



## Exciting News and Opportunities with Journal of Extension (JOE)

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Greetings, I hope that each of you and your loved ones are remaining well amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Journal of Extension (JOE) has been very productive over the last few months. From implementing more efficient online publication features, to quickly transitioning our March face-to-face meeting to a virtual format following social distancing recommendations from the CDC the board has accomplished a lot.

One of the updates readers may have already noticed is that the journal article template looks differently. Readers now have the benefit of the volume number, as well as article identifiers on the table of contents page of publications. These new features will provide the editorial committee insight into JOE impact factors. Readers will be pleased to know identifiers will be automatically applied to articles going back as far as February 2009, with older articles being gradually updated. Another change to be noted is the removal and replacement of the printable pdf option. Readers can now use a print plugin located at the top of each article for printing articles.

JOE has a reputation for publishing high-quality publications that affirm and improve our daily work as Extension professionals. Publications are selected by professionals who lend their time and expertise to serve as a reviewer. I am encouraging those of you with expertise in agriculture, dairy, health, financial resource management, and/or aging to please consider serving as a reviewer for JOE. Learn more about this professional development opportunity in the FAQ [How can I become a JOE reviewer?](#)

The final update I would like to share with you is the addition of four positions under JOE's new editorial structure. To continue to accentuate scholarly and editorial strengths while also increasing the efficiency of the editorial process, the editorial committee is seeking candidates to fill the positions of editor-in-chief, senior editor, associate senior editor, and associate editor. This is an excellent professional development opportunity for anyone who may be interested. Visit the [webpage](#) for more information on this rewarding activity.

COVID-19 is affecting our lives in ways both large and small. Use this time to focus on staying healthy and reconnecting with those most dear to you. I whole-heartedly believe that our NEAFCS family, as well as our communities, will get through these challenging times to see brighter days.