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***The American Archivist* Editorial Board
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Allen Press

I am pleased to report that *The American Archivist* has moved to a new online platform hosted by Allen Press. Since February SAA staff has spent many hours working with Allen Press to migrate the existing content from MetaPress to a new website, AmericanArchivist.org. They deserve the thanks of all SAA members.

The next phase will involve implementing manuscript tracking and review through the Allen Press platform. Finally, with the Fall/Winter 2015 issue we will shift journal production to an XML-based solution offered by Allen Press.

This is an exciting time for all of us involved with the journal. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I wish to thank the Council for its continuing support of our efforts to enhance publication technology.

Upcoming Issue

Volume 78, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2015), is in production. It contains the Presidential Address, Pease Award, nine other articles and six book reviews. Three of the articles comprise a special section on “Archives and Community Engagement.”

Subsequent Issue

Volume 78, No. 2 (Fall/Winter 2015), is taking shape. To date I have accepted eight articles for the issue.

Article Statistics 2014

When I became editor of *The American Archivist*, I changed the categories of publication decisions to provide clearer guidance to authors. The new categories are: accept, revise and resubmit, and reject.

Because of the changed categories, it is difficult to make comparisons with earlier years. However, I now have two years of statistics for the new categories.

I received a total of 27 new articles in 2014, not counting the articles with guaranteed publication (Presidential Address and Pease Award). Listed below is the disposition of the new 2014 articles and a comparison to the previous year:

Response	2013 Number	2013 Percent	2014 Number	2014 Percent
Accept	5	14%	5	19%
Revise and Resubmit	31	86%	17	62%
Reject	0	0%	5	19%
Total	36	100%	27	100%

Since the “revise and resubmit” category is the largest, I am providing additional analysis. The disposition of these articles was as follows:

Category	2013 Number	2013 Percent	2014 Number	2014 Percent
Withdrawn/Rejected	1	3%	0	0%
Resubmitted and Accepted	19	61%	4	24%
Not Yet Resubmitted	11	36%	13	76%
Total	31	100%	17	100%

The “revise and resubmit” process is a rigorous one. The author receives anonymized versions of all three peer reviews. The author then develops a revision plan for addressing concerns raised during the peer review process. If an article is resubmitted, I compare it to the original peer reviews and the revision plan in reaching a final decision about publication. Some articles are resubmitted more than once.

In the table below, I summarize the final decisions on all articles.

Category	2013 Number	2013 Percent	2014 Number	2014 Percent
Accepted Initially	5	14%	5	19%
Accepted Upon Resubmission	19	52%	4	14%
Rejected/Withdrawn	1	3%	5	19%
Not Yet Resubmitted	11	31%	13	48%
Total	36	100%	27	100%

It is important to note that some articles are not resubmitted until the following year. In this report, I adjusted the 2013 statistics reported to the Council last year. The same will happen next year with the 2014 statistics.

Conclusion

I would be happy to answer any questions that Council members may have about the Editorial Board or *The American Archivist*. Thank you again for your support of the journal.