

Call for Applications Editor-in-Chief Journal of the American Society of Nephrology

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) seeks candidates for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (JASN). JASN is a monthly, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to advancing the practice of kidney medicine worldwide by reporting novel and rigorous research. Candidates should possess wide knowledge of and broad experience in nephrology as well as a distinguished record of scholarly contributions. Candidates should also possess strong leadership qualities, intellectual vision, organizational abilities and experience relevant to editing a leading medical journal. The official term will start **January 1, 2018**, and continue for six years. Compensation will be provided.

The primary responsibility of the JASN Editor-in-Chief is to continue to enhance the journal's quality, reputation, and scholarship, and to continue JASN's contribution to ASN continuing its mission of leading the fight against kidney diseases. The editor-in-chief should be prepared to build on current achievements, strengthen the journal's competitive position, and develop editorial initiatives that generate content representative of the full spectrum of high-quality work conducted worldwide in nephrology. The editor should also assure that the journal's activities are carried out in a fiscally responsible manner.

The editor oversees the JASN manuscript submission and review process and is responsible for the content, quality, and timeliness of each issue of JASN. The editor must maintain JASN editorial policies and procedures as well as establish new policies and procedures as appropriate to reflect relevant changes in science, clinical practice, and medical publishing.

The editor recommends to ASN a team of deputy and associate editors to help administer the peer review process, promote excellence in content, and advance editorial initiatives.

The JASN Editor-in-Chief reports to the ASN through the ASN Publications Committee.

Letters of interest must be received by **Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. Candidates selected for in-person interviews with the JASN Editor-in-Chief Search Task Force will be interviewed **March/April 2017** at the ASN office in Washington, DC.

The JASN Editor-in-Chief's specific duties include:

1. Defining and updating the aims and scope of the journal.
2. Overseeing peer review, insuring that appropriate and well-defined procedures for timely review are unbiased and faithfully executed.
3. Appointing deputy and associate editors (to be approved by the ASN Publications Committee and Council). The editorial team (deputy and associate editors) should be comprised of ASN members with high stature and respect in the community, and with the technical expertise sufficient to oversee the content of submitted articles. Keeping the team members regularly informed through conference calls and a JASN Business Meeting at Kidney Week.
4. Setting goals to assure the content in the journal meets the highest standards of excellence and regularly evaluating the journal's performance in this regard.
5. Maintaining, and updating as necessary, the overall editorial policies of the journal.
6. Providing guidance to ASN staff on "look and feel" of JASN materials, including print and online materials and publications.
7. Responding to correspondence with authors, editors, reviewers and readers regarding peer review and/or manuscript decisions.
8. Recruiting, selecting, and appointing JASN editorial board members and addressing any performance issues. Attending and speaking at an annual JASN Editorial Board Luncheon.
9. Adhering to the budget and financial structures set by ASN via its annual budget process. ASN is responsible for managing production, layout, printing, subscriptions, pricing, and funding initiatives for all society publications.
10. Serving as a nonvoting ex officio member of the ASN Publications Committee.
11. Reporting to the ASN Publications Committee. The committee requires a formal report once a year in advance of its annual in-person meeting, and informal updates as needed via regularly scheduled committee conference calls.
12. Addressing issues of scientific misconduct in accord with the journal's scientific [misconduct policy](#).
13. Working closely with the JASN's Managing Editor to efficiently and effectively accomplish the above duties.

Application process for JASN Editor-in-Chief:

- Interested individuals should submit an application package that includes
 - a curriculum vitae;
 - the names of three references;
 - a succinct letter of interest and qualifications, including addressing how the candidate will accommodate the time demands of editing the journal;
 - a vision statement for the next six years of publication of JASN. Items of specific interest to the search committee include:
 - an analysis of the current content of JASN;
 - ideas for how the candidate thinks JASN should address the broad spectrum of disciplines and interests represented by its global readership;
 - the primary aims for the direction of the journal;
 - innovations in presentation of content;
 - ideas for increasing top-tier submissions; and
 - the general make-up and responsibilities of the editorial team (editor-in-chief, deputy editors, and associate editors), and
 - an initial list of proposed Deputy and Associate Editors
 - current and complete disclosure information in their ASN membership record

All information should be submitted by e-mail to Mr. Bob Henkel, ASN Director of Communications, bhenkel@asn-online.org.

Before completing their vision statements, candidates are encouraged to contact:

- Dr. Karl Nath, JASN Editor-in-Chief (nathk@mayo.org), for information about editing JASN (not a member of the search team);
 - Dr. Anupam Agarwal, Chair, JASN Editor-in-Chief Search Task Force (agarwal@uab.edu), for inquiries relative to ASN and its oversight of ASN publications;
 - Ms. Bonnie O'Brien, JASN Managing Editor (bobrien@asn-online.org), for inquiries about the JASN peer review process; and
 - Mr. Bob Henkel, ASN Director of Communications (bhenkel@asn-online.org), for general information regarding the business of publishing the journal and for help projecting costs of any major innovations or programmatic changes they wish to propose.
- The search committee will review all applications and select several individuals for in-person interviews. Those not selected will be notified, and those selected will be invited to interview in person in **March or April 2017**. Every effort will be

made to keep the names of the first-round applicants confidential. The names of those selected for final interviews will be shared with the ASN Council.

- After the final interviews, the search committee will convene to determine its final recommendation and provide that recommendation to the ASN Council for consideration.
- The candidates will be notified of the final decision in April or May 2017.

The candidate selected will submit to the ASN Publications Committee a list of proposed Deputy and Associate Editors. That team will need to determine its processes and strategy in advance of the official start date **January 1, 2018**, when it will begin review of new manuscripts. .