
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DATE: 6/5/04
TO: ASGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: PRESIDENT MICHAEL SOUZA
RE: PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2004

To all,

It's been a rewarding experience to serve as your President. I would like to thank all of the Officers, Committee Chairs and members who I have had the honor of working with. Due to a "domestic injury" I spent months in a leg cast and was not able to visit some of the Sections that were on my wish list.

I started my term with some "Goals & Objectives". Not all of them were met and I'm glad, because it would have meant I did not set them high enough. Among the highlights this year:

- The compilation of the ASGS Archives done almost single-handedly by Joe Gregar. Thank you Joe and the Midwest Section where I was schooled.
- The probable installation of an Audit Committee to correct our Bylaws.
- The Membership canvass done by the National Office
- The association-ship being developed between the ASGS and the ACerS
- The substantial investment towards digitizing our video library
- Converting our administrative records into digital files
- Working within our finances

Despite these efforts membership numbers shrunk from the previous high of last year. Where we seemed to lose ground was on membership renewals. Indeed new memberships were fairly good. It has been another tough year economically and we lost some opportunities. Hopefully, those opportunities will still be there and I intend to work in Outreach on President Bankroff's behalf to expose the benefits of the Society to present and possible members.

More than any President in recent history I was blessed with a competent and friendly National Office. My predecessor Ed Powell was the glue that helped mend the Society in a tough year. My fellow officers were experienced and professional. It has been a privilege to work alongside all of you and I thank you for the honor.

Michael J Souza/ ASGS President 2003 -2004

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