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CHANGES IN SJAE FORMAT AND PROCEDURES

SAEA Executive Committee and Editors

Along with the change of editors for the Journal in 1984, several changes in Journal format and submission procedures have been approved by the SAEA Executive Committee. Approved changes have resulted from recommendations of a committee appointed by President Cal Barry in February 1983 to investigate the appropriate role of the Journal and the editorial council. Executive Committee approval of proposed SJAE changes was given in June 1983 and implementation of changes has been in progress since that time.

The 1984 and subsequent volumes of the Journal will include general articles, notes, comments and replies *and* microcomputer software articles. An abstract and keywords will be printed with all articles included in the Journal.

The introduction of microcomputer software articles is intended to provide an avenue of publication for an increasingly important segment of the profession. Microcomputer software articles are not intended to provide complete coverage of the information represented. Rather, microcomputer software articles will present an overview of the software in sufficient detail to provide a recognized body of literature and to assist the readership in discovery of areas of interest in microcomputer software. Microcomputer software articles will be limited in length to 4 Journal pages. Documentation and the software will be reviewed in addition to the microcomputer software article manuscript. A microcomputer software article submission form will be used to facilitate selection of reviewers (Figure 1).

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Figure 1. Microcomputer Software Submission Form

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