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## Thank You for Your Support!

The Journal of Dental Hygiene continues to grow and expand thanks to the many individuals who submit their work to our publication and the numerous volunteers who provide their expertise to review these submissions. In addition, we have many individuals who are not formally on our Editorial Review Board who contribute their time when needed. This editorial is devoted to all of who continue to support the Journal of Dental Hygiene.

Our editorial review board is made up of a group of ultimate professionals from dental hygiene, dentistry, nursing, basic science, pathology, radiology and physical therapy. As our profession continues to expand and collaborate with other health care professionals, having a wide variation in expertise will be important. Thank you to all of the members who have contributed their knowledge and time to improving the writing skills of others and enhancing the quality of our publication.

The past year has continued to see changes. As you recall, in 2014 we increased from 4 to 6 issues per year. In late 2014 we transitioned to BenchPress, a web-based manuscript tracking and management service developed by HighWire Press for publishers of scholarly content. Now, we can provide improved service to our members. In addition, our peer reviewers can provide timely evaluations of the manuscripts which will equate to quicker communication with authors. We applaud the ADHA staff and ADHA Board for their support of this system, to improve the service to our members.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the support and valuable contributions of the American Dental Hygienists' Association for their commitment to the Journal of Dental Hygiene and for recognizing the value of scholarship to the growth of the profession. Specifically, I wish to thank our Journal Staff Editor, Josh Snyder, for his attention to detail, professional manner, patience with authors, review board members and me! Also, a special thank you to Ann Battrell, Executive Director of the ADHA, for her support of the Communications Divisions and her leadership at the ADHA. And, since last summer, we have a new Director of Communications who oversees the division that houses the Journal of Dental Hygiene. John Iwanski has been very supportive of the Journal and he also brings much expertise from his previous positions at other associations who publish scientific publications.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the passing of one of our cherished editorial review board members, Professor Michele Darby. Michele served as editor of the Journal of Dental Hygiene many years ago and she was an active reviewer most of her career. I will personally miss Michele's enthusiasm for new research and scholarly ideas.

Thanks again and I look forward to working with each of you to continually improve our Journal!

Sincerely,

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