Why Publish?

and

the Editorial Process

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Editor, PASP

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Get rich

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Famous ?

Only if you are George Abell or Carl Sagan!

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Where to publish:

- **JAAVSO (easy, no page charges)**
- **Conference series (have to attend meeting)**
- **Popular article (Sky & Tel, Sci American)**
- **Information Bulletin on Variable Stars**
- **Journal (ApJ, AJ, PASP, MNRAS) (page charges or UK member)**

The Editorial Process:

- Accepting the Paper
- Publishing the Paper

Getting your paper accepted:

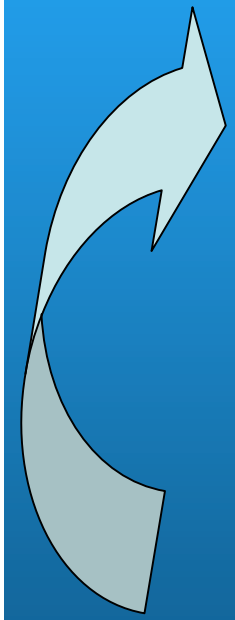
- take good data
- obtain a new result
- write a correct paper (latex or Word)
- submit to a journal (WPR)

Submitting your paper:

http://mss.uchicago.edu (WPR)

http://mss.uchicago.edu/PASP/

- **WPR converts to ps, pdf, posts on web**
- **Editor chooses reviewer, sends request**
- **Access sent to reviewer**
- **Review arrives in 2-3 + weeks**
- **Comments sent back to author**
- **Author revises (1-2 months+), reposts to WPR**
- **Access for revised sent to reviewer**
- **Editor accepts, author puts on astro-ph**



Questions asked of reviewers:

- Does the article contain significant new results/analysis?
- Is the paper written with maximum conciseness?
- Could the order of presentation or English be improved?
- Do you have any comments or criticisms that would help the authors to improve the paper?

UCP is notified paper is accepted for a journal

Data conversion

-data format for electronic archive

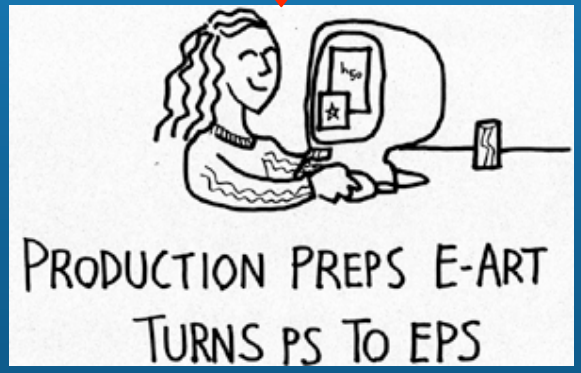
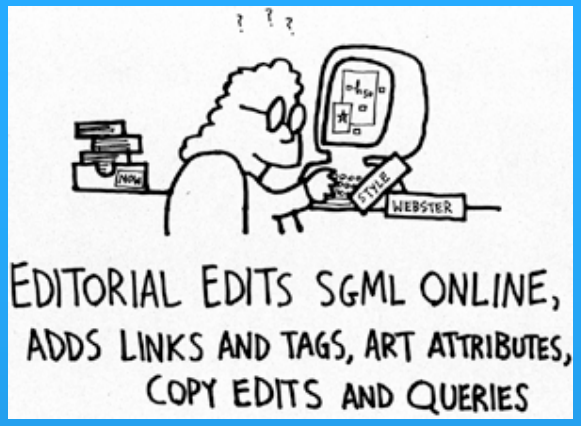
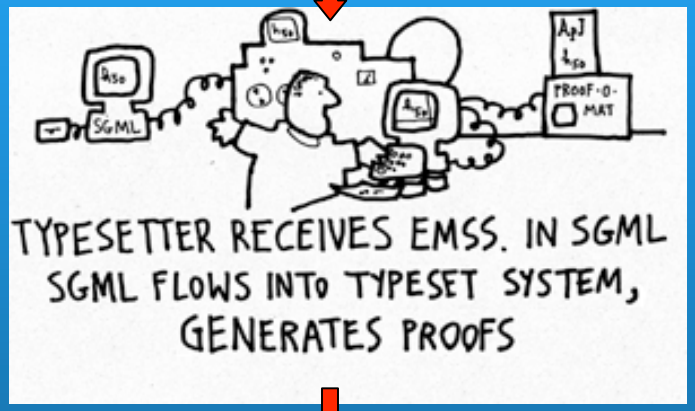
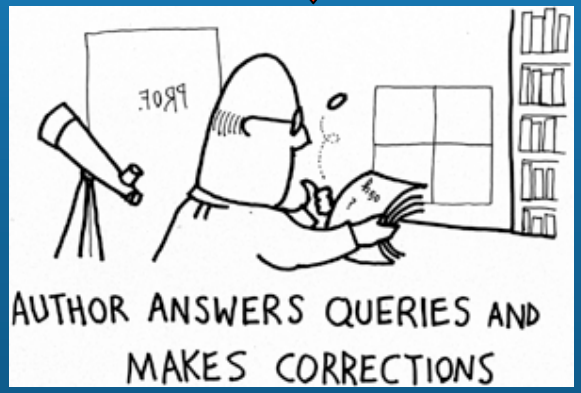


Figure preparation

-checked, sized, rotated







Editing text

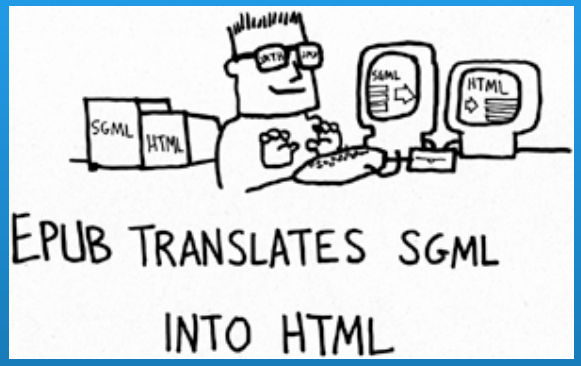
-copyeditor checks style, spelling, grammar, inserts links

Typesetting

-files sent to vendor, made into pages, proofs posted on web

Proofing

-author notes changes needed



Electronic and Print Publication

-pdf of proofs is sent to printer

-pdf and ps assembled for electronic edition

Paper appears on web and later in journal

My recommendations:

- be familiar with the literature
- work in a collaborative effort
- have several people read your paper prior to submission
- don’t give or take reviews personally