

Call for New Editor: *Journal of Planning History*

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) is soliciting applications from qualified individuals or two-person teams to succeed Christopher Silver as editor of the refereed *Journal of Planning History*. Prof. Silver, who has served admirably as the journal's founding editor for more than a decade, will work with the incoming editor to facilitate transition during 2014. The journal was developed in conjunction with SAGE Publications under the aegis of SACRPH. It is distributed to SACRPH members as a benefit of membership and is available to thousands of institutions worldwide.

The editor of the *JPH* will have the opportunity to shape the direction of research on city and regional planning history, both in the United States and across the globe. In addition, the editor is an ex-officio member of the SACRPH Board's Executive Committee and attends Board of Directors meetings in conjunction with the SACRPH biennial fall conference and the Urban History Association's conference (held biennially in alternate years).

The editor works closely with the *JPH* publisher in preparing issues for publication (including manuscripts, images, covers, reviews, etc.). This includes assuring that authors adhere to the publication schedule set by SAGE as well as anticipating and responding to problems with graphics, formatting, page counts, and the like. SAGE does the copyediting, layout, typesetting, printing, mailing, sales, and online distribution. In addition, the editors work closely with SAGE in marketing the Journal.

Currently, the editor works with an Associate Editor who is responsible for securing reviews of planning history publications and a second Associate Editor who helps to identify reviewers and solicit manuscripts. The journal is supported by a distinguished international advisory board of planning history scholars who assist with manuscript reviews and solicitation, and who also contribute guidance on journal policy and content.

The journal is published four times per year (February, May, August, November) and under the current contract with SAGE has an annual allocation of 352 printed pages. The number of manuscript submissions per year has ranged between 28 and 36 over the past several years, and there is currently a slight backlog of articles accepted for publication. Others are in the revise and resubmit mode. The journal encourages publications well-supported by illustrations and figures. Articles cover a wide range of time periods and geographies. Through the first eleven volumes of *JPH*, we have developed a large, diverse and high quality group of reviewers that span the diverse subject matter of planning history.

The role of the editor is to solicit double-blind external reviews, evaluate the article submissions based upon those reviews (and the editor's judgment), and make the final determination on acceptance. In some cases, the editor works with authors on a series of revisions to bring the article to a publishable level. This has especially been the case where the author's first language is not English. SAGE offers an electronic submission system to assist the editor, authors and reviewers that can be utilized by the new editor(s). Even if this system is not used, the editor's submission of accepted articles to SAGE is done through their online SMART system.

Through the SAGE agreement, the editor receives a \$4000 stipend annually. Moreover, SACRPH provides an additional \$4000 stipend annually. These funds are available for the editor to secure local assistance with editorial duties, to cover travel to appropriate conferences to solicit manuscripts, to market the journal and to hold editorial advisory meetings, and to cover mailing, phone and other expenses associated with the editorial duties. Typically, these funds have been supplemented by local contributions from the editor's institution to carry out the editorial responsibilities.

Qualifications

We expect that the next editor of the *Journal of Planning History* will have the following profile:

1. Be affiliated with an academic department (history, planning, urban studies, geography, architecture, American studies, etc.) that addresses the history of planning;
2. Be established in the academic planning history community by virtue of contributions in teaching, research and publication;
3. Exhibit a broad understanding of planning history reflected through education, interests and publications;
4. Have sufficient and sustained institutional support to provide some assistance over the full term of the editorship.

How to Apply

To apply for this position, please mail or email a letter to the co-chairs of the search committee by January 15, 2013. The co-chairs, together with two members of the SACRPH Board, will oversee the selection process, in consultation with the staff at SAGE. We will keep the names of applicants confidential. The letter of application should briefly address the following:

- Reasons for seeking the position, and overall objectives as Journal editor.
- A current C.V.
- Names and complete contact information of at least two references (if there are two or more proposed co-editors, then there should be separate reference contacts for each individual).
- Evidence of institutional support, ideally in the form of a letter from the appropriate university or college administrative officer outlining whatever the institution may be willing to provide to support the editor, such as general office staffing sufficient for fiscal and administrative record keeping, allocation of student support, or possible course release.

The Search Committee hopes to recommend the next Editor to the SACRPH Board by March 15, 2014 for a term to begin on or before July 1, 2014.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the current Editor of the Journal, the publisher, and the Search Committee Co-Chairs for any additional information and details.

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