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The first issue of a new year is a good time to make some changes to the *Journal*.

To begin, I would like to introduce our new Editorial Board. The Editorial Board will be helping with the planning of future issues, soliciting manuscripts, recruiting reviewers and setting policies for the *CJO*RCO*. It is a pleasure to welcome Drs. Etty Bitton and Daphne McCulloch to the Board. Dr. Tousignant and I look forward to working with them.

Our peer-reviewed articles will appear a little differently starting with this issue. Printing and distribution costs are a significant part of our budget and the Editorial Board and production team are challenged to make as efficient use of our space as possible. The printed *CJO*RCO* will no longer include reference lists, although the references will appear in the online PDF files in both English and French versions. Since *CJO*RCO* is an open access publication, the articles are readily accessible online.

The lead article of this issue deals with entry-to-practice assessments that are required of those wishing to practise optometry in Canada. During the review process we received a Letter to the Editor that criticized the authors' conclusions as well as a rebuttal by the authors. All three pieces are published together for your consideration.

As a founding Executive member of the former Canadian Examiners in Optometry (CEO), I would note that this is not a new issue. Indeed, it was a subject of vigorous discussion during my time on the CEO Board and similarly touched on the very same issues. Our American colleagues have begun to extend their scope of practice to include laser procedures and minor surgery. The Canadian profession must consider whether an assessment for entering that practice modality is appropriate for Canadian needs.

As we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can hope for an eventual return to “normality” in our professional and personal lives. Stay safe and well. ●