



<b>AUA Staff Liaison</b>	Jennifer Regala
<b>Editor</b>	D. Robert Siemens, MD
<b>Terms of Office</b>	Operates on calendar year (January – December) Editor: 3 years (renewable once) Section Representatives: 3 years (renewable once)

### **Committee Makeup**

*The JU Editorial Board shall consist of the Editor and Associate Editors of the Journal, and at least one Active or Senior Member from each Section\*. The Editor shall request the Section to submit the names of three candidates based on a needed area of expertise to be defined by the Editor. The Editor shall then select the representative for a three-year term (renewable once). AUAER Bylaws 2022*

Additional members of the Editorial Board include Assistant Editors and Section Editors.

The at-large editorial board members (non-voting) include Early Career Editors, Online Content Editors, Chief Statisticians and statistical board.

\*800 Rule applies

### **Mission Statement**

To provide the urological community and the medical profession at large with timely peer-reviewed clinical and scientific contributions in urology that stimulate and expand practice and research activities, ultimately impacting on excellence in patient care.

### **Reporting**

*The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup> Editor reports to the AUA Board of Directors, who set the overarching strategic goals for the editor. However, the Editorial Board retains oversight of the peer review process and the editorial selection of submissions to be published in the Journal, with no input from the Board of Directors.

### **Editorial Board Meetings**

The Board meets four times per year, once per quarter. The Board will meet in person at the Annual Meeting and by videoconference for the other three meetings.

### **Time Commitment**

Editor:	15 hours per week
Associate Editors:	12 hours per week
Assistant Editors:	5 hours per week
Section Representatives:	3 hours per week



## Qualifications/ Responsibilities

The JU Editorial Board is responsible for publication content oversight. The Editorial Board assists the Editor in establishing editorial policies and strategies and in managing the peer review process.

**Editor** The Editor directs the publication of JU and is responsible for its general management. The Editor makes recommendations pertaining to improved dissemination of this high-impact journal focused on the advances of urology research. The overarching objective of this position is to maintain the highly regarded editorial integrity of the journal while implementing publishing innovations that keep *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup> relevant and best in class. The Editor oversees an editorial board, including Associate, Section, Assistant and Feature Editors, and Editorial Board members, on matters of editorial policy and recommends nominees for all editorial appointments to the journal. The Editor also partners with the AUA Publications Department staff to coordinate editorial and operational activities of the journal.

The Senior Associate Editor, in respect to date of appointment, shall serve as Acting Editor in the absence or incapacity of the Editor.

**Section Reps** Assist the Editor in the selection of papers for publication, oversight of the peer review process, and general management of *The Journal of Urology*.

Section Representatives will meet the following criteria:

- Prior scholarly publishing editorial experience required.
- Must have an extensive publication record in high-impact, peer-reviewed scholarly journals.
- Must have thorough knowledge of the peer review process, from submission to publication, including all decision types.
- Will have an understanding of scholarly publishing threats and opportunities (Open Access, preprint policies, authorship/contributorship, and more).

## Recent Accomplishments (2021)

- At the end of 2021, Dr. Joseph A. Smith, Jr. completed his tenure as Editor of *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup>. As the leader of The Journal, he innovated in countless important ways, including the introduction of open peer review, an Open Access publication option, and publishing content that earned *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup> its highest Journal Impact Factor to date: 7.45, a 26% increase from 2020.
- Our dedicated volunteer peer reviewers for *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup> completed 3,328 total reviews in 2021.
- *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup> is the most cited journal in urology.
- *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup> has the largest number of social media followers in all of urological scholarly publishing.
- In September 2021, the Board of Directors approved the launch of *JU Open Plus*, a peer-reviewed Gold Open Access journal that will launch in January 2023. Submissions to this new OA journal are largely expected to be cascaded rejections from *The Journal of Urology*<sup>®</sup>.