



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION

POLICY DOCUMENT

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This **Policy** adopted by

the Council of the **Australian Military Medicine Association**

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Secretary

President

INTRODUCTION

A key aim of the Australian Military Medicine Association (“the Association”) is to advance the study of the science and practice of military medicine.

One important component of professional research and study is offering those who are involved in these activities the opportunity to disseminate their findings to their peers and colleagues.

An additional important component of advancing the study of science and medicine is providing practitioners the opportunity to share and discuss their experiences with others who are involved in the same endeavours.

To achieve these aims, the Association’s Constitution provides that the Association publish a Journal.

POLICY

The Association will publish a journal to be entitled *The Journal of Military and Veterans’ Health (JMVH)*.

JMVH will be a peer-reviewed journal and will conform to the *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication* as prepared and adopted by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. A copy of the *Uniform Requirements* is attached to this policy.

IMPLEMENTATION

Editorial Board

The Association Council will appoint an Editorial Board of a minimum of seven members to manage the development and publication of *JMVH* as follows:

- an Editor-in-Chief who will chair the Board and will be a member of the AMMA Council as provided for under the AMMA constitution;
- the Australian Military Medicine Association (AMMA);
- the Australian Defence Force Health Services;
- the Centre for Military and Veterans' Health (CMVH);
- the Department of Veterans' Affairs; (DVA)
- the New Zealand Defence Force Health Services; (NZDFHS)
- one or more universities actively committed to publication in the area of military medicine and veterans' health; and
- others as necessary for the development of the journal.

Board members from AMMA, the ADF Health Services, CMVH, DVA and the NZDFHS will be appointed by the responsible authority for each of those entities.

The AMMA Council will determine, with advice from the Editorial Board, which universities will be invited to provide members for the Board and which other individuals will be invited to sit on the Board ensuring that there is appropriate representation from the University and research communities as well as optimising the mix of health professions represented on the Board.

The Editorial Board is to have a membership of no more than 10.

Board members need not be members of the Australian Military Medicine Association.

The Editorial Board will be responsible for overseeing the management of the publication of the journal in accordance with any overarching direction provided by the Association Council.

Managing Editor

The AMMA Council will appoint, from the membership of the Board, a Managing Editor who will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the journal and its publication, the implementation of any decisions made by the Board and any other matters that are relevant to the management and publication of the journal.

The Managing Editor need not be a representative from the Australian Military Medicine Association.

Publication

JMVH will be published as a minimum four times each year in the months of January, April, July and October.

ATTACHMENT

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication*; October 2007