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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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In this issue of the *Administrative Issues Journal*, there are 84,969 words and 488,672 characters in the manuscripts alone. I have read every word, every character at least four times in the process of reviewing, editing, and formatting the manuscripts for publication. Despite the repetition, despite all my careful scrutiny, I know that some errors will have escaped my attention. A few days from now, I will click on the issue link, and with the perfect clarity of hindsight, I will notice some glaring typo or inconsistency.

The *AIJ* is published in a digital medium. Mistakes could be repaired with a simple keystroke, but integrity demands that the content presented to readers in each issue remain the same, whether that content is accessed today or two years from today. As an editorial board, we take this commitment seriously because, ultimately, what is at stake is the honest representation of knowledge.

Those who contribute to this journal and those who read it belong to a community of scholars. We know that knowledge is in flux, and a digital medium only escalates that mutability. As scholars, we report, today, the facts as we understand them today, and we report those facts accurately, to the best of our ability. Going back and “fixing” what was conveyed in a constantly adaptable medium could be tempting, but there is much to be learned from error, not the least of which is humility and integrity. Moreover, the printed word, for all its illusion of constancy, can be frustratingly slippery, sometimes betraying us by communicating something we did not intend to say. But such missteps are part of learning, and awareness of them can prod, irritate, and compel us to strive for ever greater accuracy and quality.

The *AIJ* board is also in pursuit of such enhancement. We have learned a great deal this year, and we have used those learning moments to steadily improve the caliber of this journal. In our first year of publication, we have sought out and attained listing in Cabell’s Directory of Publications, Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory, and Google Scholar in order to increase the journal’s accessibility. We have added a blind editorial review to improve the selection process of manuscripts, and we have increased the editorial board membership to better reflect the cross-disciplinary nature of the journal. Finally, we are in the process of moving to a journal management system that will allow authors to track the progress of their manuscripts through the submission, review, and editing process.

The editorial board hopes that you will enjoy reading the newest issue of the *AIJ*. As always, we invite any comments that will help enhance the journal, and we invite you to consider making a submission for an upcoming issue. We also invite you to visit our website and look at the exciting plans for our October 2012 conference: “Seizing Opportunities.”

Sincerely,

Kelly S. Moor
Copy & Production Editor