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The Technical Q&A committee is chaired by Tracy Drier. Members include Gary Coyne.

Our emphasis has been reviewing archived electronic ASGS Technical Q&A e-mail. Relevant and interesting posts are summarized for publication in Fusion. We have started from the earliest posts and are working towards the present day.

It is felt that having these questions in print will be useful for those without computer access, are not on the electronic Technical Q&A list, or unable/unwilling to access these archives.

Two long term goals that would be of benefit to members:

- Provide an opportunity at the symposium for members to request topics of inquiry from the Q&A committee.
- X • A keyword searchable database of past technical Q&A topics. This could be incorporated into the Roster/Cumulative Index CD, or as a *members only* feature of the ASGS website.

With regards to the 2nd item above, since our Nov. 2012 BOD report, Gary Coyne has assembled the existing Q&A archives into a searchable file. As it contains everything submitted on the Q&A email list over the years, there are a lot of posts that have no relevant purpose in a final searchable technical Q&A database (eg. regional meeting announcements, unrelated comments, etc...). This file is now ready to be analyzed by myself and compiled into a list containing nothing but technical questions and answers. Currently I have done no work on this aspect of the project.

Additionally, Gary has broken this huge database into smaller data *packets* to help make the task of analysis and editing more manageable.

Thanks and gratitude goes out to Gary for his timely work and huge effort on this project.

Best Regards,
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