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Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you the August edition of the VANNO Voice - your link to news and interest to Virginia's nonprofit sector! We encourage you to forward this valuable information to your nonprofit colleagues.

What's Next for VANNO

As of July 1, 2005 VANNO has a new part-time administrator, **Katie Campbell**, who can be reached at **804.794.8689** or **info@VANNO.org**. Our "Founding Father" Russ Cargo will be continuing his support of VANNO by joining the Board of directors.

Beginning with this issue, our e-newsletter will have more information and will be disseminated on a regular monthly basis. For now, we are allowing anyone to sign up for the newsletter, whether they are a member or not, and we will be including information pertinent not only to executive directors, but also related to finances, volunteer management, and Board members.

Through VANNO's membership in the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, we have access to a number of product discounts that have already been negotiated with major national vendors. We will soon be making those available as a benefit to all VANNO members.

In order to determine what specific new services will be most valuable to nonprofits in Virginia, we plan to conduct several "listening" sessions throughout the state during the fall. This feedback will then position us to begin developing additional member benefits.

For the remainder of 2005 we will continue to invite organizations to become charter members. We realize that this is largely a "leap of faith" since they will receive only minimal benefits until we are able to deliver more. But dues provide critical proof to other funders that VANNO is a viable and needed resource.

And last but not least, we will continue to cultivate relationships with the various organizations and individual leaders throughout the Commonwealth who are already committed to supporting the nonprofit sector... The threads of the network are ready to weave together!

