

Reiteration of Open Access plan and policies for *The Ohio Journal of Science*



BY UNANIMOUS VOTE on December 17, 2012, the Executive Committee of The Ohio Academy of Science approved moving *The Ohio Journal of Science* to a hybrid model: Rapid publication, Open Access online articles plus an annual, single printed volume and an April Annual Meeting Program Abstracts issue in print and online.

According to Suber (2004):

“Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. What makes it possible are the internet and the consent of the author or copyright-holder. In most fields, scholarly journals do not pay authors, who can therefore consent to OA without losing revenue. In this respect, scholars and scientists are very differently situated from most musicians and moviemakers, and controversies about OA to music and movies do not carry over to research literature. OA is entirely compatible with peer review, and all the major OA initiatives for scientific and scholarly literature insist on its importance. Just as authors of journal articles donate their labor, so do most journal editors and referees participating in peer review.”

In brief, this plan recommends the following to begin immediately for *The Ohio Journal of Science*:

- Continue the Journal as a peer-reviewed, refereed article, multidisciplinary international publication. The goal is to publish—as rapidly as possible—original contributions to education, science, engineering, technology, or their applications.
- The Journal will consider solicited Book Reviews and Research Reviews, and unsolicited Brief Notes and Research Reports.
- Publish articles in Adobe PDF format online as soon as they are approved in page form.
- Publish a single, annual printed volume that would accumulate articles previously published online in the past 11 months.
- Publish a printed Annual Meeting Program Abstracts issue and post immediately on-line as has been the practice.
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