

Am J Health Behav
Annual Report for 2005

Yearly, I evaluate Am J Health Behav reviewers for their response time and quality of reviews. Moreover, persons who have not been responsive, repeatedly late, or have chosen not to continue to review manuscripts are removed as reviewers.

In 2005, more reviewers were removed than in previous years (n=29); in addition, 1 resigned. Twenty-five persons were removed from the back cover (Review Board), 4 persons was removed from the front inside cover (Editorial Board Member) and 1 person resigned as co-managing editor.

Based on response times, quality of reviews, and that they are members of the American Academy of Health Behavior:

Amanda S. Birnbaum, Weill Cornell Medical Center
Dianne M. Grimely, University of Alabama-Birmingham
Kenneth D. Ward, University of Memphis

were elevated to from the Review Board to Editorial Board Members. The promotion is a little higher on the editorial chain. Also, Kenneth H. Beck, University of Maryland was elevated from the Editorial Board to Co-Managing Editor. The change will appear beginning the Mar/Apr 2006 issue.

I applaud ALL reviewers for your hard work and dedication for reviewing is the most thankless service that professionals provide. Hope that all of you have a great and prosperous new year!

Here are some facts for 2005 through Dec 31.

1. we received 307 manuscripts; 66 accepted
2. we had a 21% acceptance; 79% rejection
3. we have 299 reviewers for the journal
4. reviewers averaged 16.5 days response time to disposition after receiving a manuscript
5. 42 reviewers averaged greater than the 21-day deadline, the most egregious and repeat offenders were removed
6. 18 reviewers did not review a manuscript in 2005
7. 232 reviewers averaged 21 days or less
8. 72 reviewers averaged less than 10 days
9. 7 reviewers averaged 1 day!

Again, thank you for all your assistance.

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