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## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

The publication of the February and May issues of *Fusion* proceeded smoothly and the May issue was actually mailed several days ahead of schedule. For the February issue especially, thanks are due to the Publications Committee (Chair Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson) who proof read the first and second drafts in record time.

This year, a double *Proceedings* is being published which covers the technical papers presented at the 2004 and the 2005 Symposiums. The 2004 section will contain ten technical papers and, in Chicago this June, fourteen technical papers are currently scheduled to be presented. As a result, I anticipate that this double *Proceedings* will be exceptionally large.

Several technical paper presenters from the 2004 Symposium have already submitted their work to me, but some have not. There was a lot going on last summer and fall on my end and so I did not pursue this as strongly as I usually do. I am now working with Dave Wise, 2004 Symposium Technical Paper Chair, to rectify this situation and to obtain these papers.

There has been some discussion about placing abstracts of papers published in *Fusion* on the web site. While this may be appropriate for papers written specifically for our journal, it is not acceptable to do so for those that are not. In order to reprint an article from another professional journal, I contact the journal's office as well as the author to obtain permission to use their work. The permission granted is specifically limited to publication in *Fusion*. If a broader use is contemplated, then I doubt that permission would be granted.

It would be most welcome if more material were submitted for publication in *Fusion*. Cover pictures with an accompanying article, general articles, and lamp shop

hints are very much in need. Please encourage the members of your respective section to submit material for publication so that the professional quality of the journal can be maintained.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you for all of the kind words of support you have sent our family, they are greatly appreciated. The loss that we are currently feeling is, I know, one that is shared by many of you. With his quiet strength and wise counsel, Allan guided us very ably. He believed strongly in the importance of education and willingly shared his knowledge and experience, not only with his professional colleagues but with many others, so as to help them grow. Allan always said "Every day is a gift" - may you be blessed with many "gifts."

Respectfully submitted,

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