Saying Goodbye and Saying Hello

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Another year is upon us, and we are excited to share some of the plans that the Editors at EON have been working hard to develop in conjunction with the ISMTE Board of Directors. A lot is changing this year, but that also opens the door to a lot of new and exciting opportunities for us at EON, to further engage with our community at ISMTE and to examine the ways that we can reshape the direction in which we’re headed for the coming year.

**Saying goodbye and saying hello!**

Our year does begin on a bittersweet note -- EON is saying goodbye to Co-Editor-in-Chief Lindsey Brounstein, who completed her rotation on EON at the end of 2022 and is stepping into an advisory role within the Editorial Board for EON. While this change is part of our rotating plan for EON Editors, we are still sad to see Lindsey go; her contributions to our publication over the past four years cannot be overstated. If you haven’t already, we encourage you to read Lindsey’s farewell message in the December/January issue of 2022, found [here](#), and join us in sending Lindsey off. Personally, this is a heavy moment for me as I step into Lindsey’s role and see a colleague who quickly became a friend moving on from something we both worked on together throughout the pandemic, but I am also so honored to have had the chance to learn from such a mentor. Lindsey, thank you so much for everything you did for me as a budding editor and everything you’ve done for EON and ISTME! You’ve left big shoes for us to fill, but we’re excited to step in and live up to your legacy and the legacy of all EON editors who have come and gone before you.

But, as with many things, as one chapter ends, a new chapter begins. I am so excited to welcome Alaina Webster as the new Co-Editor-in-Chief for EON. Alaina has her own introduction message included in this issue, and I invite you to read it and join me in welcoming Alaina. I am already greatly enjoying the chance to work with Alaina, and we have hit the ground running this year in our meetings where Alaina’s energy and expertise has been immediately evident. I am so excited to lead EON with such an excellent partner. Welcome aboard Alaina! I’m thrilled to be working with you!

We are also fortunate that this is not the only Editor we are welcoming to the EON ranks this year. At the end of 2022, we were honored to have two column editors join our team, Anastasia Cyzewski and Caitlyn Trautwein. Anastasia took over Lindsey’s recurring column, *Taming Technology*, in late 2022, and Caitlyn has recently developed her *I AM EDITOR* series, a new monthly column dedicated to rediscovering who we are, as editors and as people, and we are so pleased to have both of these rockstars on board. Make sure to check out the second installment of Caitlyn’s I AM EDITOR column in this issue as well!
Collaboration remains the name of the game

In the last year, EON has developed new partnerships and connections with authors, our readers, and ISMTE as a whole. Collaboration has always been the cornerstone of EON, and we are excited for some new opportunities for that collaboration this year. A strategic goal for all of ISMTE is to further advance our cohesion, and our ability to work together to accomplish our goals as a society, and EON will remain a key part of that process. However, we are also taking this year as an opportunity to reconnect with all of our committees and give them a chance to share updates and shine the spotlight on the great work they’re all doing each day to contribute to ISMTE. Additionally, EON will continue to work closely with the ISMTE Board of Directors to ensure that we can all stay in step with one another, and that all of our efforts build upon one another and foster an ever greater sense of our connectivity. All in all, this direction is nothing new, but we are eager to dive in and continue working to develop our connections together, drive new ideas, and seek to empower us all to share our strengths and experiences with all of the amazing colleagues we have here at ISMTE.

Authorship awards

The authorship awards that we announced last year are moving full steam ahead! Included in this issue is our announcement of the award-winning articles for 2022, including the most read article of the year and the Editor’s Choice article for 2022 as well. If you haven’t already, please take a look at this Editorial from our October issue, which provides a little more information about our awards and the process we will undertake each year to select our winners. Then check out the update included in this issue with our winners for 2022!

I would be remiss if I didn’t use this opportunity to remind you that now is a great time to start writing your next big piece! You never know, you may be selected as an award winner for 2023! If you are interested in submitting an article for EON or getting involved in any way, please feel free to reach out to myself or Alaina, and we will be happy to point you in the right direction and share some information about the submission process. Additionally, you can find this information on the ISMTE website by going to Members > EON > EON Submission Instructions.

All in all, this is the beginning of another promising year at EON. We’re very excited to get things rolling, and now that we’ve gotten a little more accustomed to PubPub, our new publishing platform, we’re eager to unfold some new ideas and initiatives to bring us all together. We will certainly miss Lindsey as Co-Editor-in-Chief, but we have a dynamite team stepping up and volunteering their time within EON, and I hope you are equally excited to see their contributions in real time. This year is going to be an awesome year for ISMTE, and we are looking forward to playing our part!