

TO: President Edwin Powell and the Board of Directors of the ASGS  
FROM: David G. Daenzer, Executive Secretary  
SUBJECT: Report for June 2003 Board of Directors Meeting  
DATE: May 27, 2003

Dear President Powell and the Board of Directors:

### **Interim National Office**

The interim National Office has functioned well for us this past year. Amy Collins will be attending the symposium in Cleveland to assist in running the registration desk. I have attached a report from Amy indicating various activities that have occurred at the National Office.

I make special note of the information on IRS designation. We originally organized under Sec. 501(c)(6) of the IRS code. This is a tax-exempt designation for trade groups and organizations. I am recommending to the Board that it approve the action to change our designation to Sec.501(c)(3). We are eligible as a scientific organization. The differences that I see are:

- We would be limited in the amount of lobbying activities that we could undertake and would be barred from partisan campaigning,. We do not currently participate in either activity. I think that we would still be able to participate in the setting of standards for glassware and responding to requests related to Federal job specifications. These are two activities that we have been involved with in the past.
- The big advantage is that we would be considered as tax-exempt/charitable. Direct donations to the ASGS by individuals would be tax deductible to the individual to the extent that no direct benefits are received. Dues would not be deductible since the member receives benefits in exchange for them. However, other contributions would be deductible. This might encourage members to make contributions as some National Award winners have done in the past. We would also be eligible for certain grants. Tracy Drier has a lead on just such a grant.

There would appear to be no down side and a potential for a big up side. The \$500 fee to make the change would be recovered fairly quickly, I think.

### **National Office Search**

The National Office search committee prepared and distributed our Request for Proposal documents since the last Board of Directors meeting. We received 18 proposals. Initial review has led us to narrow that list to 7 proposals at this time. Most were eliminated for what we considered to be excessive cost, not necessarily for the services provided, but rather for the size our budget. It is our hope to narrow that list to 5 before the meeting. We intend to present proposals from the current provider, from a provider in the same style as we have had in the past, and three management organizations. We will give the people behind those proposals the opportunity to respond to Board questions. We will

also be suggesting a method of voting for your consideration. You will be receiving regular information from us prior to the meeting through the BoD email group.

**Dawn Hodgkins Case**

As you are aware, the case against Dawn Hodgkins has been completed. She pled guilty and received a six to eight month sentence suspended for five years. She received a second six to eight month sentence suspended for five years to run at the expiration of the first sentence and was instructed to make full restitution of \$77609.95, the amount identified in the bank records for the account that she used. The details of the reimbursement schedule are not available at this time, but I hope that they will be by the Board meeting. I was able to discover, today, that the clerk for the county of her probation passes along payments to the victim on a monthly basis.

Respectfully submitted

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