



## HESI PEER REVIEW PROCESS

### Status Report: 2006-2016

Among HESI's highest priorities is a commitment to setting and maintaining rigorous standards for peer review of its scientific work products. To that end, the HESI Board of Trustees instituted an internal peer review process in 2006 to lend credibility, transparency, and technical accuracy to the work of HESI committees. The HESI Peer Review Process is a prelude to scientific journal review, and is designed to ensure that the organization's work products achieve the excellence demanded by HESI's tripartite constituency (i.e., government, academia, and industry) prior to external release. The Peer Review Process is institutionalized through specific requirements that are actively followed by all HESI committees.

Oversight of the HESI Peer Review Process is the responsibility of the Program Strategy and Stewardship Committee (PSSC) of the HESI Board of Trustees. The Editor in Chief is a public sector scientist (academic, NGO, or government sector) who is appointed by the HESI Board of Trustees to serve as the HESI Editor-in-Chief for a two-year term subject to renewal. Active participants in the Peer Review Process include the Editor-in-Chief and reviewers selected by the Editor-in-Chief from the HESI Board of Trustees, the HESI Assembly, and external (non HESI) peer reviewers. Upon meeting all requirements of the HESI Peer Review Process and upon receipt of final approval from the HESI Editor, a given work product is submitted to a scientific journal where it is subject to the journal's peer review process.

Table 1 provides summary statistics on the HESI Peer Review Process for the past ten years. These statistics provide a glimpse of the outstanding productivity of HESI committees and the efficiency of the internal peer review process.

<b>Table 1. SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR THE HESI PEER REVIEW PROCESS (2006-2016)</b>											
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Number of HESI committees submitting manuscripts <sup>1</sup>	6	11	9	10	12	10	8	9	10	7	7
Number of manuscripts submitted through the HESI Peer Review process	23	44	29	14	15	24	21	24	23	17	13
Number of independent, external peer reviewers	18	59	59	26	22	35	12	20	24	25	21
Number of Board Trustees/ Official Representatives involved in reviews					6	11	10	20	14	6	6
Number of Editors	1	6	7	7	3	1	3	1	1	1	1
Average number of days from receipt to return of comments					31.4	26.1	44.4	26.5	42	27	32

<sup>1</sup> One manuscript submitted by the HESI THRIVE Program Advisory Board was not included in the 2016 total.