

Editor's Column: Introducing the Editorial Advisory Board

With this issue we are launching the *PNLA Quarterly* Editorial Advisory Board! These nine library professionals, listed at the front of this issue and on the *Quarterly* website, will help me lead the *Quarterly* in several ways. The first is through providing a sounding board for topics for issues. While I've got a lot of library experience and have lived in many places in the Northwest, it helps to have a group of others with different experiences and expertise. One of the Board's first tasks was to help draft the call for submissions for the next issue appearing in this volume.

Secondly, the Board serves as a feedback loop for me on practical issues. We've had a lively discussion or two already around the type of articles we want to see the *Quarterly* publish, and what sort of turnaround time we should be offering authors from submission to publication. We're committed to continuing to publish a range of peer-reviewed and editor-reviewed articles on topics relevant to librarianship in the Pacific Northwest, with a turnaround time of six months on average from submission to publication. And we will of course continue to function as an open-access journal where authors retain their copyrights.

Finally, the Board will help out with developing and running special projects, like the Scholarly Paper Competition we hope to launch, with a cash award to an author chosen by a team of regional library celebrities. Stay tuned for more details!

I'm very pleased to have a group of committed and enthusiastic professionals helping to make the *Quarterly* the best it can be for the association and the region. If any of this sounds interesting and you'd like to volunteer, please get in touch via the email below. We'd particularly like to have some more public library workers and representatives from Montana and British Columbia serve on the board.

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