

Editorial

FRANK NUESSEL

The Council of Editors of Learned Journals is an important organization for those involved in the editing of scholarly and academic journals. That association has produced a document dated October 2004 (<http://www.celj.org/downloads/Letter%20of%20Support%20for%20Editors.pdf>) entitled “The Contributions of Journal Editors to the Scholarly Community.”

That group’s statement includes the following recommendations reproduced here:

Support:

- For editors who are full-time faculty members, grant release time in proportion to the hours and energy required to keep a journal vital and timely.
- Hire professional staff conversant with the journal’s subject matter and trained in the full range of specialized skills needed for the intellectual and technical business of scholarly publishing.
- Employ undergraduate and/or graduate students as editorial assistants, thereby providing indispensable help with the journal’s operations, while also enhancing students’ degree work and teacher training with valuable and marketable experience.
- Provide space, equipment, and an operating budget, and, when possible, subvention funding to supplement the modest subscription revenue that humanities journals collect.
- Assist faculty interested in inaugurating new journals by helping to evaluate need and feasibility, create a business plan, and seek support.

Recognition:

- Provide editors and professional staff with clear, written job descriptions, and base performance evaluations on those criteria.
- In hiring, tenure, and promotion deliberations, value editorial experience and initiative in equal measure with other evidence of scholarly engagement, and define in advance how editing will be weighed *vis-à-vis* other kinds of professional activity.
- Specifically, for example, count special issues equally with book-length collections of essays, and editorials equally with articles — weighing considerations of length and substance by the same guidelines applied to any other publication.
- Grant credit for creative endeavors such as designing layout and covers.

Submissions to *Names*

Names, A Journal of Onomastics, publishes articles of general, theoretical, and topical interest, reviews of recent books and other significant resources, queries, notes, and comments of concern to onomastics. Reports of original research in onomastics as well as redactions and summaries of existing research are welcome. *Names* is a fully-refereed journal; manuscripts of articles are read and evaluated anonymously by at least two qualified scholars. Membership in the American Name Society is not required for initial submission to *Names*; manuscripts from non-members and from scholars in related disciplines are encouraged. Once an article is accepted for publication in *Names*, the author must join the American Name Society.

Book Reviews

Books for review should be sent to:
Christine De Vinne, *Names* Book Review Editor
College of Notre Dame of Maryland
4701 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210
cdevinne@ndm.edu

Please note: Dr De Vinne's mailing address and email address are new.