

Report of the MSS Publications Committee, 2016

Marybeth C. Stalp, Chair

Committee Members

Marybeth C. Stalp (Chair) 2017
Joyce Bell 2019*
Brian Donovan 2019
Elizabeth Hoffman 2016*
Krista Minnotte 2016
Gina Petonito 2017
Pamela Quiroz 2017*
Carrie Coward Bucher 2018
Michael J. Lorr 2018

Ex-Officio Members

Betty Dobratz, *TSQ* Co-Editor
Lisa K. Wadner *TSQ* Co-Editor
Michael Haedicke, *TMS* Editor
Lauren Tiffany, Outgoing Executive Officer
Jennifer Talarico, Incoming Executive Officer
Peter Hall, incoming *TSQ* Co-Editor
Michael Lacy, incoming *TSQ* Co-Editor*
Prabha Unnithan, incoming *TSQ* Co-Editor*
* not in attendance

Our Committee met during the annual meeting on Friday, March 25, 2016.

TSQ co-editors reported a successful year, and have both high submission rates combined with short decision times. This indicates that we are in line with the Strategic Plan, Priority D, Status of Publications. More specifically, we are ensuring that our two objectives are met: *TSQ remains a top regional peer review journal* and *Keeping a clean publishing house* by maintaining good relations with authors and reviewers.

There are new editors in place for *TSQ*: Peter Hall, Michael Lacy, and N. Prabha Unnithan, from Colorado State University: <http://www.themss.org/MSSpeople.html>

Committee members Carrie Coward Bucher and Michael Lorr administered, respectively, the undergraduate & graduate student paper competitions, in honor of Barbara Johnston—both enjoyed robust submissions. The graduate competition received 18 submissions, and was judged by Todd Fuist (Arkansas State), Susan Haworth-Hoepfner (Aquinas College) and Mike Lorr (Aquinas College). The undergraduate competition received 24 submissions, and was judged by Michael Burtis, Andrea Tilstra, Daniel Simon, and Kendra Clark (University of Colorado). The 2017 awards will continue to be in honor of Barbara Johnston, Jim McCartney for 2018 & 2019, and Hal Orbach for 2020 & 2021.

Committee members also organized or co-sponsored sessions for the annual meeting:

- How to Get Published by *TSQ* and Other Refereed Journals (Lisa Waldner)
- How to Review for Journals (Lisa Waldner)
- Strategies for Successfully Engaging Students in Research Panel (Krista Lynn Minnotte)
- It's Only Two Pages, How Hard Could It Be: Writing a Scholarly Book Review Panel (Co-Sponsored by MSS Minority Scholars Committee and Publications Committee)

For the 2017 meeting, Joyce Bell and Brian Donovan will manage the graduate and undergraduate student paper competitions respectively, and committee members will submit relevant sessions for the Milwaukee meeting. We hope to continue co-sponsoring sessions as such opportunities arise.