

EDITORIAL

## Altering the *CJNR* Publishing Schedule

In this mailing you will have received two issues of *CJNR*. You might be wondering why this is so. There are three possibilities from which to choose: (a) Christmas has come early. (b) We have lost our mind — or lost track of time and didn't know which issue we were publishing. (c) We are altering our publishing schedule. If you chose (a), you are an optimist and love to get gifts. If you chose (b), I can assure you that this is not the case. Thus, we are left with (c), the correct answer.

Since assuming the editorship of *CJNR* 10 years ago, I have always been confused by our publishing schedule, with each new volume of the Journal beginning in June. To add to the confusion, we used to call this our Winter issue — while basking in 80-degree temperatures. Talk about a disconnect! We then stopped referring to issues by season and began to label them by month instead. However, we have continued to bring out the first issue of each volume in June. This has been our practice for 33 years.

During the past year we have been preparing to launch an electronic version of *CJNR* (we will continue to publish a print version). In planning for this milestone we have been looking at all aspects of the Journal. The editorial board has been committed to following the standard practice among quarterly journals of publishing an entire volume, numbers 1–4, within the same calendar year. However, the execution of this change in schedule presented some real challenges.

We had two choices: to reduce the number of issues (four) per volume, or to publish four issues within a relatively short period of time. The former could not be entertained as a serious option because it would send librarians and loyal subscribers off on a frenzied search for the missing issue. Our only option was to publish four issues within a space of 6 months rather than over 12 months. As we were considering how best to implement this decision, I was reviewing with Dr. Carnevale, the guest editor for Ethics, Values, and Decision-Making, the many excellent submissions we had received. Eureka! The answer became apparent: we would divide the focus issue into two — Ethics and Values *and* Decision-Making. (In December we will publish a special issue, number 4, featuring completed student research projects.)

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So, in fact, those of you who chose (a) are also correct. Christmas has indeed come early. And those who chose (b) are correct as well. Bringing out two issues simultaneously could cause an editor to lose her mind. But thanks to the incredible stewardship of Joanna Toti, our managing editor, the staff have pulled it off with their usual professional aplomb.

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