

2008 Annual Report

Happy New Year everyone....I hope the new year is a pleasant and productive one for you...

Thank you for assisting with the *Am J Health Behav*...we couldn't run a journal without your reviews...you are the most central piece in the publication puzzle, again thank you.

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 2008, we removed more reviewers than in any previous year. Reviewers were removed primarily for failure to respond to reviews; 39 Review Board members and 2 Editorial Board members were replaced.

Here are some facts for 2008 through Dec 31

1. Received 325 manuscripts, accepted 66
2. Accepted 20% rejected 80%
3. Approximately 489 persons review for the journal of which 31 are international reviewers
4. Reviewers averaged 16.4 days response time to disposition after receiving a manuscript
5. 67 reviewers averaged greater than the 21-day deadline, the most egregious and repeat offenders were replaced as reviewers
6. 23 reviewers did not review a manuscript in 2008
7. 158 reviewers averaged between 11 and 21 days
8. 78 reviewers averaged between 1 and 10 days
9. 202 reviewers averaged 1 day or less

The journal continues to grow in reputation for we are receiving manuscripts from some of the most elite schools and well-known researchers 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, and will put up with my constant badgering, please have them go to our web at 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.

Finally, I must thank all my editors, specifically, Dr Virginia Dodd, a co-managing editor who is quality control...all manuscripts first come to her and she determines which manuscripts go forward for review...thanks Virginia!

If you have a recommendation to improve the journal, feel free to send your comments directly to me...