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The following is presented for consideration.

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(a)(2)(ii)(A): It would appear the requirement for proportional fonts to be at least 14 points or larger is meant to promote the ability to easily read text. Using 14 point will result in larger documents which result in a drastic loss of available pages for documents with a page limitation. Another way to assure readable text would be to narrow the fonts available to be used in submissions as opposed to increasing the font size to 14 point. For example, Arial in 12 point font is very readable whereas other selected fonts may not be.

(a)(2)(ii)(B): Eliminate this and rewrite (a)(2) to include only a requirement relating to font size and a limitation to using either monospaced font, or one or more common proportional fonts. Word processing programs usually present font options in point size and not number of characters per centimeter. Having this language in the rule can lead to the submission of non-compliant papers. It ma benefit of the Board to simplify this rule as follows:

- (ii) Font size must be at least 12 point and may be [e]ither a proportional sans typeface or monospaced font. may be used:
- (A) ~~The proportional font must be 14 point or larger, and~~
- (B) ~~The monospaced font must not contain more than 4 characters per centimeter (10 characters per inch);]~~

Respectfully submitted,

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