

## Editor's Commentary

Little did I know how much work would be required in coordinating and producing an academic journal. But the fact that aviation scholarship is truly heading in the right direction made it a pleasure for me to do my part to help in this process. I want to genuinely thank all those who submitted their work to the journal. It takes a special scholar to feel confident enough in their work to subject themselves to the scrutiny of their peers. I also want to thank the reviewers for taking time out of their busy schedules to assist in the peer review process. For those that are interested, the acceptance rate for this issue was 50%.

There is a Chinese proverb that states “a nation’s wealth is in its scholars.” I would take that step further and say that “aviation’s wealth is in its scholars.” We must continue to pursue ways to make our industry better. To improve aviation education. And to even create new, competent aviation scholars to keep pushing the boundaries of aviation research.

I am very proud that the *CAR* is now available in major research databases. This disseminates aviation research throughout the globe. A higher standard for statistical reporting, the requirement for compliance with APA format, and the screening for plagiarism insures that the research we present to the world is of high standard. As Johnson, Hamilton, Gibson, and Hanna stated in the volume 24, issue 1 of this journal: “as aviation education establishes itself in academia, it must continue to advance the discipline by creating a rich depository characterized by scholarship and inquiry” (p. 83). Please consider how you can contribute to this goal.

I want all readers to know that writing journal articles does not have to be an intimidating experience. Your research does not need to have endless tables of statistics and results to be successful. The editors of the journal and the UAA publications committee encourage all types of research – quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. There truly is no preference. All that is required is a sound research design, clear methodology, and succinctly reported results. I want to challenge you to produce a journal article to submit for the next edition of the *CAR*. Take your place as an aviation scholar and help improve aviation and its growing research literature.

Sincerely,

David C. Ison, PhD