

EDITORIAL

Several important changes have been made during the past two years in *Mosquito News* editorial and publication policies. In addition, the rules for the preparation of manuscripts have been clarified and restated. Some of the changes represent long overdue efforts to keep pace with rising costs and are in accord with the policies of other scientific, technical and professional publications.

The services of American Mosquito Control Association members who have worked unceasingly and without remuneration to expand membership, interest advertisers, solicit reviews, submit manuscripts, and who have contributed time in many other ways, have helped make *Mosquito News* a recognized scientific and professional publication at a relatively low cost to both contributors and members.

But to maintain this status and continue to improve it we now face the necessity for paying for more of the professional services that are required, and paying more for them as time goes by. This need has been recognized in actions taken by the Board of Directors of AMCA and approved by the members. All of these actions have been formally noted and explained in *Mosquito News*.

Possibly the most far-reaching change is the establishment of page charges for articles published in *Mosquito News*. They are summarized as follows: For papers by members of the American Mosquito Control Association, a charge of \$15.00 a page is made for every page over one, except for solicited articles and in instances where the author's agency will not pay the charges. The charge for non-members of the American Mosquito Control Association is \$25.00 a page for all pages.

These rules went into effect with the

first number of Volume 28 (March, 1968). Notices of the new rules were published in March and December, 1967, with further explanation and background information in the minutes of the annual meetings in the June, 1967 and June, 1968 issues, and on page XIII of Vol. 28, No. 2 (June, 1968). They are repeated on cover 3 (inside back cover) of this issue of *Mosquito News*, where they will appear routinely in subsequent issues as a part of the "Manuscript Rules and Regulations."*

Actually the "new" manuscript rules are, for the most part, not new at all, but constitute only an effort to state more clearly and explicitly the rules that have been in effect for some time. Most, if not all, of them are standard practice in scientific journals. They are made, and followed, in the interest of facilitating the handling of manuscripts by the editors, reviewers and printers.

To an individual author, any given violation may appear inconsequential, but when compounded with others and multiplied in proportion to the number of manuscripts submitted, they obviously assume correspondingly greater importance. When contributors ignore the rules, as all too many of them do, then confusion, delays and mistakes result, and offending manuscripts may have to be either held for long periods while corrections and adjustments are being made, or returned to the authors for further attention. Therefore, once again, authors are reminded of the rules and requested to follow them, in order to facilitate the prompt and proper handling of their contributions.

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