

From the Editor

Dear Reader:

I was prompted to describe to you the functioning of our Editorial Board after reading highlights of a seminar given by Edward Huth, MD, at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Biology Editors. Edward Huth, the author of *How to Write and Publish in the Medical Sciences* and long-term editor of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, outlined various styles of operation of editorial boards in his presentation, "The Editorial Board - Prestige or Purpose?" These styles ran the gamut from "window dressing," which he defined as a board of eminent persons who had very little to do with the editorial process, to boards that actively peer review all papers.

I can emphatically state that the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology* demonstrates "purpose," and leave it to you to decide the measure of "prestige" attached to their roles. Each of the nineteen editors is dynamically involved in the review process. All papers are reviewed by two Associate Editors and a Manuscript Editor. These editors are chosen for their expertise and experience with the subject of the paper. Not only do the reviewers evaluate the scientific content but they also provide suggestions to help make the language and presentation more clearly reflect the author's intent. Each editor invests a significant amount of time to produce a fair, thorough and helpful review. I offer my appreciation to this "working" Editorial Board.

I look forward to collaborating with the editors and authors this coming year to produce a publication that you will find relevant to your practice. Please remember, your comments about the *Journal* and its content are encouraged and valued.

Sincerely,

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Editor

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