Four more issues of the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research have been printed. I have exciting updates to share and new developments to report, but above all, I want to take a moment to thank the authors for submitting their fine work to our Journal. They provide the content that is critical to the advancement of science. I also want to thank reviewers for their tireless work on behalf of Psi Chi Journal. Their excellent peer reviews provide the feedback necessary for us to meet the Journal’s mission “to foster and reward the scholarly efforts of psychology students as well as to provide them with a valuable learning experience” (Psi Chi, 2014). Our publication standards are high. In the fiscal 2013–2014 year, 54 editorial decisions were made. Only eight manuscripts were conditionally accepted at the first submission. This represents an acceptance rate of 14.8%, which is comparable to rates for American Psychological Association (APA) journals (APA, 2013). However, a majority of first submissions were invited to return major revisions (n = 31, 57.4%) providing ample evidence of our efforts to support burgeoning authors in strengthening their publication skills.

The Journal is growing in multiple ways. Our manuscript submissions are up. In 2013, we received 64 original manuscripts. As of September 15, 2014, we have received 69 manuscripts. At this printing, 75% of the manuscripts processed in 2014 were submitted by undergraduate students, 18% by graduate students, and 7% by faculty. The numbers are similar to 2013 when the proportions were 79%, 13%, and 8% respectively. Psi Chi Journal is also literally growing in size. For the past two years, we have published five manuscripts per issue. This was a deliberate decision intended to provide our members with a high-quality, consistent product. Due to the increase in submissions and improved manuscript management system, we have increased the number of original empirical articles to seven per issue, starting with the 19.3 issue. Finally, our journal team has grown. Last year, we had three excellent Associate Editors, Drs. Debi Brannan, Carlos Escoto, and Shelia Kennison. This summer we added a fourth Associate Editor to our team, Dr. Steven Rouse. Dr. Rouse is a Professor of Psychology at Pepperdine University (CA) whose work focuses on personality assessment, positive psychology, and spirituality-based conceptions of self-worth. He brings strong quantitative skills to the position. Dr. Rouse teaches Introductory Psychology, Psychological Testing and Measurement, Personality, and Psychology and Religion. We also have a new editorial assistant at Utah State University (USU) to support new projects for the Journal. Jeisianne Rosario Colón is a first-year doctoral student in the Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychology program at USU. Her scholarship is focused on Latino mental health with a special interest in families and parenting.

We have made some notable changes to journal processing, most notably APA style and plagiarism checks. We have a talented in-house APA style editor who now systematically reviews all submissions for adherence to APA style. All authors, regardless of the editorial decision, receive substantive feedback on APA style. This also frees our reviewers to focus more deeply on the scientific content of the manuscripts while resting assured that all publication style issues will be addressed. Our APA style editor carefully checks manuscripts at submission and every revision that follows. As of this fall, all manuscripts are also being submitted for plagiarism checks through TurnItIn® to confirm the originality of each contribution. I am happy to report every single manuscript checked has returned as original work!

A critical goal for the Journal is to disseminate the work of our authors to the benefit of psychological science. To better understand our impact, Psi Chi Journal now has a GoogleScholar™ account so we...
can track the number of times each article has been cited. In the history of the Journal, 126 manuscripts have been cited at least once. We have a total of 339 citations. The most cited manuscript published in the Journal was authored by VanVoorhis and Morgan (2001) and has been cited 49 times. Authors and potential authors are encouraged to review the GoogleScholar database to check for impact. As of last year, the Journal is indexed in PsycINFO®, thus we expect a steady growth in citations over the coming years.

Finally, we have some exciting new projects underway. First, we are selecting our best reviewers to join Psi Chi Journal’s new Advisory Editorial Board. Advisory Editors will be 12 of our strongest reviewers who can make a commitment to review four to six manuscripts per year. Through the Advisory Editorial Board, the small group of committed reviewers will be acknowledged for their heavier review load. In addition to expanding our family, we are working hard to provide digital object identifiers for all of our articles to continue pushing for more visibility of our published manuscripts.

Overall, it has been another exciting year. The Psi Chi Journal editorial team is committed to continue supporting Psi Chi members to strengthen their research skills while we make substantive efforts to increase the visibility of our authors’ contributions. With higher visibility, there is an increased probability of higher impact.

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