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## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

Every effort was made these past few months to ensure that the February and the May issues of *Fusion* were mailed according to schedule. The *2009 Proceedings* was also sent out in May to all who were members in 2009. Recognition is due to Chair Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson for their committed work and for the time they take out of their busy schedules to proof read the multiple drafts of both *Fusion* and *Proceedings*. Their contributions are invaluable.

The mailing of the *2009 Proceedings* occurred much later than I had wanted, but the lateness with which some of the papers were submitted left me no other choice. Once again, I have asked the 2010 Technical Papers Chair to stress to the presenters the importance of the timely submission of their work. As soon as all of the technical papers from the 2010 Symposium have been received, the production process of the *2010 Proceedings* will start.

Amy Collins's decision to not renew her contract with the ASGS to run the National Office was very disappointing news. During Amy's tenure, the Society has been represented in a most competent and certainly a very professional manner. As a result of their exceptional organizational skills, she and Cindy have executed their tasks relating to the Publications Committee's needs in a most timely and proficient fashion. Considering that their involvement with *Fusion* advertisers is paramount, this is critical. They will definitely be missed.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors are probably not aware of exactly how much the Publications Chair and the Editor depend on the National Office. A short list of their responsibilities for one issue of our journal would include the solicitation and organization of advertisements both regular and classified, the timely notification of any changes that major advertisers wish to make, the quarterly compilation of all advertisements to be included in a particular issue, the printing and the mailing of address labels to the publisher, the transfer of funds to the publisher to cover postage costs, etc. This is just a brief summary of the major role the National Office has in the assembling of each issue of *Fusion*. The publication of *Proceedings* has a totally different set of parameters. Consequently, while the duties performed by the National Office are multiple, those associated with the Publications Committee, the major revenue-producing arm of the Society, are vital. The change of location of the National Office is a monumental undertaking with far-reaching ramifications, and insofar as *Fusion* is concerned, these ramifications are especially significant and extensive. A change of this nature requires quite a bit of extra work on Dave's and my part. If needed, he or I would be happy to discuss our dealings with the National Office with any member of the Board or National Office Search Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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