



## WHAT'S NEW?



### Find what you need online

I've become quite fond of the stock photography site **istockphoto.com** lately. If you don't want to break the bank for stock, this is a good source of photography, illustration, Flash clips and video. Check it out!

This image (from istockphoto) matches well with our theme for this issue because we're featuring several web resources we wanted to share. So, with no further delay...

### Networking and collaboration

If you're familiar with LinkedIn (the networking website), you'll find similarities at **communicatorsnetwork.com**, with several important differences. Primarily, Communicators' Network (sponsored by Melcрум) is targeted to business communicators. It's an international network of sharing and collaboration.

### Administrative support

There's a growing trend amongst professionals who have traded in the rat race to be Virtual Assistants (VA's). If you're in need of part-time, full-time or project-based administrative support, visit the Canadian Virtual Assistant Network (**canadianva.net**) or Canadian Virtual Assistant Connection (**cvac.ca**). For my U.S.-based contacts, there's a similar association south of the 49th – the Military Spouse

Virtual Assistants (**msvas.com**). These sites include a free RFP service where VA's can respond to your specific RFP requirements and questions.

### Technology

We're in the midst of completing a 700-page, non-fiction book with a 1,300 phrase index, endnotes, bibliographies and photos. The document is being prepared by a new (old) friend – **QuarkXPress – which we've upgraded**. The software has been challenged with such a large, complex document, and we're now in discussions with Quark Technical Support about the limitations, particularly related to book indexing. Despite these drawbacks, Quark is once again available for page layout for projects that require it.

### What's new with Oprix

We've been busy these past few months with some really interesting (and challenging – see note above about QuarkXPress) projects.

In the coming months, we'll be working on developing a website for a client and repositioning some print materials for another... among other recurring projects.

In my conversations and meetings with clients, there's a recurring theme – we're all really busy! Our recurring theme is to provide the support you need to meet your goals and deadlines. Reach out to us and our growing network, or some of these resources we've mentioned. And, let us know what's on your plate for summer, we might be able to help.

*Oprix draws on corporate and consulting experience to help companies communicate with their customers and employees.*

*If someone in your organization or professional network could benefit from this support, please share this bulletin with them.*

*Until next time...*

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