

C312 JOURNAL OF PLANT REGISTRATIONS (JPR) EDITORIAL BOARD

- A. Status: Special committee.
- B. Composition: The committee shall be composed of the Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations*, the managing editor for the journal, and one CSSA Associate Editor for each of the plant registration categories: Alfalfa; Barley; Cotton; Grasses, Other; Maize; Oat; Legumes, Other; Peanut; Rice; Rye and Triticale; Sunflower, Castor, Rapeseed, Safflower, Other; Sorghum; Soybean; Sugarbeet; Sugarcane; Wheat-Domestic Varieties; and Wheat-Nondomestic Varieties (17 CSSA Associate Editors in all). The C312 Editor appoints the Associate Editors, after consultation with the CSSA President.
- C. Tenure: The term of service will be three years for the Editor and Associate Editors. A staggered rotation schedule of committee members should be maintained to cycle approximately one-third of the positions each year. All committee members are eligible for reappointment to a second three-year term.

The Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations* is to be appointed by the CSSA Editor-in-Chief. The appointment for CSSA Editor may be terminated at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the CSSA Board of Directors. All CSSA journals will use an open-call process for Editor-in-Chief and Editors.

Before an Editor is reappointed to a second three-year term, he/she is asked by the appropriate society Editor-in-Chief if he/she agrees to serve another term. Technical Editors and others will be contacted to determine whether the current Editor has support to continue in the position and whether there are any concerns. The Editor-in-Chief then makes a recommendation to the society Board of Directors, who make the final approval. If the Editor has completed two terms of service (six continuous years), does not desire to serve a second term, is terminated or non-renewed based upon action by the Board of Directors, or is unable to continue to serve for any reason, then an open call article will be published in *CSA News*. In some cases, an Interim Editor may be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief after approval of the Board of Directors. After the closing date published in the open call article, the Editor-in-Chief and the Executive Committee will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval.

- D. Functions: The JPR Editor serves as Chair of the JPR editorial board and serves on other appropriate editorial committees. JPR Associate Editors receive registration manuscripts from the JPR Editor and distribute them to volunteer reviewers.
 1. Determines the eligibility of cultivars, parental lines, elite germplasm, and genetic stocks submitted for registration. Registration serves as a permanent documentation and description, enhances the use of these materials, and provides appropriate recognition for plant breeders and their institutions or organizations.
 2. Receives descriptive articles for publication. Provisions of Public Law 91-577, Sec. 42 (a) (1) gives registration in *Journal of Plant Registrations* a legal status under the Plant Variety Protection Act. The committee should not publish a registration article written by anyone other than the originator without the originator's written permission. See *Crop Science* 11:936-938, 1971, for additional information.
 3. In cooperation with the USDA-ARS's National Germplasm Resources Laboratory of the National Plant Germplasm System and the National Seed Storage Laboratory, assures assignment of registration number to registered material, issues certificates of registration, confirms a permanent record file in

the Germplasm Resources Information Network database, and assures that the list of all registered materials is available to users worldwide as hardcopy or on electronic medium.

4. Submits an annual summary report of committee activities to the CSSA Board of Directors and to the CSSA Executive Committee, via the Headquarters Office. The reporting year is January 1 to December 31.

E. President's Responsibilities to the Committee:

Shall transmit to the *Journal of Plant Registrations* Editor the specific tasks or duties that should be referred to the committee for its consideration, and designate the nature of reports desired and approximate dates for completion.

F. Outstanding Paper Award Guidelines

Outstanding Paper Award Selection

Committee: The Editor of *Journal of Plant Registrations* and up to 6 Associate Editors will select the paper to be awarded. The Editor will select the committee members and will serve as the chair of this committee.

Initial Selection: The Editor will work with headquarters staff to identify the papers for the competition. To obtain a pool of papers, 2 years of data will be pulled for “most cited” and “most read” (ex: 2023 paper = data for 2020–2021). The top 10 most cited/most read papers will be considered.

The 2-year time frame is used as it matches the time period used in the calculation of the impact factor.

Because of potential overlap between these two categories and exclusion of previous winners, it is expected that about 10 papers will be in consideration. The Editor will winnow the papers down to the top 5 for final selection.

Selection Criteria: Selection is generally based on evaluation of how the manuscript has advanced knowledge in the profession, the effectiveness of communication, methodology, originality, and impact. The decision will be made by July 15 of each year. A paper can only be recognized one time with this award. The Outstanding Paper Score Sheet will be used to rate each paper.

All committee members will score each paper in each of the following categories:

- Advancement of Knowledge, Literature and Profession (40 pts. possible)
- Methodology and Approach (25 pts. possible)
- Communication (25 pts. possible)
- Originality (10 pts. possible)

Committee members will forward their scores to the Editor, who will compile and summarize the results. A spreadsheet having each committee member’s scores and the final ranking by total score will be returned to the committee for validation. Selection shall be based on the sum of scores provided by the committee members with highest total score being the winner. In the case of a tie, final decision will be made by the Editor.

Award: Each author of the outstanding paper will receive a certificate. There will also be a poster at the Annual Meeting announcing the award.