals who served as manuscript reviewers in 2018.

To disseminate peer-reviewed research quickly, the *Journal* provides publication ahead of print (PAP), which can be found at <https://www.ajpe.org/toc/ajpe/0/0>. From January 1 to December 31, 2018, there were 149 manuscripts that were published ahead of print. PAPs are manuscripts that were accepted and published immediately online within two weeks after they have been accepted and formatted. PAPs have not undergone copyediting and as such, are not considered the final version of a manuscript.

At the July 2018 AACP Annual Meeting in Boston, the editor, associate editors, and staff (ie, editorial team) hosted the fourth annual Joseph T. DiPiro Excellence in Publishing Workshop. The 3-hour workshop provided participants an overview of the essentials skills to successfully publish in AJPE. The workshop included sessions on qualitative and quantitative study designs, peer review, AJPE style, statistics, figures and tables. There were also break-

out group sessions on manuscript design and organization and submitting reviews and manuscripts to the *Journal* during which authors discussed specific issues with the editorial team. Thirty individuals attended the workshop.

In November 2018, the editorial team held its first in-person meeting at the AACP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, and reviewed the *Journal's* current structure, function, and strategic goals for the future. Some of the agenda items that the team discussed during the 2-day meeting included updating the instructions to authors, implementing a technical check/screen for all submitted manuscripts, transitioning to a new website host and strategic planning for the *Journal's* future.

Each year, the best paper published in the *Journal* in the previous year is recognized with the Rufus A. Lyman Award. The winner is chosen based on utility and significance to pharmacy education, originality, research methodology, and writing style. The Lyman Award Committee, which is composed of six members appointed by the AACP president and chaired by the *Journal* editor, reviews all nominated manuscripts and selects the best paper. Twenty-eight papers from Volume 82 were nominated for the award. The winning article is "Assessing Students' Impressions of the Cultural Awareness of Pharmacy Faculty and Students" by Nicholas G. Popovich, Clara Okorie-Awé, Stephanie Y. Crawford, Fabricio E. Balcazar, Rosalyn P. Vellurattil, Terry W. Moore, and Allison E. Schriever. This paper can be found in Volume 82, Issue 1 of the *Journal* (<https://www.ajpe.org/doi/pdf/10.5688/ajpe6161>). The editor would like to thank the following individuals for serving on the committee and for their time and hard work in reading, evaluating and ranking all nominated papers to make this award selection: Neal J. Benedict, Michelle Z. Farland, Amy M. Franks, Leslie A. Hamilton, Lara C. Kerwin, Deepti Vyas, and Frank Romanelli (AJPE executive associate editor). Information about the Lyman Award can be found at <https://www.aacp.org/resource/rufus-lyman-award>.

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Table 1. Journal Activity in 2018

Manuscripts Submitted	583
Manuscripts Accepted	29%
Manuscripts Published in 2018, Volume 82	166
Research articles	59
Briefs	27
Reviews	8
Commentaries	41
Letters to the Editor	14
ALFP Statements	2
AACP Reports and Minutes	15
PAP Manuscripts	149
Number of Reviewers	553