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A welcome from the new editor

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I'm humbled and honored to have been selected the new editor of Nurse Author & Editor. Many years ago I subscribed to the original newsletter, which arrived via snail mail to my mailbox in the US. I found the unique and useful information aimed at nurses who were writing, reviewing, and editing most helpful to me as I accepted my first position as a nurse editor. Years before that, I attended one of Suzanne Hall-Johnson's writing for publication workshops, which provided the support I needed to write, type and submit my first article for publication. As I look back on this path, I admit it seems like the dark ages – before computers when articles were written in pencil on legal pads and typed carefully by professionals. Now we have this newsletter available anywhere in the world via the Internet with more features available, such as search and rapid updates on changes in the publishing industry. My goal as the new editor is to search out new features that will help authors, reviewers and editors in their work.

To that end, we have added a new feature with this issue – a book review. Although books on writing are not new, there seems to be more emphasis on teaching and motivating nurses to write for publication. For faculty who need resources to teach nurses and nursing students the craft and process of writing, this new feature will be helpful. Software reviews are also welcome – new technology can help with reference management, editing, organizing, project management, and other tasks we may not have yet imagined. In case you haven't heard this story, a young Japanese woman writes and publishes novels on her cell phone during her daily train commute by texting at an astonishing 1000 words per minute. As an editor, however, I do not look forward to receiving a manuscript by text message. I prefer aspiring authors follow the guidelines on the website using e-mail attachments as directed.

Finally, a sincere thanks to the previous editor Christine Webb who has provided such valuable contributions to nursing literature and this newsletter. And kudos to Suzanne Hall-Johnson who had the foresight to start this newsletter to encourage and inspire new authors and editors. I look forward to contributing to this legacy.

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