

Letter from the Managing Editor

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The publication of this issue brings a close to volume 89 of *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist*. Since I have been Managing Editor, our primary goals have been to 1) increase submissions, 2) reduce the time required to review manuscripts, and 3) return the journal to on-schedule publishing. During the first ten months of 2013 we have received 37 manuscript submissions, compared to 61 submissions in 2012 and 44 in 2011. The Richard L. Penrose Memorial Issue (volume 88, number 2) accounted for 17 of the 2012 submissions, so it appears that our submission rate for 2013 will be similar to the 2011 and adjusted 2012 rates. Despite the flat submission trend, the average review time of 2.4 months for completed 2013 submissions continues the trend for improvement (2.7 months in 2012 and 4.1 months in 2011). I am also pleased to announce our return to on-schedule publishing earlier this year after facing a 5-month deficit in early 2011. In total, volume 89 of *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* published 32 manuscripts (25 papers, 4 scientific notes, 2 book reviews, and 1 biography) totaling 273 pages.

Of course, all of this could not have been possible without the unfailing support and hard work of our esteemed Editorial Board:

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Special thanks to outgoing Subject Editors Benbow, Hauser, Smith-Pardo, and Zahniser for their years of service to the journal, and a warm welcome to incoming Subject Editors Borkent, Gonzalez, Krishnankutty, and Zach.

On behalf of The Pacific Coast Entomological Society, I would also like to express thanks to our 2013 Officers:

Kipling W. Will, Past-President
Vincent F. Lee, Managing Secretary
Robert L. Zuparko, Treasurer
Stephen E. Lew, Recording Secretary

Lastly, a special “Thank You” to Mark Kohlhase and Allen Press for their efforts during 2013 to keep *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* rolling off the presses. Beginning

with volume 90 in 2014, printing of *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* will be taken over by The Sheridan Press. We thank Allen Press for their consistent high-quality production over the past many years and look forward to our new relationship with The Sheridan Press.

I encourage all to consider *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* as an outlet for publication of your insect taxonomic and biosystematic research. Members of The Pacific Coast Entomological Society enjoy reduced page charges, and additional opportunities for waiver of normal page charges are available to qualified members through grants or by submitting pre-reviewed manuscripts. We also offer credits to our reviewers as incentive for rapid review. Details can be found at our website (<http://www.pcentoc.org/Pan-Pac.html>). Don't forget to visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Pan-Pacific-Entomologist/116158701800345> (a direct link is available at our website) and join the 286 people who have "Liked" *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist*. "Liking" our Facebook page will ensure that you receive timely announcements and updates and helps your Facebook friends and colleagues learn about us.

Once again, it has been my great honor and pleasure to work with the Executive and Editorial Boards during this past year, and I look forward to our continued efforts to ensure success for PPE in 2014. If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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