2013 Jack Kenney Award for Outstanding Service

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On April 30, 2010, Jack Kenney retired from the ASM Journals Department after 25 years of service. He served as the production editor for the Journal of Bacteriology for the last 13 of those years. I worked with Jack for almost 10 years. He was an especially gifted production editor; he solved countless problems for me when I was an editor, and I know that he helped countless authors. Jack died suddenly and unexpectedly on July 10, 2010.

At the annual JB Editors’ meeting following Jack’s untimely death, it was unanimously decided to rename the JB Editors Award for Outstanding Service on the Editorial Board as the Jack Kenney Award for Outstanding Service on the Editorial Board.

At this year’s Editors meeting, David L. Popham was the Editors’ choice as the fifth recipient of the Jack Kenney Award. David is a Professor of Biological Sciences at Virginia Tech. He studies the structure, biosynthesis, and degradation of peptidoglycan components in both vegetative cells and spores of Gram-positive bacteria. David won the Jack Kenney Award for his numerous and timely reviews that set the standard for quality, fairness, and promptness. His expertise is exceptionally broad, and his judgment, experience, and wisdom are great assets to the JB reviewing system. In the 12 months preceding this year’s meeting, David reviewed 13 manuscripts with an average turnaround time of 14 days. Moreover, never once during this period did he decline a review request. In appreciation of his efforts, David was awarded the plaque he is shown holding.

The editors of JB are delighted to recognize and honor David Popham’s service.