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2005 SYMPOSIUM CHAIR REPORT

June 6, 2005
Committee Report
Nov. BOD Meeting

Dear President Bankroff:

The plans for the ASGS 2005 Symposium are pretty solid. The committee chairs have done a terrific job putting this year's program together. A quick report on their progress follows:

Artistic Chair, Dan Edwards has many contributors committed including Don and Tom Lillie.
Audio Visual Chair, Michael Morris has agreed to supply the sound system and videotaping for the symposium.
Exhibits Chair, Robert Ponton has sold all 30 booths to 29 different vendors.
Junior Member Workshop Seminar Chair, Joe Gregar has great topics and outstanding instructors committed.
Regular Members Seminar Program, Jack Korfhage has put together a great program.
Seminars Chair, Tracy Drier, has 9 outstanding seminars planned with great speakers.
Technical Papers and Posters Chair, Jim Hodgson has 14 technical papers promised and 7 great posters.
Technical Workshops Chair, Brian Schwandt has got 10 outstanding technical workshops planned.
Web Page Design Chair, Mike Palme has put together our great "Symposium 2005" webpage and has continued to make periodic updates for me.

You can see from the above listing that all the committees have worked very hard. I have voiced my concern to several of them that it may be difficult finding enough time to accommodate all the presentations. Everyone I have worked with these last three and all the committed presenters have been very generous with their time and individual talents.

As of June 6, 2005 we have 200 people registered for the symposium and are very close to making our hotel's room block requirements. I feel that we will achieve this commitment but I wish our members would make their decisions and reservations earlier than the last 1 to 2 weeks prior to the deadline. I put out reminder emails last week to reaffirm the deadlines and this seemed to help stimulate registration. Thanks to Ron Bihler and Dave Daenzer for helping me get those emails out.

Working with Amy Collins and Stephanie Stevens at our National Office has been an extreme pleasure. They have immediately solved every problem I have encountered. They have worked very professionally for the ASGS. They have helped me with many of the symposium details and supplied very valuable historical information and numbers for me when I needed them. They put together the advanced program and the registration pages and are currently working on the Symposium Program books. It has been a real treat for me to have worked this close to these two professionals. Thanks ladies!

This concludes my report however I will be at the hotel during the BOD meeting so I will be available for questions at any time.

Joseph S. Gregar, 2005 Symposium Chair