

Editorial

Name Change for ASC Journal

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Introduction

This is the first issue of the *International Journal of Construction Education and Research*, hosted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC). The ASC is an association currently comprised of more than 100 colleges and universities, each of which sponsors a construction education program. The *International Journal of Construction Education and Research* replaces the *Journal of Construction Education* which was founded in 1996 and was also hosted by the ASC's Board of Directors. It is appropriate to note once again that Dr. Ken Williamson of Texas A&M University was the driving force behind the *Journal of Construction Education* and served as both editor and publisher for all but the final two issues.

By replacing the *Journal of Construction Education* with the new *International Journal of Construction Education and Research*, it is the hosting organization's goal to attract not only manuscripts dealing with construction education and pedagogy, but also to publish high-quality research manuscripts addressing a wider range of topics related to the construction industry. The purpose of the *International Journal of Construction Education and Research (Journal)* is to recognize scholarly work by preserving and disseminating research manuscripts that contribute to the understanding of issues and topics associated with construction education and the construction industry. The divisions of the *Journal* will include abstracts of articles, an editorial section, blind peer-reviewed technical papers, and book reviews.

Submitting an article to the *Journal* implies the manuscript is original and is not being considered nor has been published in whole or in part within another journal. Papers that have been reviewed, presented or published within conference proceedings (such as ASC's annual International Conferences) may be considered works-in-progress and may be submitted to the *Journal* if significant changes have been made to the research. With the exception of selected award-winning articles published in the ASC's Annual Proceedings, manuscripts not modified by this process will not be considered for publication in the *Journal*. Guidelines for submitting manuscripts can be found on the ASC's Website at ascweb.org.

Editorial Board Guidelines

In the spring of 2004, the ASC's Board of Directors authorized an editorial board for the *Journal*, comprised of four members. Currently serving as editor is Mark Hutchings from

Brigham Young University. Thomas Mills, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, is serving as associate editor. John Schaufelberger, from the University of Washington, and Michael Nobe, from Colorado State University, are serving as assistant editors. Following the organization of the editorial board, all four members of the board, along with Jay Christofferson, the ASC's Publications Committee Chairman, met in June at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah to formulate future plans for the *Journal*. Following is a brief review of *Journal* policy arising out of that meeting.

- All manuscripts submitted to the *Journal* will first be reviewed by members of the editorial board for appropriate content, composition, etc.
- Manuscripts approved for peer review will then be submitted to three members of the *Journal's* Board of Reviewers who are qualified in the content area to determine whether or not the research will be accepted for publication in the *Journal*.
- Manuscripts submitted to the *Journal* should be finished products and will be accepted or rejected for publication in the *Journal* based on a majority decision of peer reviewers.
- Discussion between reviewers and authors may be appropriate at the ASC Proceedings level; however, comments to authors submitting to the *Journal* will be summarized only after a final decision is made by reviewers. Articles submitted to the *Journal* should not be considered *works-in-process*.
- For the time being, it is the intent of the Editorial Board to publish the *Journal* three times a year in electronic format.
- Beginning in 2005, the *Journal* will be indexed by Compendex, allowing for greater access and visibility.

Conclusion

As an editorial board, we realize that the policies described above may represent minor changes to some previously-held thoughts regarding *Journal* publications within the ASC. However, we are hopeful that by "raising the bar a little" these guidelines will help foster a new level of scholarship within our organization and within the industry. We also understand that there will be a transition period filled with new challenges for both authors and the editorial board. We are anxious to serve you and our industry and welcome any suggestions for improvement.