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Annual report from the *LRTS* Editor to the Core Board of Directors
Report covering v. 64 and 2020 editor activities
Mary Beth Weber, Editor during this period

(1) Status of Submissions

A total of twenty-eight papers were submitted to the journal for the period of January 1-December 31, 2020. The status of current submissions is shown below in table 1. This is a decrease from 2019, for which a total of thirty-two papers were submitted to the journal. Figure 1 provides a graphic view of submissions.

Table 1. Status of Submissions 2020

Status	Number of Submissions
Rejected*	12
In review	5
Reviews complete, with editor (not yet returned to author)	2
Accepted and published	9
Total	**28**

*Reasons for rejection include weak research methods, unacceptable presentation and/or failure to format paper using the *Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition*, lack of essential elements of a research paper, or out of scope topic.

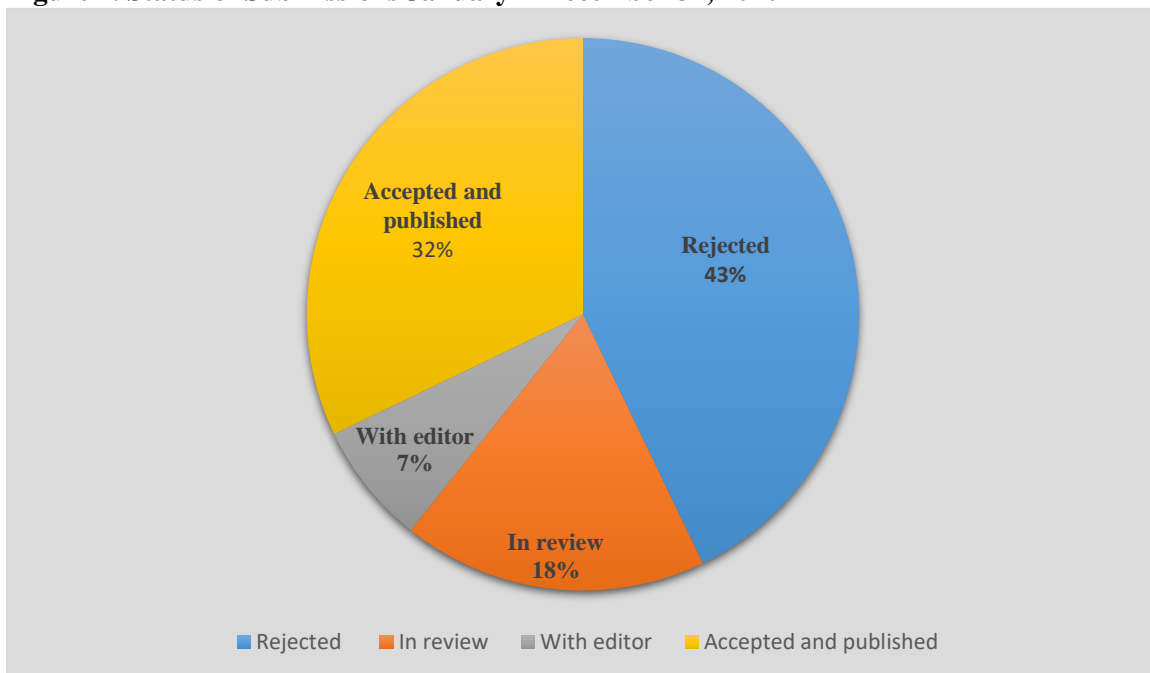**Figure 1. Status of Submissions January 1-December 31, 2020**

Table 2 is a four-year comparison of submissions. Two types of papers are submitted to the journal: research papers and "notes on operations," which are "thoughtful explorations of operational issues that have value and implications for other libraries."

Table 2. Comparison of Submissions by Year and Type 2017-20209

Submission Type	2017	2018	2019	2020
Research paper	27	20	30	26
Notes on Operations	9	5	2	2
Total	**36**	**25**	**32**	**28**

Acceptance and rejection rates are reflected in tables 3 and 4. Table 4 is a comparison for the last four years. While the number of submissions for the last three years has not varied greatly, the rejection rate has varied.

Table 3. Acceptance Rate of 43% (N = 21)*

Acceptance	12
Rejections	9
Total	**21**

*This number reflects only those papers rejected or accepted. Papers in review, withdrawn, or returned to authors for revision are not included in this total.

Table 4. Rejection Rate Comparison for Last 3 Years (2018-2020)

Year	Total Submissions	Accepted	Rejected	Rejection Rate
2018	25	10	4	27%
2019	32	4	17	80%
2020*	28	9	12	43%

*Total does not include papers withdrawn, under review, or returned to author for revision.

Table 5 provides a total of the primary subject categories of submissions. These categories are based on author supplied metadata that is entered when papers are submitted.

Table 5. Manuscript Receipt by Primary Subject Category

Cataloging and metadata	1
Collection development and management	2
Collection management	1
Electronic resource management	2
Electronic resources	1
Form and genre headings	1
Subject analysis	1
Telework	1
Total	**10**

Table 6 shows a breakdown of country of submission for 2020. I note that one paper was co-authored by a Canadian author and a US author. It is counted once, under Canada.

Table 6. Country of Origin for Submissions

Canada (co-authored with US author)	1
China	1
India	3
Iran	4
Japan	1
Nigeria	2
Pakistan	1
United States	4
Total	**17**

(2) Editorial Board Membership

I have been asked to serve an additional year as *LRTS* Editor as the transition from LLAMA, LITA and ALCTS to Core progresses, and a new editor is identified. Additionally, Elyssa Gould has been invited to serve an additional year as *LRTS* Book Review Editor to also help facilitate the transition to Core.

Eight members rotated off the board following the conclusion of the virtual 2020 ALA Annual Conference. Margaret Mering served two two-year terms. Her reviewing skills and input will be missed. Heylicken (Hayley) Moreno, Kavita Mundle, L. Angie Ohler, George Gottschalk, Valentine Myumba, Jennifer Young served one two-year term. Kalan Knudson Davis served a one-year term as an intern, and I have requested that she be appointed to the board as a full member. It would be ideal for the transition to Core if some of the others who served single terms could be offered a second term. Their experience and input will be critical to the journal's continued success.

Jeremy Myntti joined the board in September for a two-year term. He has previously served on the board.

Brenna Campbell, Christine Dulaney, Tina Gross, Gretchen Hoffman, Jennifer Maddox Abbott, Jane Monson and Thomas Teper continue to serve on the board.

Jee Davis and Violeta Ilik are completing a second two-year term that ends on June 30, 2021.

Both Chelcie (ALCTS News Editor) and Brooke Morris-Chott (ALCTS Staff Liaison) served as ex-officio members, and their terms concluded with the dissolution of ALCTS. Chrishelle M. Thomas is the new Core board liaison.

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