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People and concepts behind the *Journal of Gambling Issues*

Readers go to journals for their contents, but in this editorial we invite you to see what lies behind those contents. We ask our readers—if they have not done so—to read the important information that we publish in each issue of the *Journal of Gambling Issues (JGI)* on our statement of purpose, the ethical and accountability code that we seek to follow, along with the names of the members of our international Advisory board, Editorial board, and the valuable reviewers who help us to publish this journal. You'll find these by scrolling down through either this editorial or the first editorial in any issue.

Statement of purpose. We conclude by saying that “...our aim is to help make sense of how gambling affects us all” and we strive to do that by providing original papers on gambling research, treatment, policy, and opinion essays. Reviews of books, videos, DVDs, educational materials, and movies can inform us of the state of knowledge and of new developments in the gambling field.

Ethics and accountability. The International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE) developed the ethical and accountability code that we strive to follow. It represents conservative and long-established practices in publishing peer-reviewed social science. We are proud to belong to this society. A constant over the last few decades in publishing health-related research and treatment papers is to require increasing transparency and accountability by authors. As other journals and the ISAJE develop new standards we will evaluate them to see if they are appropriate for the *JGI*.

International Advisory board. This volunteer group has counselled us on matters of publishing policy and we are always grateful for their input.

Editorial board. Like other editorial boards, this group aids the editor in decision-making on day-to-day matters and long-term planning. They sometimes carry a heavy load of time and responsibilities.

Peer reviewers. It is a commonplace in scholarly publishing to say that the peer

reviewers make a journal and this is true for the *JGI*. Our reviewers offer their spare time and bring so many helpful qualities: wise judgement and counsel, expertise in their specialties, a keen sense of the standards for a scholarly paper, and their desire to treat authors fairly. Without these qualities the *JGI* would be the poorer. An editor is in the fortunate position to see how papers are improved by wise and thoughtful input from peer reviewers. Authors are sincere when they thank the anonymous reviewers who helped them develop their papers during peer review.

We are grateful to all for their contributions to the *Journal of Gambling Issues*. For more detailed information, please scroll down.

We welcome your comments.

Phil Lange

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Statement of purpose

The *Journal of Gambling Issues (JGI)* offers an Internet-based forum for developments in gambling-related research, policy and treatment as well as personal accounts about gambling and gambling behaviour. Through publishing peer-reviewed articles about gambling as a social phenomenon and the prevention and treatment of gambling problems, it is our aim is to help make sense of how gambling affects us all.

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