Thank you

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Rather than examining what an editor can do for a journal, I prefer instead, in my final editorial, to focus on what a journal can do for an editor. Judy Jones contacted me in early November 2005 to ask me if I was interested in taking over as editor of *Educational Psychology Review* (EDPR) for Ken Kiewra. I was honestly surprised that they were considering me. I knew that there were at least a hundred people out there who had more experience, better track records, and greater clout in educational psychology than me, barely 12 years post Ph.D. I flew to New York, met with Judy, and was immediately taken by her warmth and positive attitude. She said Springer Publishing was moving to Editorial Manager and wanted to move the journal forward in terms of reputation, readership, etc. So, not only was I being asked to step into the vacant shoes of Glover, Benton, and Kiewra, I was supposed to take the journal further. When I was offered the job, I was an associate professor at the University of Texas. Many people advised me to decline the offer as it would hurt my research productivity and perhaps my chances at promotion. As many editors will tell you, the recognition and support one gets from the home institution can dampen one's enthusiasm.

So, I did what any normal immature Iowa boy would do. I jumped into the water without even thinking about it. And I had a great time. I chose to ride the rollercoaster simply because I thought there might never be another chance. As I look back now, hindsight is clear that it was well worth it. Editing EDPR did not kill my chances at promotion to full professor at Texas. It did not kill my research productivity. Instead, it opened doors for me professionally that would not have opened otherwise. In 2011, I was a Fulbright Scholar in New Zealand. I have been invited to write articles and commentaries and serve on panels simply due to my editor status. Beyond all of this, serving as editor has introduced me to hundreds of scholars that I would have neither met nor interacted with otherwise. Thus, my most valued and selfish takeaway from this 10-year tour of duty is the friendships I take with me. Additionally, I have had one of the best seats in the house in terms of watching our beautiful field of educational psychology flourish. Moreover, I have often seen the emerging scholarship at first bloom. What an honor! I am more excited about the future of educational psychology than I have ever been.

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I remember visiting Ken Kiewra (previous editor) in January of 2006, and we carried boxes containing pending manuscripts to my car. The editorial transition that occurred then coincided with the transition from paper to electronic. Whereas Ken had required additional office space for his editorial duties, I required only a computer. Editorial Manager was launched, and my job as editor was immediately much easier than Ken had experienced. My first two years were spent finding my way and attempting to build foundational relationships and bridges to grow the readership, submissions, and impact of EDPR. We have certainly come a long way from 33 submissions in 2006 to 142 in 2014. Now, I have taken the journal about as far as I can go. It is time for someone else to take it further. Fred Paas will certainly do that.

I want to thank everyone who has served on the editorial board these past 10 years. You are the most important variable when it comes to journal quality that an editor can control. The other, very important though uncontrollable, variable is manuscript quality. You authors are to be thanked, too, for sending your best work our way. I especially want to acknowledge the service of my senior advisory editors—Patricia Alexander, Roger Bruning, Joel Levin, Rich Mayer, John Sweller, and Sharon Vaughn, along with past editors Steve Benton and Ken Kiewra. I have leaned heavily on these individuals for their advice over the years. Any mistakes I have made are mine alone. Benton and Kiewra are like older brothers to me, and EDPR is like our dad's classic automobile. It has been passed down, and I hope I have taken good care of it. Otherwise, I would have to answer to my brothers. Fred, remember that! Smile.

I am thrilled that Fred Paas will be the next editor. I have known Fred for years and have always been impressed with his energy and ability. Fred will make EDPR a better journal than it is now. Please support him and continue to submit your best manuscripts.