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To: SSCA Executive Committee

From: Joy L. Hart, Editor, *SCJ*

Re: Journal Report

Date: November 9, 2004

1. We began receiving new manuscripts at Louisville in late June 2001 and resubmitted ones (some originally submitted during Ken Cissna's editorship) in October 2001. Since the last journal report at the SSCA convention in April 2004, we have begun making transitions to Editor-Elect John Meyer. We began sending new manuscripts to John in late June 2004 and resubmitted ones in late October 2004.
2. During my editorship, 262 manuscripts were submitted. Submissions to *SCJ* are up from the last two editorial terms (i.e., Craig Smith received 173, Ken Cissna 195). Of the 262 manuscripts, 47 (18%) have been accepted. The remaining manuscripts either received invitations to revise and resubmit or were rejected. The second page of this report presents these numbers in tabular format.
3. Three special issues were announced: Community and Communication, Organizational Discourse and Citizenship, and Computers and Communication. The Community and Communication special issue, which I edited, received 27 submissions. Six of these manuscripts were published in the special issue, Fall 2003. The Organizational Discourse and Citizenship special issue, guest edited by John Meyer (University of Southern Mississippi), received 12 submissions. Four of these submissions and one invited essay were published in the Spring 2004 issue. The Computers and Communication special issue, guest edited by John Monberg (University of Kansas), received 19 submissions. Five of these manuscripts have been accepted, and this issue will appear in Spring 2005. The second page of this report presents these numbers for the special issues in tabular format (and provides the acceptance rates).
4. Page proofs for the Fall 2004 issue have been sent to the authors, and the Winter 2005 issue is being finalized for the printer.

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## Manuscript Summary:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Not Accepted</u>	<u>Under Review</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>% Accepted</u>
Submissions for regular issues	262	212 <sup>1</sup>	3	47 <sup>2</sup>	18% <sup>3</sup>
Submissions for special issues	58	43	--	15	26%

## Special Issue Manuscript Summary:

### Community and Communication

Received	27
Rejected	21
Accepted	6 (22%)

### Organizational Discourse and Citizenship (John Meyer, Guest Editor)

Received	12
Rejected	8
Accepted	4 (33%)
Invited Essay	1

### Computers and Communication (John Monberg, Guest Editor)

Received	19
Rejected	14
Accepted	5 (26%)

<sup>1</sup> This figure includes both revise and resubmit invitations and rejections.

<sup>2</sup> This figure includes a small number of conditional acceptances.

<sup>3</sup> This percentage was calculated by dividing the number of accepted manuscripts to date by the number of submitted manuscripts to date.