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Editor of Newsletter

At the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the Association, Val Canty announced that this would be her last year as editor of the Newsletter. Val, with the support and assistance of Jocelyn Morris and, more recently, Jan Barwick, has produced the Newsletter since the August 2002 issue. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Val and her assistants for the contribution they have made to the Association. Val's contribution, however, goes far beyond her work as editor. She served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Association from its very foundation up until 1996. Her offer in 2002 to take on the role of editor and the energy and enthusiasm she brought to the task are indicative of her commitment to the Association. We thank her warmly and sincerely for all she has done for us and been for us.

The position of Editor of the Newsletter is vacant. In the past, the Newsletter has generally been edited by an individual (sometimes with an Assistant Editor). This could continue to be the case. There is no reason however, why a library or institution or even a regional chapter of the Association may not take on the responsibility and share tasks among staff members.

Treasurer

Another formal and public vote of thanks goes to Lynn Pryor. As was announced on the ANZTLA Forum earlier in the year, Lynn resigned as Treasurer of the Association at the end of February. Lynn had served as Treasurer since 1996 (taking over the position, in fact, from Val Canty). Like Val, Lynn has been a part of the fabric of the Association for many years. It is difficult to think of a time when Lynn has not held a formal position in the Association either as an executive office bearer, editor of the Newsletter or a member of the ARI editorial team.

The position of Treasurer has now been filled by Catherine Halsall from the Presbyterian Theological Centre in Sydney. Kerrie Stevens from Harvest Bible College in Melbourne has stepped in as Statistician, replacing Catherine.

Annual Conference and A.G.M., Brisbane

With this issue of the Newsletter, members will receive supplementary material relating to the Association's 19th annual conference to be held in Brisbane at the beginning of July. The promotional brochure outlines the conference programme and contains a registration form.

The separate nomination form is to be used when nominating an individual as a candidate for election to the Board of the Association. Elsewhere in this issue (page 6), there is a memo to all members of ANZTLA Ltd which details the procedures and timelines to be followed when nominating a candidate for election to the Board. Please read this memo carefully.

Under the constitution, nominations must be lodged in writing well in advance of the AGM/Conference. This means the only way to find out if people have been or are prepared to be nominated is to speak with them. Now is the time to talk to other members individually or collectively, face-to-face or electronically about the elections. And, of course, now is the time for everyone to consider the possibility of contributing to the work of the Association by standing for election.

Tony McCumstie