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## **NCA Editor's Information Report**

To: NCA Legislative Assembly

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Journal Title: Communication & Democracy

This report reflects the following time period:

### **MANUSCRIPT ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION RATE:**

- (1) Number of new manuscripts received during this period: 98
- (2) Number of revised manuscripts received during this period: 37
- (3) Total number of manuscripts accepted for publication: 16
- (4) Number of manuscripts returned for revision and resubmission: 29
- (5) Number of manuscripts rejected: 80
- (6) Acceptance rate: [(3) divided by (1+2)]: 12%

### **EDITOR'S GOALS AND PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THOSE GOALS:**

My primary goal as I completed my second year as editor was to maintain the large increase in submissions to the journal from the previous year. Because that initial growth was so high (200%) I get my expectations reasonable. However, I am pleased to see the number of submissions actually increased again, indicating the continued growth and stability of the journal. (100 submissions in 2022-2023 and 135 submissions in 2023-2024).

### **STRENGTHS:**

- Submissions have continued to increase.
- The diversity of methodologies and areas of focus have increased in the past year indicating a wider reach for the journal.

### **AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:**

A number of articles have been delayed this past year due to difficulty in securing appropriate and available reviewers. I believe a focus on expanding the Editorial Board to include more diverse areas of expertise would help this issue as I often find myself looking for reviewers outside of the EdBoard. I believe this can also be improved by increasing my communications with the EdBoard including making the review expectations more prominent and clear.

### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION:**

Although I cannot speak to the demographics of article authors due to anonymous review, there has been an increase in the number of articles submitted and accepted that focus on non-US contexts, including work focused on democratic issues in Spain, Norway, Nigeria, and India. I will continue

to encourage submissions from diverse groups of authors as well as submissions that focus on DEI issues as they relate to democracy.

A special issue entitled “Who’s STILL Afraid of Critical Race Theory?” will appear next year (Volume 59.2) which will focus extensively of issues of race and epistemology.