

## 2007 Annual Report

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 2007, 37 reviewers were removed, in addition, 1 resigned.

### **Here are some facts for 2007 through Dec 31.**

1. we received 336 manuscripts; 81 accepted
2. we had a 19% acceptance; 81% rejection
3. we have 289 reviewers for the journal
4. reviewers averaged 15.1 days response time to disposition after receiving a manuscript
5. 39 reviewers averaged greater than the 21-day deadline, the most egregious and repeat offenders were removed
6. 40 reviewers did not review a manuscript in 2007
7. 112 reviewers averaged between 11 and 21 days
8. 77 reviewers averaged between 1 and 10 days
9. 21 reviewers averaged 1 day or less
10. we have 27 international reviewers

The journal continues to grow in reputation for we are receiving manuscripts from some of the most elite schools in the country; moreover, due to the increase in submissions and not wishing to assign anyone more than 2 manuscripts in a 12-month period, we are always searching for new reviewers. If you know of anyone who is willing to review manuscripts in a timely fashion, please have them go to our web at [www.ajhb.org](http://www.ajhb.org) and submit an application to review.

I applaud ALL reviewers for your hard work and dedication for reviewing is the most thankless service that professionals provide. However, without you, professional journals would cease to exist. Hope that all of you have a great and prosperous new year! Again, thank you for all for your assistance.