

Annual Report for JOIE
July 2022 – June 2023

Summary: The *Journal of Opinions, Ideas & Essays* attracted a limited number of authors in 2022-23, although readership remained strong.

Two new articles were added to JOIE in 2022-23, one relating to University history and the second was an anthology of short stories on retirement from UMRA members. There are currently 32 articles, across a wide range of subjects, in the JOIE collection. Readership continues to be good, with an average of 255 downloads per month (Jan. 2019 – Jul. 2023).

Efforts of the JOIE editorial committee were directed at garnering more readers and more authors. Articles on JOIE in University publications, such as the online *Brief*, have not been successful in attracting authors but we continue the search for other possible ways of promoting JOIE, especially to the UMRA membership. Frequent articles in the UMRA Newsletter, UMRA eNews and postings on the UMRA Facebook page were submitted to familiarize UMRA members with the journal and increase the numbers of authors and readers. An additional suggestion is that the editor-in-chief, Kris Bettin, do a 5-minute oral presentation at an UMRA luncheon, describing JOIE and inviting members to read the articles, and hopefully, write an article.

One JOIE editorial committee member resigned this year. Although we are not actively seeking new committee members at this time, anyone who is interested is most welcome to join us.

Committee members include: Kris Bettin, editor-in-chief; Lynda Ellis; Edward Griffin; Jan Hogan-Schiltgen; Mary Knatterud