

JSAC policy on guest editors publishing in their own issues:

Since every issue of JSAC has a team of guest editors (GEs) who handle the paper review and decision process, a problem arises when GEs submit a paper to their own JSAC issue. In addition to GEs, JSAC has a board of senior editors (SEs), whose role is to evaluate proposals for special issues and mentor the GE teams. To handle the situation where GEs submit papers to their own issues, one of the SEs will handle the review process for such papers. The editor-in-chief (EiC) will choose a SE, who will select reviewers and make the decision for GE co-authored papers. Such papers must be submitted to the mentor by the regular submission deadline. The SE who selects the reviewers and makes the decision will remain unknown to the paper authors and to the reviewers. All correspondence will come from the EiC. At the time the GEs are finalizing their paper decisions on the main pool of papers, the EiC may solicit information from the GEs regarding which papers are being accepted and rejected, including copies of actual papers and their reviews, to provide calibration information to the SE making a decision on a GE co-authored paper.