

**Editorial Report to the Board of the Financial Education Association
September 2019**

Since the 2018 FEA conference, we have received a total of 128 manuscript submissions. Of those 128 manuscripts:

- 31 have been accepted for publication
 - 11 are accepted for the Journal of Financial Education
 - 20 are accepted for Advances in Financial Education
- 18 submissions were desk rejected (these are not included in the 128 submissions)
- We also had 3 cases accepted (case submissions and acceptances are not included in the 128 submission number)

The following table provides a comparison summary of the editing process for 2017, 2018 and 2019:

	Number of Papers		
	2017 Report	2018 Report	2019 Report
Total Submitted	108	167	128
Accepted for Journal of Financial Education publication	8	18	11
Accepted for Advances in Financial Education publication	13	16	20
Overall acceptance rate	19.4%	20.4%	24.2%

Submissions in 2019 were down from 2018 by about 23 percent, but better than 2017 by 18.5 percent. We believe that some of the 2018 to 2019 decrease is due to continued concerns about our Cabell listing issue. Hopefully, that will be corrected soon. We have also had some problems with Scholastica, referee/reviewer problems, and some editor health issues that delayed our ability to process submissions quickly. We have worked with Scholastica to correct the non-notification of submission problem, we have a plan to increase the number of referees/reviewers (see below), and both editors are now healthy and plan to have the current backlog of submissions completed by mid-October.

On the positive side, the quality of submissions has increased significantly. We are getting many excellent SoTL papers and our standards for acceptance are much higher now than in 2017. Nearly all manuscripts that we now receive emphasize and/or empirically measure assurance of learning, which aligns well with AACSB standards.

Moving forward, we are working to decrease the manuscript decision turnaround to 45 days. To achieve this goal, we need to significantly increase the number of high-quality referees/reviewers. After the conference, we are going to send an email to all FEA members

with a call for volunteers and specific instructions on how to register as a reviewer on Scholastica. We hope this will give us a large enough list of reviewers that most will be asked to review one or maybe two manuscripts per year.

We have chosen a list of articles to appear in a “special edition” JFEd issue that will soon be published (we have been asked to hold publication of this issue until after the conference so that addresses can be updated). That issue will include a “History of the Journal of Financial Education” written by the editors. We believe that all readers will find this review of the journal’s development and timeline to be illuminating. We will also publish an AFEd issue soon after the “special edition” JFEd issue.

We would like to ask all members of FEA to check with their libraries to make sure that they subscribe to the journal. If your library does not currently subscribe, have them contact us at jfed@gsu.edu. Our journal library subscription fees are much lower than the fees of most business SoTL academic journals.

We would also like to ask all members to encourage their colleagues (both research and teaching faculty) to subscribe to our journals. Our subscriber fees are well below the fees charged by other academic journals in business, and the articles in our journals will help all of us achieve a higher level of academic excellence.