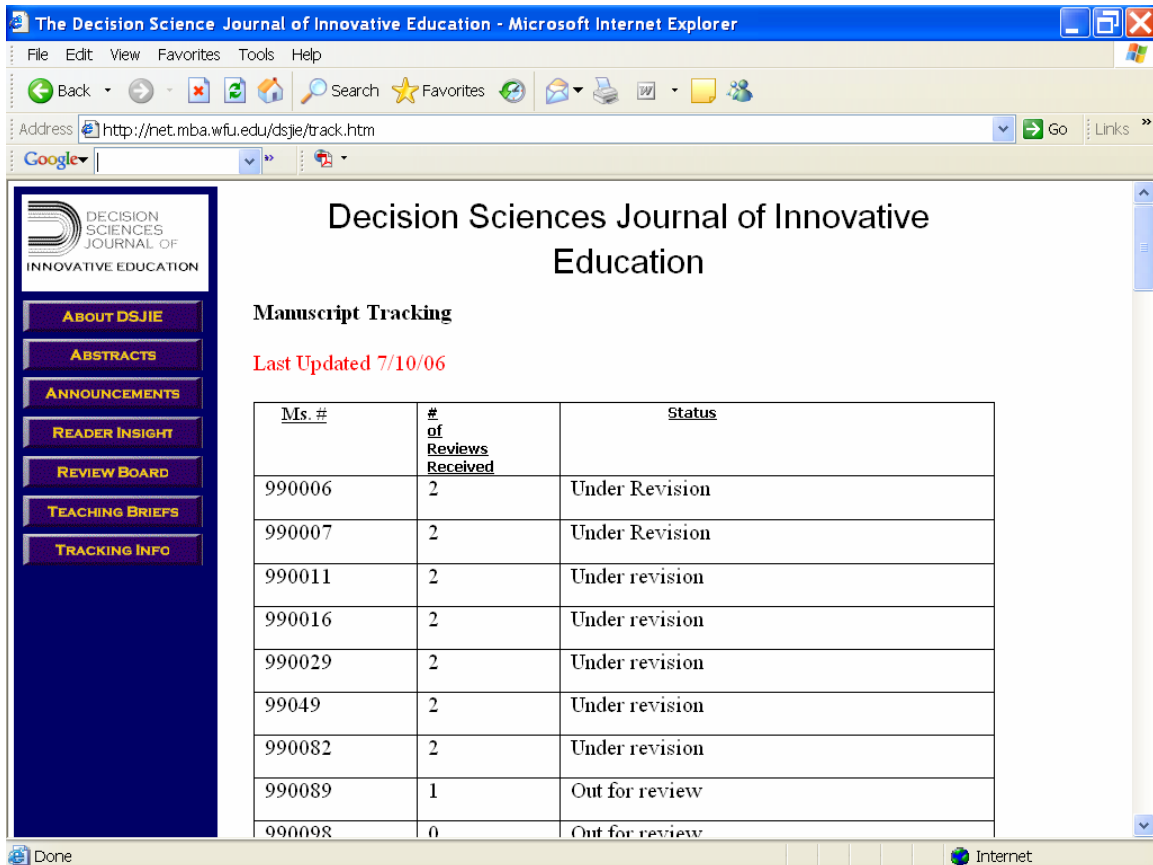


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# Confidential

Just what sorts of things in academia are not confidential? You might be amazed. We recently visited one of the homepages of *The Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education* and found some interesting items. For instance, Stephen Bushardt (Professor of Management) serves on the *Journal's* editorial review board, as reported earlier in "Sedona Files" (available at usmpride.com). However, we also found a link that allows authors to track their submissions to *TDSJIE* --- a link that was just recently updated (7/10/06). A screen of the page that link takes viewers to is depicted below:



We scrolled down and recorded the information we found using this link. That information is presented below:

	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Out for Review</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Under Revision</u>
Submissions	8	42	16	26

As you can see, the website indicates that 92 recent submissions are currently at one of four stages in the publication process. Eight have been accepted, 42 remain out for review, 16 have been rejected, while 26 are currently at some point in the “revision” process. We used the information available to compute the acceptance rate of *TDSJIE*. First, we assumed that 75% of the papers “under revision” will ultimately be accepted for publication at some future points. Of course, that number may be somewhat conservative, so we went to the other extreme by assuming all of the papers currently “under revision” will ultimately gain acceptance by *TDSJIE*. These two assumptions provide for lower- and upper-bound estimates of *TDSJIE*’s acceptance rate. Those estimates are presented below:

### ***TDSJIE* Acceptance Rate**

Lower-Bound <u>Estimate</u>	Upper-Bound <u>Estimate</u>
55%	68%

These results are quite interesting. We can’t believe they put this kind of information “out there.” Now that USM’s CoB has it, look out *TDSJIE*!

Until next time.