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Greetings,

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On behalf of the Novice National Forensic Association, I am excited to welcome *Speaker and Gavel* to our organization. For 55 years, this journal has been committed to what we believe is an integral part of forensic education: research. This research is what helps us improve and grow our programs and ensure that what we are teaching in forensics enriches the lives—not just the competitive experience—of those who participate.

The Novice National Forensic Association and *Speaker & Gavel* share a common goal in our dedication to education. Our national tournament offers an opportunity for first year competitors to experience a level-playing field where they compete against other novices on a national stage, learning and growing in the process. However, Novice Nationals is more than just a tournament; as an organization, we are focused on pedagogy and supporting those who are new to this activity, including new students, new coaches, and new programs.

We look forward to advancing our organization's mission to serve, support, and educate the "new" in forensics through our partnership with *Speaker & Gavel*. Yet we wouldn't be able to do so without the extensive devotion of Todd Holm. As editor, Todd spends countless hours ensuring that the quality of scholarship included in these pages is the highest that our profession has to offer. We are excited for Todd to continue this role moving forward.

Thank you all for your continuing commitment to forensic education by supporting and contributing to *Speaker & Gavel*. Happy reading!

Sincerely,

Matt Delzer
Executive Director
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