## **Editorial**

As our publication needs change with advances in technology so do the responsibilities of the traditional contributions from ARA members. In reviewing the publications of the Academy, the Executive Board has decided to create an Editor-in-Chief position to coordinate the information exchange across the various avenues of communication. With the addition of the webpage at www.audrehab.org managed by Perry Hanavan, there are opportunities to share information more rapidly than ever before. The newsletter, edited by Susan Binzer, will continue to serve as an informal means to update the membership as we prepare for conferences, review professional issues, announce new funding programs, and provide information regarding the summer institutes.

The Journal will continue to serve as a high-quality resource for research in the field of Auditory Rehabilitation. The Executive Board has appointed Carol De Filippo as the new Journal Editor. She is not new to this position and we welcome her back from her tenure as JARA Editor, 1985 to 1989. She coordinated the publications for this issue which include information on important topics of outcome measures, differences in handicap perceptions between spouses, hearing screening in older adults, and communication in nursing homes. With this new structure, ARA will strive to enhance the prominence of Auditory Rehabilitation as a major avenue to successful communication for persons with impaired hearing.

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