

## Editorial Report to the Board of the Financial Education Association

(For the Period October 1, 2022 to September 26, 2023)

### Update and Accomplishments

COVID severely impacted the journals (the *Journal of Financial Education* and *Advances in Financial Education*). Over the past 2 ½ years, we have experienced numerous administrative, operational, and financial challenges, as well as health issues for both journal editors and their family members. Thankfully, these problems are now behind us.

We have worked diligently over the past 6 months to bring outstanding reviews up to date (the longest outstanding review is now less than 5 months since submission; we plan to have this period reduced to 3 months in 2024). More importantly, we assumed copyediting responsibilities (to save money) and the journals are now being published online. Over the past 6 months, we copyedited and published the following skipped journal issues:

- Spring 2021 issue of the *Journal of Financial Education*
- Summer 2021 issue of *Advances in Financial Education*
- Winter 2021 issue of the *Journal of Financial Education*
- Spring 2022 issue of the *Journal of Financial Education*
- Summer 2022 issue of *Advances in Financial Education*

Additionally, copyediting of the Winter 2022 issue of the *Journal of Financial Education* is complete; final publication is awaiting final author page proof approval. We expect to publish this issue during the first week of November.

Finally, we plan to publish the Spring 2023 issue of the *Journal of Financial Education*, the Summer 2023 issue of *Advances in Financial Education* and the Winter 2023 issue of the *Journal of Financial Education* before the end of the year.

### New Submissions, Processed Submissions, Accepted and Rejected Submissions

Since October 1, 2022, we have received a total of 152 new manuscript submissions. Over the past year we have processed 139 manuscripts (plus an additional 13 manuscripts that were desk rejected). Currently, we have 46 manuscripts that have been submitted but not yet processed. On October 1, 2022, we had 53 manuscripts that had been submitted but not yet processed.

Of the 139 manuscripts that we processed between October 1, 2022 and September 26, 2023:

- 30 have been accepted for publication:
  - 19 were accepted for the *Journal of Financial Education*
  - 11 were accepted for *Advances in Financial Education*
  - The authors for 14 manuscripts that were issued a Revise & Resubmit decision have indicated they plan to resubmit, but have not yet done so.

The following table provides a summary of the editing process as reported last year (last year's report was a 3-year report due to COVID-cancelled FEA meetings) compared to 2023.

	Number of Processed Manuscripts	
	2019 to 2022	2023
Total Submitted	226	139
Desk Rejected	17	13
Accepted for JFED publication	18	19
Accepted for AFED publication	24	11
Overall acceptance rate	18.6%	21.6%
Case Studies Submitted	6	9
Case Studies Accepted	3	4

Submissions to the journals have more than doubled since the average yearly submission during the 2019 to 2022 period (from an average of about 75 per year to 152 in 2023). However, in the view of the editors, the quality of submissions has increased significantly (a major reason for the higher acceptance rate).

Even more encouraging is the large increase in submissions since we resumed publishing back issues. We have received 19 new submissions to *Scholastica* over the past 30 days.