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A "Virtual Electronic Journal: Interactive, Innovative, Interdisciplinary and International

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The business of the Society for Education in Anesthesia is to promote education, resources for education, networking, and to explore new and innovative ways to teach and inform. Several years ago, some of our more technically adept members set up a webpage for the organization, through which the world can learn about what we do. It is regularly and frequently "hit on". The idea of a virtual journal grew out of this continuing desire to be at the cutting edge of not only what is going on educationally, but technologically as well. The world has shrunk such that knowledge and information is readily available to any and all who have access to a computer. An on-line journal allows for rapid dissemination of information, but perhaps more interestingly, a rapid discussion of what is read between readers on-line. Rest assured that this journal is peer reviewed. The information available in the journal is as accurate as can be given our knowledge today.

The *Journal of Education in Perioperative Medicine*© offers the opportunity to complement SEA's leadership role in anesthesia education. Its broader scope on perioperative medicine is intended to capitalize on opportunities for learning and innovation in education fueled by information sharing across traditional "specialty" lines.

This is a big leap for us and a costly one. However, we have been able to garner financial support for startup. We anticipate that the *Journal* will represent only an additional benefit to our membership and will not result in dues increases.

Specifically, JEPM will allow rapid dissemination of educational information not otherwise widely available (such as SEA syllabuses, education goals and objectives, committee reports, methodologies used successfully in perioperative training programs, interactive learning tools developed locally, etc.). The international accessibility of the *Journal* through the World Wide Web is a major asset and opportunity. It is hoped that such an expansion of avenues for communication among educators will yield insight and quicker access to experience around the world.

We certainly invite international readers to participate in the interactive JEPM and become SEA members.

We would like to welcome you to this exciting concept and benefit. The *Journal of Education in*

Perioperative Medicine© and its stature will flourish with support, in the form of participation in the interactive sections of the *Journal's* website, as well as your contributions (see Guidelines for Authors) to publish.

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