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Letter from the New Managing Editor

With this issue of *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist*, I assume the duties and responsibilities of Managing Editor after serving for the past six years as the journal's Coleoptera Subject Editor. I am humbled and excited by this opportunity to serve the Pacific Coast Entomological Society in particular and the greater scientific community in general. My sincere thanks to former editors **Suzanne Ubick** and **Chuck Bellamy** for guiding me on the path to editorship and to our Editorial Board for the help, support, and shared vision they have demonstrated during my transition. On that note, I should formally introduce our newly revamped Editorial Board—**Floyd Shockley**, **Allan Smith-Pardo**, and **Christopher Taylor**, join **Eric Benbow**, **Marc Epstein**, **Rosser Garrison**, **Martin Hauser**, **Peter Kerr**, and **James Zahniser** as Subject Editors, while **Larry Bezark** continues to serve as our Book Review Editor.

I have three immediate goals for PPE: 1) maintain journal integrity and its traditional focus on biosystematics, 2) publish manuscripts as quickly as possible, and 3) return the journal to normal publication schedule. Achievement of these goals will be challenged by the recent trend to low submissions (31 in 2008, 35 in 2009, 32 in 2010, and 21 through June 2011) and the difficulties of getting timely reviews, both of which have contributed to delayed and smaller than desired issues in recent years. In response to these trends, PPE has implemented two incentive programs designed to increase submissions and reduce review times. First, authors who submit pre-reviewed manuscripts, subject to conditions, are eligible for page charge waivers. Second, reviewers who return their reviews within a specified time period are eligible for a \$25 check or \$100 page charge waiver. Details on these incentive programs can be found at the journal website (<http://www.pcentsoc.org/Pan-Pac.html>). In the meantime, we will be working towards resuming the normal publication schedule of four issues per volume (January, April, July, and October) mailed on or about 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December, respectively. Accomplishing this will require shortened intervals between issues until such time that the journal is back on schedule—our Editorial Board is working hard to process a backlog of pending manuscripts to help meet our short-term needs, and I encourage prospective authors among our membership (and non-members as well) to support this effort in the long term by giving renewed consideration to PPE among the many journals available to choose from.

The increasing influence of the worldwide web in modern life cannot be denied, and this extends to scientific publishing as well. For those who utilize the social networking site Facebook, you can visit our new page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Pan-Pacific-Entomologist/116158701800345>) for timely announcements and updates. Be sure to click “Like” so your Facebook friends and colleagues can also be made aware of our page. A link to our page can also be found at the journal website (<http://www.pcentsoc.org/Pan-Pac.html>).

Once again, I look forward to working with the Executive Board, the Editorial Board, and our readership to ensure the success of PPE. If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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