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EDITOR'S REPORT

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

Since the fall Board of Directors' meeting, two issues of *Fusion* have been assembled, printed and mailed according to schedule. The advertising information for these issues has been assembled in a most timely and professional fashion by the National Office, a responsibility that is essential for us to meet our deadlines. This attention to detail carries over into all of the work that Amy and Stephanie do in connection with the Editor's responsibilities.

In addition, the *Proceedings* of the 2002 and the 2003 Symposiums have been published. This double publication took longer than anticipated as several papers were not submitted in a timely fashion, there were technical difficulties with some, and the presenters' approval of the final draft did not transpire as quickly as I would have liked. These difficulties reflect solely on the presenters themselves and not on the 2002 and 2003 Technical Papers Chairs who helped as much as they were able.

Dave Wise, Technical Papers Chair for the 2004 Symposium, has been in contact with me regarding the requirements for submission of material for the 2004 *Proceedings*. In addition, Dan Wilt, 2004 Symposium Chair, and I have been in contact regarding the pictures that will be taken and subsequently published in *Fusion*.

In March, the Editor's office changed telephone providers for long distance service. It is anticipated that this will result in almost a \$10.00 monthly savings to the Society.

Now that the Society's finances have straightened out, it might be worthwhile to once again consider publishing the *Proceedings* annually. It is unfortunate that individuals make the effort to assemble and write up technical information that then only reaches the general membership up to one and a half years later.

Recognition and thanks are due to Dave Smart, Publications Chair, and to Committee members, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson, for their methodical proof reading of all publications. Their meticulous scrutiny is an important and indispensable element of the publication process. These individuals spend substantial blocks of time, often with a

very short turnaround, reviewing proofs of *Fusion*. When a double *Proceedings* is also published, this is a serious obligation and time commitment. We strive for perfection in these publications and they reflect the attention to detail that is so important to the four of us. As a point of clarification, neither myself as Editor nor the Publications Committee have any input into any reports or publications that are produced by the Society other than the current *Fusion* and *Proceedings*.

Quarterly reminders received by Board members and Committee Chairs about the submission of material for *Fusion* have continued to be sent via e-mail. Since I have received no objections to this new form of communication, I will continue to use it instead of regular mailing. If anyone has a problem with this, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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