President's Letter

(The following president's letter was originally sent out to VASTAVOX members on April 9, 1997. The information is valuable to all VASTA members as well, and is included as this issue's president's letter).

Greetings from the VASTA Board!

Since there have been a number of messages on VASTAVOX regarding the new VASTA website, we thought informing you of what is on the website, what will be on and when, and a request for suggestions from the VASTAVOX membership would be in order.

VASTA was originated and still is a service organization to voice and diction teachers/trainers with multiple backgrounds, training, viewpoints and perspectives as well as professionals in related fields. The organization has been a place where students and teachers from different avenues can come together, learn from one another, and support one another on those issues which affect us all.

Eric Armstrong has done a wonderful job creating the VASTA website. It contains at present a home page, VASTAVOX information, VASTA/ATME Conference application and information, as well as a table of contents with information which we hope will soon be on the website. The temporary VASTA Website address is:

http://www.uwindsor.ca/faculty/arts/dramatic/voice/

In the table of contents are the following:

**Coming Soon:** A Brief Description and History of the Organization, VASTA Training Guidelines, VASTA Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, A List of VASTA Publications, Membership Information, A List of Officers and Board Members with E-mail Addresses, VASTA's Constitution and By-laws.

**Coming Summer 1997:** VASTA Newsletter Archives, VASTA Professional Index with names, addresses, work history and teaching philosophy of the membership.

**Coming in the Near Future:** Information on how and where to look for dialect information.

The VASTA Board has not yet set up parameters to have the website serve as a clearing house for workshops. At the present time VASTAVOX is serving us all as that venue and the Board would not wish to have VASTA's website seem to be conflicting with the scope of VASTAVOX's service. VASTAVOX members—what particulars are you interested in seeing on the VASTA webpage? I will take your suggestions to the board for consideration and action at our August meetings. My e-mail address is below.

I know the Board joins me and salutes Dudley Knight on his innovative beginning to our international communication with VASTAVOX, congratulates Eric on his expansion of VASTA's reach with the website and thanks each of you for the suggestions you are about to make so VASTA can serve you better through these special mediums of communication.

Peace,

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor has received and expects to receive letters on important issues, both brought up in the Newsletter and introduced by the membership. When you write, please know you are giving permission for the letter to be printed or cut for inclusion as the Editor deems necessary. This is traditional with newspapers and newsletters throughout the country and VASTA will abide by these standards.

Letters can be sent to: Letters to the VASTA Editor, Susan Conover, Communication and Theatre, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE 68504.