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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear President and Members of the Board of Directors of the ASGS:

The members of the Publications Committee, Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson, have been very busy since the writing of my last report. As Editor, I rely on the expertise of these proofreaders and am grateful for the many hours that they spend in carefully reviewing each draft. The November 2010, the February 2011, and the May 2011 issues of *Fusion* have each been proofread by them three times. The May 2011 issue is currently in the hands of the printing house and should be mailed according to schedule. In addition, Dave, Rick and Jim have also proofread three drafts of the 2010 *Proceedings*. This publication is in the process of being placed on CD's and mailed to the 2010 ASGS members.

Guidelines for Technical Papers have been forwarded to Jason Craig, 2011 Technical Papers Chair, so that they can be passed along to the 2011 paper presenters. These guidelines stress a timely submission to me of their papers.

Working with Bob and Lynn, the new National Office team, continues to go smoothly. There were some issues associated with the assembling of the ads for the February 2011 *Fusion*, but these were resolved. Since then, Bob and Lynn have proven that they can and are managing our needs well.

Electronic versions of *Fusion* and *Proceedings* have now been placed on the Members-only section of the ASGS web site. I hope that this posting has been done in a "Read Only" format so that the information is sufficiently protected. My main concern about this web placement is the lackadaisical history of overseeing ASGS passwords. My suggestion would be that members have until the end of January or the beginning of February to renew their annual ASGS membership; if they have not renewed by a certain date (sometime before the February issue of *Fusion*), then their password would be revoked. This would mean that their access to the Members-only section of the ASGS

web site as well as their access to the ASGS Technical and other e-mail lists would be cut off until their payment had been received. This would encourage them to renew more promptly.

Two different permission slips are being used as the one of the IT Committee will not work for the Publications Committee. The IT Committee has been informed that the final responsibility for what they put on the web site rests with them.

While several professional organizations do have electronic versions of their professional journals, they also produce a hard copy for those who wish to receive it in that format. It is my hope that should the Board ever decide to implement an electronic version of *Fusion*, they would do so in addition to the printed version so as to allow the members to select their preferred format.

Respectfully submitted,

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