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## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

The August issue of *Fusion*, I am pleased to report, was mailed six days ahead of schedule. This was only possible because Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson managed to complete their in-depth proof reading in a most timely manner. In addition, it continues to be a pleasure to work with the staff of McCain Printing – they are most capable and professional.

No submissions have recently been received for the References & Abstracts section of *Fusion*. As Publications Chair Dave Smart noted in this year's August issue, the References & Abstracts Chair Gary Coyne is having difficulty gathering information. This is due to cutbacks at his University's library which is no longer subscribing to as many journals as before. Gary needs help from members who have access to well-stocked libraries to gather information on current articles. As Dave mentioned, a member only needs to take about 30 minutes of their time to skim journals for interesting articles that might be used. If Gary does not receive help, this section may unfortunately cease to appear in *Fusion*. This would be a shame.

This year, a double *Proceedings*, that is papers from the 2004 and the 2005 Symposiums, is scheduled to be published. I am currently experiencing difficulty in getting some presenters to submit their papers for publication. Since I attended the Symposium in June, several presenters gave me their work at that time; this was most useful. It has not been easy to track some of the others down. It is understandable that a presenter might wish to make some final revisions to or polishing up of their work following their presentation at the meeting, but when this process takes this long, it becomes a problem not just for me but for all the members of the Society. Following the Symposium in 2004, other personal preoccupations unfortunately prevented me from contacting the presenters then as I normally would. At the present time, I still am waiting to receive three papers from the 2004 Symposium and four from the 2005 Symposium. Dave Wise, 2004 Symposium Technical Paper Chair, and Jim Hodgson, 2005

Symposium Technical Paper Chair, have been assisting me in this endeavor. Until these papers are received, no further progress can be made on moving forward with this publication. This is very frustrating for me for I believe that the membership has a right to expect a fairly prompt dissemination of this information.

The pictures and exhibitor information from the 2005 Symposium will be published in the November 2005 issue of *Fusion* as usual. This year, Joe Gregar is to be commended on the excellent job that he did organizing and labeling the pictures.

Nine years ago when I became Editor, a copier was part of the office equipment that was passed along to me. At that time, the copier was not very new. The copier is, after my computer, the most important piece of the Editor's office equipment. Due to the high use required of this machine, it recently needed to be replaced. Fortunately because of technological advances, the new replacement, while not cheap, was fairly reasonable (\$349.98). The fact that New Hampshire has no sales tax is an added bonus.

Respectfully submitted,

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