



Questions and Answers



If you have comments or questions, please contact Kwan Choi at kchoi@iastate.edu.

1. The corresponding editor resigned. What should I do with the revised paper?

- While I was preparing a revised version, I noticed that the co-editor who oversaw my submission is no longer a co-editor of that journal. In this case, how would this affect the status of my paper in the near future? Is it possible to go through a new round with another editor and his/her own choice of referees? (Jaejoon Woo, OECD)
- Usually the corresponding editor is responsible for editorial decisions for papers he or she received for about a year. Submit the revised version to the editor who made the initial editorial decision.
- The resigning editor still wants to relinquish his responsibility quickly. The revised version should be submitted within a few months.
- Otherwise, the editorial decision may be delegated to a new editor who may not be as favorable toward your paper as the first editor.

2. Professional technical editors are helpful

- I have found that a professional technical editor is also very helpful for struggling beginning writers who have English as a first language (Bob Coleman).
- Professional technical editors can make many useful suggestions. You can accept some or all of their suggestions. It does not really matter whether English is one's first language or not.

3. Where do I find a copy editor?

- Since I am not a native speaker, I want somebody to help me to check the grammar and polish the paper. I understand that the service is not free, and I am willing to pay. In fact, I am willing to pay a premium, if the work can be finished before Thanksgiving. (Xiaoayan Zhang).
- Contact the English department of your institution to locate copy editors. There should be many editors who can help you. They usually charge \$10 - 20 per hour. Even graduate students in English department are very good. Sometimes retired professors are willing to copyedit papers or theses.