

## The State of the Journal

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The *Journal of Geoscience Education* is the principle public forum for the discussion and description of advances in earth science pedagogical research. As such, the continued success of the *Journal* is essential to the long-term health of our profession. Towards that end, I will use this space to summarize the current state of the *Journal*, and discuss some issues for future consideration.

Volume 50, published in 2002 was composed of 51 peer reviewed research papers. These papers totaled 407 pages, or 64% of the total 636 pages in the volume. During calendar year 2002 the *Journal* Office received 101 new manuscript submissions. Since taking over editorial duties, 158 editorial decisions have been made, with 97 manuscripts accepted for publication. The acceptance rate (61%) is somewhat artificially elevated by the *Journal's* practice of publishing one issue a year dedicated to a particular theme. These special issues tend to have higher acceptance rates than typical submissions. As such, the non-solicited acceptance rate currently stands around 50%, a very acceptable rate for any professional journal.

To assist with the processing of the large flux of new submissions I have increased the size of the Editorial Board to twelve members. These individuals are listed on page 4 and deserve the thanks and support of all NAGT members.

Finally, I would like to offer special thanks to those authors who generously contributed to the financial health of the *Journal* by providing page charge funds. These individual combined to provide \$12,475, essentially the cost of publishing and distributing a single issue of the *Journal*.

The future growth of the *Journal* is the responsibility of all NAGT members. As such, I solicit your comments and welcome your suggestions. Even more importantly, I look forward to reading your manuscripts.

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