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EDITOR'S REPORT

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

The August issue of *Fusion* was mailed on time and the early drafts of the November issue are currently being reviewed. It is a true pleasure to work with the new National Office team, Amy Collins and Stephanie Stevens; deadlines are met without any reminders and all requests are promptly handled with great attention to detail.

You will be pleased to learn that the November issue will feature a new advertiser, Glass Torch Technologies. They have placed a full-page full-color advertisement. Additions of this nature are always a good sign.

In order to cut costs, the quarterly reminders received by Board members and Committee Chairs about the submission of material were sent via e-mail for the November issue of *Fusion*. To date, I have received no objections to this new method, but if anyone does has a problem with this change, please let me know right away.

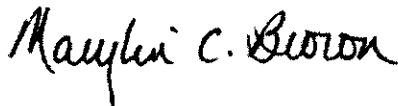
Due to National Office moves over the last several years, the earlier archived issues of *Fusion* and *Proceedings* have been misplaced. The Publications Committee, among others, is currently working off of xeroxed copies. The August issue of *Fusion* featured an announcement seeking original early issues. In response to this request, several individuals stepped forward and offered their back issues. To date, we have received some issues of *Fusion* and *Proceedings* from two individuals.

There is currently a Committee that is working on creating abstracts of *Fusion* and *Proceedings* articles and, as your Editor, I have reservations about the way that the Society is undertaking this complex project. It seems that a deadline has been set for the completion of this monumental task that is possibly not in the best interests of the authors. An author knows his/her material best. If an abstract is not written by the author, how can we be sure that the person writing the abstract understands the article or the intent of the article? Will the author be asked to review the abstract that someone else has created for their work? An abstract is in actuality a part of an article and as such reflects directly on the author. If someone were to pretend to write an abstract for one of my articles, I would not be pleased. The proper way to undertake this work would be to first make a serious attempt to ask the authors themselves to write these. If the author cannot be located or is dead, then obviously there is no other alternative; but that is certainly not

the case with a lot of the articles written more recently. Having dealt with abstracts for many years, I wanted to share my professional experience with you, the members of the Board.

This year, a double *Proceedings* is being published which covers the technical papers presented at the 2002 and the 2003 Symposiums. The actual publication process of this double *Proceedings* has not yet started as I am still waiting to receive several technical papers, some of which are outstanding from the 2001 Symposium. I continue to communicate with the presenters. If the *Proceedings* is not published before the end of the year, it will be because I am still waiting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn C. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marilyn C. Brown, Ph.D.