

DEPARTMENT: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Invitation to Correspond

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Abstract. The editor opens the Letters column: what this journal hopes to receive from its readers, and how to send it.

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A journal that only speaks is half a journal. This column exists for the other half.

The Valuation Engineer Journal publishes methods that are meant to be used — and methods that are used get tested in ways their authors never anticipated. If you have applied the Residual Constraint Approach and found a step that fails in your market, we want the letter. If a Foundations entry defines a term more narrowly than your practice requires, we want the letter. If a court decision we summarized reads differently to a practitioner in that jurisdiction, we want that letter too. Disagreement, replication, refinement, and plain correction are all in scope; so are short reports from practice — a technique that worked, a data problem solved, a failure worth warning others about.

Ground rules are few. Letters should be signed, concise (a page is ideal), and specific — cite the article, section, or entry you are addressing, and give evidence the way you would in a workfile. We may edit for length and clarity, always with the author's approval. Letters are published open access under CC BY 4.0, like everything else in these pages, and authors whose work is discussed will be offered the chance to reply in the same issue.

Send letters through the journal site (journal.valuation-engineer.com) or to the editor directly. The first real letters this journal receives will mark the moment it becomes a conversation rather than a publication — we are looking forward to them.

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