Editor's Message

I want to thank Professor David Delene, the outgoing JWM Editor, for keeping the WMA's journal alive during extremely challenging times. As we pass the heart of a pandemic, the JWM Volume 53, acting as the bridge between Editors, still faces the challenges recently mentioned by the outgoing editor, particularly low submissions. Volume 53 had 4 submissions. The low paper submission numbers are partially due to limited research funding and to complications from covid, but operations are still ongoing. There is plenty of sharable operational and community-wide information that with minimal effort could be transformed into short technical notes. We are beginning to introduce new technologies into the standard practice which should reinvigorate tabled topics that could also be submitted. Like my predecessors have mentioned, documenting such information would benefit all, especially the newest members. After being notified that I somehow became the JWM editor, we worked to acquire DOI links for our journal papers. I am happy to inform that starting with volume 53 all papers have a DOI link. The DOI link should help increase access to your publication. If more papers are submitted each year, we might also be able to lower the page charges. Please consider submitting a paper in 2022.

We will continue to use the Open Journal System software, despite my difficulties with this software compared to other like packages. All scientific articles, technical notes/short contributions and articles for the message section (i.e., President's Message, In Memoriam) should be submitted using the online system.

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