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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the end of our second year of MJPH. As we close out this second year with our Summer 2008 issue, we remain focused on delivering to the membership of MPHA and the broader public health community in Michigan a journal that delivers practice-based experiences to a broad audience. To that end expect to see in the next few months a new call to the MPHA membership for Board membership, and a broader, less academic focused definition of Board membership. In addition, we intend to open the journal up to a new category of article submissions, entitled, "Notes from the Field." This new article submission will not undergo traditional academic peer review, but will instead be subject to a less strenuous Editor and board review process.

This month we welcome Robert Glandon as our Guest Editor. Bob is the new Executive Director of MPHA, and is a welcome addition to a newly revitalized membership organization.

We also bring you two practice articles, one on a early and successful midwifery program in Michigan, the other on human-animal contact in petting zoos.

Lastly, we have a response the authors from last issue's first installment of an invited series on the history of public health in Michigan. This response is written as a blanket response to several e-mails received by this editor regarding the extent of the literature review efforts of the authors, and the sources of their work.

As always you may send me your feedback, letters and e-mails regarding this issue at clinegr@gvsu.edu.

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