So You Have a Manuscript Transfer System: Now What?

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2017 Highlights

- 23,000+ articles published
- 15 million+ monthly article views
- 2,000,000+ Twitter followers
- 2,5 million unique visitors to PLOS Blogs
- 7,200 editors
- 74,000 reviewers
- 108,000+ PLOS contributions with ORCID iD
- 30,000+ members of PLOS Network
- 64 science laboratories that have worked with PLOS
Transfers, transfers, everywhere!

- Pre/Post-Review
- Facilitated
- Accept into ONE
- bioRxiv

Transfers by Type & Submission Month

Why?

- The obvious
- But really
  - Mission Alignment
  - Community Engagement
  - Recruitment

RECLAIMING MY TIME!
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Context

- 4 Community Journals (CJs)
  - Selective
  - Externally run; internally supported/managed
- Approximately 8K submissions in 2017
- 2400 acceptances in 2017
- Around 2K Editors across the journals

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Process Benefits

- Author
  - Peer review conducted at original journal
  - No transfer angst
  - Speedy publication
- Editor
  - Conservation of resources
  - Acknowledgement/Credit

Challenges

- Editor Engagement
- Training
- Author buy-in
- Process alignment

Practical Advice

- The devil is in the details
- Transfers are the authors' choice
- Support your Editorial Board Members
- Build reporting capabilities/feedback mechanism
- Standardize checks/requirements across journals
- Realistically communicate with authors
Thank you

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