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I am extremely honored to serve in the role of Editor of the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*. The *Journal* is a source of pride for the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA). The editorial staff spend countless hours to bring the very best peer-reviewed research publication to our members and to the professional community at large. I would like to express my gratitude to the many authors who submit their research manuscripts to us and trust that we will provide a fair, evidence-based review of their work.

In order to provide authors with a fair and balanced review, our reviewers, who give of their time and expertise voluntarily, must not only read the manuscript, but also look at them with a critical eye. This is not meant in a negative sense, but they must use their professional judgment to evaluate the research methodology, the conclusions and their contribution to our scientific base. We rely on science to advance the dental hygiene profession and the *Journal* is one measure of our progressive movement. Our reviewers are the backbone of the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* and we should all applaud them for their service!

We also have reviewers who are not officially part of the editorial review board. Their time and commitment to the dental hygiene profession is to be commended. Most of these individuals are reviewers of other professional publications and some serve as editors of dental journals. We appreciate their time and expertise.

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Sincerely,

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