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## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

Overall, the publication of the February and the May issues of *Fusion* has proceeded smoothly. Your material has reached me in a timely manner and the three drafts have been assembled and returned promptly for review as has the blue line. I would like to thank you all for meeting the slightly earlier deadline in March; your assiduity was greatly appreciated.

The previous difficulties we had experienced with McCain Printing seem to have been resolved. The person who is currently organizing the *Fusion* material does so quickly and is meticulous with her work. Even when last minute advertising changes had to be made after we had reviewed the blue line of the May issue, the stripping department at McCain Printing was very thorough in making sure that the Index to Advertisers reflected the changes. And, I am pleased to say, *Fusion* was mailed on May 4, eleven days ahead of schedule.

Ron Bihler, 2001 Symposium Chair, and I have been in contact regarding the pictures for the upcoming symposium and I anticipate that there will not be any problems with them this year. In addition, Jim Hodgson, Technical Papers Chair, has carefully reviewed with me the requirements for submission of material for *Proceedings*. As you are aware, this edition of *Proceedings* will be a combination of technical papers presented at the 2000 and the 2001 Symposiums.

It has recently been proposed that posters from the symposiums be placed on the ASGS web site. The diminishing numbers in Society membership translate into less material being submitted to *Fusion*. As a result, relevant posters have been used to fill some of this void. If you decide to proceed with the web posting, I would like to request that there be a moratorium of a year on placing a symposium's posters on the web. In web discussions, members have indicated that *Fusion* is considered one of the main benefits of ASGS membership; let us not undermine this benefit by limiting its ability to educate.

As leaders in the Society, please consider setting an example and contributing to *Fusion*. Also, please encourage the members of your sections to submit material for publication. Cover pictures with an accompanying article, general articles, and lamp shop hints are desperately needed. Your input is indispensable to maintaining the quality and the relevance of the journal.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn C. Brown, Editor