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I am writing this letter from our 2nd annual conference, “Seizing Opportunities.” As I listen to the presentations and meet the people who are participating in this year’s conference, I am once again inspired by what this journal represents and in what direction it is evolving.

This journal welcomes papers on administrative issues from all disciplines. We have submissions from business, of course, but we also have authors who write about challenges and strategies for facing those challenges in fields ranging from health care and psychology to technology, from public policy to education (including K-12, undergraduate, and graduate levels). This multi-disciplinary approach enriches all of us, and I would like to thank all of you for making my job of reviewing an interesting one!

In our second year of publication, the AIJ board is taking steps to become more transparent and streamlined in our submission process. Recently, we made the decision to employ Allen Press, Inc., for our submission and review process. Submitting authors and reviewers will be able to do everything in one place: submit, track papers through the review process, go online to review papers, and communicate with us. This vehicle will also enable us to communicate with our authors and reviewers in a more timely and effective manner.

The AIJ board is also enhancing its multidisciplinary approach by welcoming Frederic Murray to the Editorial Board as Editor-at-Large. Frederic is an Assistant Professor and Instructional Services Librarian at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is extremely well-read in a variety of disciplines, so he brings a valuable perspective to the board on the timeliness and appropriateness of resources and topics. Readers will get to know Frederic better in the next issue, when he will be presenting the letter from the editor.

I have been very pleased with the direction in which this journal is evolving. We are constantly evaluating our processes, taking into consideration readers’ valuable input as we strive to optimize the potential of this journal. In turn, we challenge our readers and writers to seize opportunities—in classrooms, in research, and in the scholarship all of you contribute to the AIJ.

Sincerely,

Lisa Appeddu
Research Editor