



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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## FUSION EDITOR REPORT

Dear Mr. President and members of the Board of Directors:

Effective with the February 2000 issue, *Fusion* has a new publisher. This cost-saving change has transpired relatively smoothly and the journal was mailed on schedule. The May issue is currently underway and will also be mailed on time.

Over the years, whenever a change in publisher has occurred (from Delaware to Ohio to Wisconsin), a new schedule of delivery has resulted. Such is the case once more. Since the bulk mailing now originates from the publisher's post office in Virginia, the members will receive their issue of the journal in a different time frame from that to which they are accustomed. Please be assured that *Fusion* continues to be published and mailed according to the schedule printed in the journal.

The 1999 *Proceedings* were completed and mailed at the beginning of April. This was later than originally anticipated but it was indirectly affected by the change in publisher. When the printer in Wisconsin learned that he would no longer be doing *Fusion*, he raised the issue of some back charges that he had overlooked; as a result, he was not willing to release the advertising negatives to the new publisher until this issue was resolved. Ultimately, Publications Chair Dave Smart was able to negotiate a reduced price which Treasurer Sally Prasch immediately paid. While unconnected with *Proceedings*, this process did, however, slow down its production.

It should be noted that Power Point presentations are not an acceptable format for submissions to *Proceedings*. While Power Point is an excellent medium for oral presentations, it presents difficulties of transference and layout for the publisher and does not provide an effective written version of a talk.

Please encourage members of your individual sections to submit articles, lamp shop hints and cover pictures. The success of *Fusion* depends on everyone's personal participation.

Respectfully submitted,

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