ASID has gone through a complete change of governance over the last few years and now includes three directors from each division and two journal editors. For the first time we now have one of our directors who identifies as having an intellectual disability. ASID is a membership organisation, with a mission to improve the quality of life for people with an intellectual disability. One of the great advantages of being an ASID member is having access to high quality journals. In recognition of the importance of the journals currently each journal editor has an additional role as an ASID director on the board. ASID is proud to produce two journals the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) and Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD). ASID is responsible for the content of each journal and ensuring it is of high standard and complies with legal and ethical requirements that govern academic publications.

Each journal is has a different focus. JIDD is an international, multidisciplinary journal in the field of intellectual and developmental disability. The Journal’s focus is on publishing original qualitative and quantitative research articles, literature reviews, conceptual papers policy analysis papers brief reports, case reports data briefs, and Opinions and perspectives. RAPIDD’s purpose is to disseminate research, encourage its translation and relevance to practice and policy, and generate informed debate on contemporary issues that matter to the quality of life of people with intellectual disability and their families. The ASID Board of Directors is responsible for the financial, legal and contractual aspects of each journal. ASID has entered into a contract with a commercial publisher, currently Taylor and Francis, who is responsible for the production, publication and distribution processes, both online and in hard copy. The publishing contract includes the obligations of ASID and the publisher and arrangements regarding payment both for procurement of journal content and royalties.

The editors of the journals are extremely busy being solely responsible for the content and quality of each issue of the journal. Their role is voluntary and requires time intensive and demanding work. Anyone who has submitted an article to a journal realises the complex processes involved, the voluntary time given by the editor and reviewers (some of whom are on the editorial board) to ensure each article is reviewed competently and fairly. Perhaps what most ASID members are not aware of is the liaison and contractual obligation with the publisher which requires additional time from the editors. ASID is pleased to report that both journals are receiving an increased number of submissions and in order to ensure the editor can focus on producing high quality content for the journals. The board has recommended that the editors no longer be directors on the ASID board but two new board member positions will be created. These are to be Editorial Board Chairs, one for each journal, with each chair working closely with the other. In terms of governance, for each journal the Editorial Board Chair will have a pivotal role. The Chair is a member of the ASID Board, reports to the ASID Board and works in close collaboration with the Editor to oversee the work associated with production of the journal. The Editorial Board Chair does not have any responsibility for editorial decision making about the content of the journal.

**Role of Editorial Board Chair**

The Editorial Board Chair is a board member of ASID. The Editorial Board Chair will be a person with experience of journal publishing, leadership and governance issues. Ideally they would be a senior academic who has been a journal editor during their career. The initial appointment would be for three years.

The Editorial Board chair will work closely with the Editor and Editorial Board. As a member of the ASID Board the chair is the pivotal link between the journal and the ASID Board, and is expected to advise the Board of any issues of concern or challenges being experienced by the journal, the Editorial Board or the Editor.
for the Editorial Board Chair, external to ASID, is with the contracted publisher.

The Editorial Board Chair is responsible to the ASID Board for:

- Leadership and operational management of the Editorial Board.
- Regular reporting and regular liaison with the ASID Board and presentation of an interim and an annual report on the journal, including statistics such as acceptance rates, the number of papers published in the previous volume year as well as backlog and other relevant information.
- Liaison as necessary with the publisher. An annual meeting with the publisher to review the journal’s performance in conjunction with the chair of the Editorial Board of the other ASID journal and the president and treasurer.
- Taking part in negotiations of the publishing contract with the Editors and Editorial Board chair of the other journal, the President and Treasurer.
- Developing an annual budget for the journal for ASID board approval as part of the annual budget cycle.
- Managing any complaints in accordance with complaints policy described below.
- Leading the processes for appointment of the Editor.

We will be seeking applications for the Editorial Board Chairs in 2017.