**Identifying Promising Papers for Publication in *the Journal of Information Systems***
**Policy and Procedure**

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Information Systems section of the American Accounting Association to have midyear and annual conference paper reviewers identify papers they consider to be promising and potentially suitable for publication in the *Journal of Information Systems*.

**Objective**

The objective of the policy is to help with the timely identification of high quality working papers for possible publication in the *Journal of Information Systems*. It is the intent that the policy identifies papers with publication potential early and encourages authors to consider the *Journal of Information Systems* for their articles.

**Procedure**

1. The call for papers for the midyear and annual meetings shall include a statement similar to the following: Please note that papers submitted to the [Information Systems] section will be reviewed with the intention of identifying promising papers that may be suitable for publication in the *Journal of Information Systems*. A suitable paper could include, but not be limited to, a creative paper that is in the earlier stages of development or a more mature paper that is less innovative. Authors of identified papers will be contacted by the editor of the *Journal of Information Systems* and invited to have their papers undergo a peer review process.
   - For the midyear meeting the Research and Publications Chair should include the above statement in the initial call for papers.
   - For the annual meeting the Annual Meeting Publications Chair should send a separate announcement to the AAA membership that includes the above statement. The announcement should go out immediately after the general call for papers for the annual meeting. [Note: A separate mailing is required since the section has no control over the general call for papers.]
2. The Research and Publications Chair is responsible for assigning reviewers to all papers submitted to the midyear meeting. The Annual Meeting Publications Chair is responsible for assigning reviewers to all papers submitted to the section for the annual meeting.
   - At the time reviewers are assigned the chair should notify the reviewers that they are to identify promising papers that may be suitable for publication in the *Journal of Information Systems*.

- Once the reviews are received the chair will compile a list of promising papers and send the compiled list along with a copy of each paper to the editor of the *Journal of Information Systems*.

3. The editor of the *Journal of Information Systems* is responsible for contacting the authors of the papers identified by the midyear and annual reviewers.

4. Each year at the time of the annual conference the editor of the Journal of Information Systems is responsible for providing the Research and Publications Committee with a brief analysis of the Identification of Promising Paper policy. Included in the analysis should be

    - Number of papers identified from the prior year's annual conference and their acceptance rate.
    - Number of papers identified from the midyear conference and their acceptance rate.