

## Farewell and Welcome!

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This editorial is entirely devoted to transitions on the Journal team. It is difficult to write. Since 2010 when I first took on the role of editor-in-chief I have worked closely with several individuals. I think our work has been worthwhile and effective—and the time certainly did go fast! The amount of work that goes into producing a high-quality monthly scientific journal is profound—but well worth it. Having a well-integrated and collaborative team is critical to success and I have been fortunate to work with a talented and dedicated group. As you read this issue, some transitions at the journal office have already taken place.

I'll start with Pam Day. Some of you may have heard of Pam? I am sure you are aware that Pam has been a mainstay at the Journal and AsMA since 1980. Pam has been a go-to person for many of us, but especially for me in her role as the Journal's Managing Editor. Her dedication to the Journal and the Association is unapparelled. Over the last 13 years I have come to rely on Pam as a trusted partner in maintaining the highest quality journal possible. On a personal note, Pam has become a dear and trusted friend. I expect we will still see Pam in the future—she is a permanent member of the AsMA family.

Fortunately for us, the new Managing Editor is no stranger to the Journal or Association. Rachel Trigg, Assistant Managing Editor, will take on the responsibility of the Managing Editor role. Rachel has been with the journal nearly 20 years and started as an editorial assistant in 2003. She has a wealth of experience that will serve her well in her new role as Managing Editor. I have always worked well with Rachel and know that will continue moving forward.

Early on in my tenure as editor-in-chief, Deb Sventek became the Assistant to the Editor. Deb has been my right hand in many ways and we have worked together on approximately 3000 journal submissions over the last 10 years. It has

been a pleasure to work with Deb over the years and I appreciate all that she has done. I am pleased that Sandy Kawano is coming on board as the new Assistant to the Editor. I had a chance to meet and speak with Sandy during the AsMA meeting in Reno and feel she is the right person for this important role. Deb will work with Sandy through the end of 2022 to provide her training for the position.

Finally, Dr. Michael Barratt has decided to step down as the Associate Editor for Space Medicine. Mike has been a go to person for me on many issues over the last 13 years. His knowledge, experience, and network have been important for our success in the area of space medicine. Despite his busy 'day job' as a NASA astronaut, Mike has always been available to help make the journal better. Currently, a new Associate Editor is being sought and we hope to have one in place very soon.

As I start my last year as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, I am grateful for all the contributions of Pam Day, Deb Sventek, and Mike Barratt. It will be different kind of year without them. That said, I am looking forward to working with Rachel Trigg and Sandy Kawano as they start their roles. I wish to also thank all our volunteer referees who contribute to the success of the Blue Journal throughout the year! The Journal would not be possible without your efforts. Thanks also to the Editorial Board who I rely on throughout the year. I encourage you to submit your work to AMHP or serving as a reviewer. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments you may have at: [AMHPjournal@asma.org](mailto:AMHPjournal@asma.org).

Wishing you a happy and productive 2023!

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