

## Letter from the Managing Editor

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This issue marks for me one full year as Managing Editor of *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist*. While not without its challenges, it has nevertheless been an immensely rewarding experience. During this past year, we have made great progress in our top three goals of 1) increasing submissions, 2) reducing the time required to review manuscripts, and 3) returning the journal to on-schedule publishing. In 2011 we received 44 manuscript submissions (up from 33 in 2010, 35 in 2009 and 31 in 2008). Average review time for completed manuscripts was reduced to a respectable 3.6 months (down from 6.8 months in 2010 and 6.9 months in 2009). We also shortened by an average of 2 weeks the intervals between the four issues, bringing us 2 months closer to our eventual goal of on-schedule publishing.

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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On behalf of The Pacific Coast Entomological Society, I would also like to express thanks to our 2011 Officers:

Rolf L. Aalbu, President  
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Vincent F. Lee, Managing Secretary  
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A special “Thank You” to Kelly Calohan and her team at Allen Press for their efforts during 2011 to keep *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* rolling off the presses and onto the World Wide Web!

2012 is also starting off well. We received 25 manuscripts in the first quarter of the year, many of which represent contributions for a planned memorial issue for the late Richard “Dick” Penrose (look for that issue to appear later this year). An increasing number of authors are also taking advantage of our incentive program for pre-reviewed manuscripts, which offers a waiver of normal page charges for eligible manuscripts, and our reviewer incentives likewise have served to reduce the time needed for reviewing manuscripts. Details on both of these incentive programs can be found at our website (<http://www.pcentsoc.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 can also be found at our website). You can join the 138 other people who have clicked “Like” to receive

timely announcements and updates and also to make your Facebook friends and colleagues aware of our page.

Again, it has been my honor and great pleasure to work with the Executive and Editorial Boards during this past year. I look forward to continuing this work as we strive to ensure the success of PPE in 2012. If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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