

EDITORIAL POLICIES

Journal of the American Association of Variable Star Observers

1. Introduction

The following statement is a summary of the conclusions agreed upon by the AAVSO Council at its meeting on March 8, 1986. It is intended to guide the Editorial Board of the **Journal of the AAVSO** in their routine management of the publication of the Journal and to encourage contributions to the Journal.

2. Scope and Purpose of the Journal

The Journal serves a dual role as a means of communication among amateur and professional astronomers interested in stellar variability and also as a channel for the publication of scientific results. It welcomes contributions from all people interested in variable stars.

Material suitable for the Journal includes the following:

- a) Scientific results, both observational and theoretical
- b) Topical descriptions of:
 - i) Specific observing projects, completed, in progress, or proposed
 - ii) Techniques for observing or analysing variable star data
- c) Reviews of:
 - i) Books concerning variable stars
 - ii) Topics in variable star astronomy, written with a view to providing a context for observations and their interpretations
 - iii) Papers that have appeared in other journals
- d) Abstracts or manuscripts of communications presented at meetings of the AAVSO
- e) Minutes of AAVSO meetings as well as the reports of the Director, other officers, and AAVSO committee chairmen
- f) Summaries of popular lectures by and for members of the AAVSO
- g) Letters to the Editor, often containing material that does not naturally fall into any of the other categories listed

3. Editorial Policies

a) Articles

Articles containing new scientific results or reviews of astronomical topics shall be refereed. The Editor will act as arbiter in cases of disagreement between a referee and the author(s).

Articles shall carry abstracts for use in **Astronomy and Astrophysics Abstracts**. Reviews are to be aimed at the level of the general readership of the AAVSO.

Enquiries concerning possible articles are encouraged.

Authors are encouraged to consider submitting data in a graphical as well as a tabular form.

b) Editorial Board

An Editorial Board shall consist of six members of the AAVSO appointed by the President in consultation with the Council and the Editor. Every two years, two new members shall be appointed to serve on the Board, each for a term of six years, although in special cases a board member may be re-appointed.

The principal duty of the Editorial Board is to assist the Editor in collecting material for the Journal and to advise on matters of editorial and production policy. The Editor shall chair the Board and convene at least one meeting per year at the time of a regular AAVSO meeting. The Editor will also be an ex-officio member of the AAVSO Council.

In addition to these general duties, the Editorial Board shall assist with refereeing and selecting referees, solicit and encourage the submission of material suitable for the Journal, and serve as special-purpose editors of items such as book reviews.

4. Production Policies

The Journal shall appear semi-annually on March 31 and August 31. Material submitted less than 3 months prior to the dates of publication will be held in consideration for the next issue.

There is no page charge.

All illustrations are to be submitted in camera-ready form by the author(s).

The title page of each article shall carry the date of receipt as well as the number and date of the Journal issue in which it appears.

The inside front cover of the Journal shall be a style sheet concerning manuscripts.

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