

# The Journal of Urology® Editorial Board

**Terms of Office** Operates on calendar year (January – December)

Editor: 3 years (renewable once)

Section Representatives: 3 years (renewable once) Early Career Editors: 2 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® 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 Online Content Editor: 1 hour per week Associate Editors: 12 hours per week Editorial Board (Section Reps): 3 hours per week Section Editors: 3 hours per week Early Career Editors: 3 hours per week Assistant Editors: 5 hours per week

# 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

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maintain the highly regarded editorial integrity of the journal while implementing publishing innovations that keep *The Journal of Urology®* 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*.

## Compliance

Positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by <u>AUA's Civility Policy</u> when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with <u>AUA's COI Disclosure Policy</u>. The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.

### **Criteria for Selecting Members**

- Scholarly publishing editorial experience (must have extensive publication record in high-impact, peerreviewed scholarly journals)
- Knowledge of the peer review process, from submission to publication, including all decision types.

### **Criteria for Selecting Next Editor**

Openings for the JU Editor are announced every six years at the webpage AUAnet.org/JUEditor. A job description highligting the qualifications is posted on that site. The next search will begin fall of 2026. The JU Editor is selected by a Board Search Commmittee.

## **Recent Accomplishments (2024)**

In 2024, The Journal of Urology® continued to lead urology in overall citations and social media followers, and the publication's Journal Impact Factor remained strong. JU carried forward in its recently launched Pathway to Publication program, which identified top-rated AUA2024 abstracts and invited authors to submit full-length research articles on those topics for rapid review consideration. In efforts to improve the AUA "Voice of Urology" cascade transfer process across the family of publications, JU also continued to foster its partnership with Urology Practice® and JU Open Plus.

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