

## The Review Process for the IPDA Journal

Volume five of the *Journal of the International Public Debate Association* continues the tradition within our debate community to explore, research, and communicate concepts germane to our field of study and practice. We are pleased that this refereed process brought submissions through to publication. A thank you goes out to the professionals who reviewed the submissions: Adam Key, Jorji Jarzabek, Camille Williams, and especially Web Drake for his detailed and extensive reviews of the submissions that commented on form and substance.

We wish to encourage a rolling submission process that encourages submission as soon as possible in an on-going process. We will accept submissions when you are ready and have the peer review process begin. We would hope to have feedback to the authors and revisions made by March 1, 2012. So please begin thinking and planning for next volume. We could encourage collaboration of IPDA scholars with other scholars. Perhaps a political science, communication, media, psychology, sociology or other faculty as well as members outside of the academic community would be interested in exploring issues along with IPDA scholars. We all will benefit from research and thoughtful exploration into what makes IPDA unique and what drives it.

The *Journal of the International Debate Association* Manuscript Review Form asks reviewers to provide constructive and descriptive comments that serve as a basis for consideration, revision, and/or future submission. They are asked to explain all comments clearly and ratings should be supported with specific reasons that will assist the editor in making final determination. The areas to critique are as follows: The target audience for this manuscript is clearly persons interested in International Public Debate concepts and practices. Content represents important and timely topics or issues in International Public Debate. The manuscript represents a significant contribution to the professional debate literature. The manuscript has practical applications. The manuscript uses correct terminology, the content is well organized, and the thesis is logically developed. Any table and figures are self-explanatory and readily understood. Review comments might address rationale/significance, program or practice, and appropriateness of discussion and interpretation.

Recommendations then identify that the submission is to be accepted without further revisions, accept with minor revisions as indicated, resubmit for consideration with major revisions as indicated, do not publish due to significant limitations, and submit to other journal for review.

With all of this said, I am pleased to work with the IPDA community and serve as editor of the *Journal of the International Debate Association*.

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