

Editorial

A New Look to an Old Favorite, Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care

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I am happy to report that the change from the old to new manuscript management software for the *Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care* [OJRNHC] is complete! Though not without challenges, the process was completed with superb technical assistance from Jesse Russell, Library Systems Specialist and Erin Rushton, Associate Librarian of Binghamton University.

Mr. Jesse Russell undertook the system upgrade and transfer to a larger more secure server as one of his first projects with Binghamton Libraries. Since the software had not been updated from the version we inherited in 2011, he had to move from a version that was so old he had to complete not one but two conversions to bring us to the current system. I am sure he did not realize exactly how many questions I could have as we worked through the new system. He continues to be a great support as questions arise. Thank you Jesse.

As many of you know, Ms. Erin Rushton continues to serve as the managing editor of OJRNHC and is a driving force in bringing the journal to fruition every six months. She has spearheaded the move to getting a journal digital object indicator (doi), meeting the new standards for open source publishing, and moving the journal to a more secure server within the library system. Erin, publication of this journal would not be possible without your efforts.

Ann Graves, PhD is the journal associate editor and she has been a big part of the success as we cleared the path for the change, moving manuscripts already in the system through and beyond the upgrades. Thank you Ann for helping me find some of the right buttons, seeing where the processes were similar and where they differed, and working so diligently to move the backlog of manuscripts through the system.

I also want to thank the reviewers who continue to do a wonderful job evaluating and providing feedback to those submitting manuscripts. They devote countless hours in support of nursing science and rural nursing with their manuscript reviews. Many of our most faithful reviewers and a few new reviewers agreed to quick turn-around times to minimize the down time for accepting new manuscripts. The contributions of the reviewers to the quality of work we publish cannot be under estimated.

The *Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care* is the official organ for the Rural Nurse Organization (RNO). What many do not realize is that all the “staff” for the journal volunteer their time and energy. This continues to allow the RNO to keep the contents of the journal free for all who wish to access the publication, without charging authors for submission.

Waiting for reviews and editorial decisions is challenging in the best of times. Therefore, I particularly want to thank all those whose manuscripts were *caught* within the upgrade timeframe for their patience with this process!

Please note that if you bookmark the *Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care*, you will need to change the url for your bookmark. You can access the journal at <https://rnojournal.binghamton.edu/index.php/RNO> . I hope you will find the new journal look pleasing as you continue to enjoy an *old favorite* professional journal.