

On the Adversity of Editors

Sometimes we find it necessary to ask authors for re-revisions of their papers or notes for one or more of three main reasons: 1) they have not responded in either their revised text or their letter of transmittal to the technical comments of reviewers and/or editors; 2) they have not provided acceptable illustrations (most often, the lettering is too small; sometimes simple and similar figures have not been combined as requested); and 3) unnecessary verbosity. When this happens, authors may picture us as unreasonable adversaries and vow

never again to send us a paper. However, we continue to be gratified by the kind acknowledgments of some who realize that their papers have indeed been improved by the final revisions. Our only aim is to put out a lean, accurate, and valued journal, publishing as many worthy papers as possible within our page budget. How happy we would be if all authors would take care of the three main faults during first revision!

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WE take this annual opportunity to acknowledge, with great pleasure, the assistance received from reviewers. Conscientious review and constructive criticism of our papers is a vital part of our system, as indicated in our "Acceptance Procedure for Archive Journals of AIAA," which appeared in the first issue of each of our journals in 1965.

Thoughtful, detailed reviews are sincerely appreciated by both the authors and the editors. Every comment made by a reviewer is carefully considered. If the editors decide that a paper should be published (or rejected) against the advice of a reviewer, it is done only after all evidence from the other reviewer(s) and the author has been carefully weighed. Even in such cases, you probably will recognize that the quality of the accepted paper(s) has been improved as a result of your enlightened criticism.

For the help you gave us in 1967 and may give us in 1968 and in future years, we say a very warm "thank you."

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