Communications Committee Update – March 2013

Newsletter Subcommittee
We thank Laurel Stoddard, long-standing contributor of “The Nature of Words” and experienced editor, and Beverly Guenette, experienced grammarian and editor-in-training, for stepping up to serve as the new editors of “The Court Reporter.” Each has agreed to serve as sole editor on alternate issues. The newsletter will be published quarterly, on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. While social media offer almost instantaneous information, members have missed the regularity and central voice of our association and the industry.

We thank Bill Wagner, who was editor of the “The Court Reporter” for more than a decade, for his generous thoughts. Although officially retired, he agreed to jump out as needed to edit one or two articles per issue. Thank you, Bill, for your constancy.

Social Media Subcommittee
Since every member has important insights and a unique story to tell, we invite as many members as possible to contribute one news item or original article per year. On March 8 you received an email from Gail Armstrong to join the Social Media Subcommittee and to post articles and news items. Attached were the “Writer’s Guidelines.”

Members wrote the following four articles, posted on WordPress:
- “AAERT: Then and Now” on December 17 by Jim Bowen
- “Button Pusher Extraordinaire” on January 11 by Gail Armstrong
- “Escapades of a Transcriber” on January 28 by Janet Pryce
- “40 Years in the Court Reporting Industry” on February 7 by Valori Weber

These articles are in the works: seeing digital reporting through the eyes of the transcriber, digital reporting software products, backing up your systems, and software to help you understand non-English speakers.

If you want to write an article, post a news item, recruit other writers or ‘news posters,’ be an editor, become a Writing Partner, or assist in any other way, please e-mail or write Gail.

Website Subcommittee
We thank Tony Wright for his thoughtful suggestions on the functionality, design, and appearance of our website. Since AAERT is the gateway into the expanding world of digital reporting, we want the website to reflect its mission and industry responsibility. On March 11 we invited you to join the committee. Interest is growing. If you would like to contribute and can commit five hours of work per month to this important project, please e-mail me at buck@bostonreporters.com or call 617-871-6000.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Buck Ewing, Chairman
AAERT Communications Committee