**Report from the 2019 Editor of the**

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**Statistics Since the Inception of Fasttrack**

* 1545 total submissions in 10 years and 9 months: 11.8 submissions/month (equal to 2018), 143.8 submissions/year (up 0.8 from 2018)
* 607 accepted submissions (39% acceptance rate, equal to 2018)
* 4287 reviews: 50 (1%) pending, 3385 (79%) completed, 253 (6%) expired, 599 (14%) declined
* 27.2 average days to review (down 0.6 from 2018)

**Other Items of Interest**

* 2019 Issue 1 – 20 slated, 17 published
* 2019 Issue 2 – 20 slated
* 64 submissions
* 36 declined reviews; 8 (22.2%) Editorial Review Board members

**Thoughts for Consideration**

* Recognition of Outstanding Reviewers at national conference
  + Suggested Criteria:
    - Complete all reviews sent, within 1 month
* Reduce review board member declines
  + Remove review board member reviewing requirement
  + Require reviewer training (online) for all manuscript submitters
* Promote data sharing and collaboration
  + OSF project management: <https://cos.io/our-products/osf/>
    - Manage files, data, code, and protocols in one location
    - Control access for each project part– private, limited or public
    - Preregister research to enhance collaboration
    - Connect to third party services (box, dropbox, google)
    - Free
  + Open Science Badges for manuscripts in JAE: <https://cos.io/our-services/open-science-badges/>
    - Acknowledge open science practices (managed through OSF)
    - Signal to the reader content has been made available
    - Research shows badges increase data sharing
    - 53 journals currently offer badges
    - Badges: preregistered, open data, open materials