

Changes Ahead for *The Voice* and *The Quarterly*

With an eye to better serving its network and readers, the National Writing Project is making changes to both of its regular publications, *The Voice* and *The Quarterly*, in the coming year. The changes, which will affect everything from look to content to publication schedule, will occur over a period of time, with some changes being more noticeable than others.

Among the more obvious changes will be that to *The Voice* publication schedule. Beginning in 2004, *The Voice* will be published four times a year instead of five. With this shift, although *The Voice* will continue to serve as a vehicle for advertising and celebrating network news and events, the website will take on greater responsibility as the source for the most up-to-the-moment network news.

Both *The Voice* and *The Quarterly* (which as its name suggests will continue to be published four

times a year) will be looking toward a greater mix of articles both short and long. More substantive than this, however, the content over both publications will focus on practicality.



“We’re looking to make the content immediately applicable to the work teachers are doing,” Amy Bauman, managing editor of both *The Voice* and *The Quarterly* said recently in regard to the changes. “Ideally, each piece will give the reader something to take away.”

“Changes to *The Voice* and *The Quarterly* are part of a larger plan to improve communication and dissemination across the organization,” NWP Communications Director

Roxanne Barber added. “This effort will include improvements to the NWP website and NWPI, our interactive online community.”

One aspect of the publications that will remain the same, however, is the price. For \$20 a year, readers will receive both *The Quarterly* and *The*

Voice. Although in the past an associate of the NWP has also included a 20% discount on books and/or a free title at sign-up, these promotions are no longer running. For more information on becoming a regular reader of NWP publications, go to the website at www.writingproject.org.

Applications for Continued Funding Are Online

The annual site application for continued funding is a requirement for federal funding, but it is also an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate each writing project site’s accomplishments. The 2004-2005 application for continuing National Writing Project sites is now online at www.writingproject.org/sitesupport.html. Deadline for application is January 7, 2004.