

fer of materials was just that. During the first week of September, I drove 950 miles to Colorado Springs to work with Marianna on the move, and we literally transferred the offices from Colorado College to the back of my mini-van for me to carry back to Rock Island, Illinois and the new consortium headquarters at Augustana College.

I am also grateful to administrators and faculty at Augustana for help in preparing for this move. The Dean and President of the College are providing me release time to enable me to serve ASIANetwork better. Office space suitable for the housing of the consortium and the production of the newsletter is also being provided. We joked some at last spring's annual conference that it would take at least four individuals to do the work of one Marianna. Because the consortium has grown in numbers and in complexity, this will, in fact, be the case. Nonetheless, because of the graciousness of Augustana, the costs to ASIANetwork will not increase. Besides freeing time for me to work on ASIANetwork matters, Augustana has also committed an individual from the comptroller's office, Stephanie Cramer, to provide able assistance to me to manage ASIANetwork financial resources, to prepare annual tax statements and so forth. This was previously done by Marianna with the able help of Steve Meyers, a Colorado Springs CPA. In addition, the work that Marianna did on the newsletter will now be done by two Augustana colleagues, both with editing and publishing experience: Anne Prescott of the music department and Ben Nefzger of the sociology department. I am also blessed with a half dozen other faculty at the college who are deeply committed to this enterprise.

As a person who has served as an active and then ex officio Board member for the past four years, I have a good understanding of the immense amount of work undertaken by Marianna to lead this organization. I wish to express my gratitude to Colorado College for providing a campus headquarters for ASIANetwork and especially to Marianna for her service to our consortium. As noted by Suzanne Barnett in the Citation given Marianna at last April's conference, Marianna has been "just right" as the Executive Director of ASIANetwork these past six years. I hope the same can be said for me at the end of my tenure as Executive Director.

*Van Symons*

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## *From the Editors*

This is the first issue of the *ASIANetwork Exchange* to be produced by its new editors and Augustana College. It is also a special one. At this transition point in ASIANetwork we thought it would be helpful for everyone involved to look back at where we came from and how we have progressed. Thus this issue of the *ASIANetwork Exchange* chronicles the history of ASIANetwork from a passionate dream to an expanding reality. The past Board Chairs and Executive Director were asked to write about the changes, innovations, and achievements which occurred during their tenures. These pieces reflect the unique personalities of each author, and give us a sense of the growing pains and achievements of the first years of ASIANetwork.

In keeping with the expansion of the organization, we have identified several areas of the *ASIANetwork Exchange* which we would like to develop further. As you will see in this issue, we have added photos so that you can see the people and events which shape our organization. Future issues will also include photos, and we welcome your submissions. We have regularized the contents so that you will become familiar with the different sections and the kinds of information they contain. If your primary interest is ASIANetwork Initiatives (grant announcements and other ASIANetwork-sponsored opportunities), the latest news from the Executive Director, or the keynote address from the last ASIANetwork conference, the table of contents on the front cover will tell you where to find the information you need quickly and easily.

We will produce three issues a year: Fall, Winter and Spring. In order to do this, we ask for your support. If you have consented to provide us with material, whether it be an article, grant information, photos or programming at your institution, we ask that you submit that material in a timely manner. All submissions are welcome; appropriate unsolicited material will be used as space is available.

As we embark on this experience of editing the *ASIANetwork Exchange*, we can only wonder at the special powers Marianna McJimsey must possess to have been able to produce a newsletter in addition to her duties as the Executive Director of ASIANetwork. From learning new software to finding our way through the maze of postal regulations and printing details, it has already been an interesting learning experience.

The newsletter is your publication, so don't hesitate to let us know what you think about it, including what you would like to see added, dropped or changed. We can be reached through e-mail at [ANExchange@augustana.edu](mailto:ANExchange@augustana.edu), by mail at ASIANetwork, Augustana College, 639 38th St., Rock Island, IL 61201, or by telephone at (319) 794-7656 (Anne Prescott) or (319) 794-7269 (Ben Nefzger).

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