The board of directors met in a teleconference on October 18, 2004, to review the status of the organization. Reports from the treasurer and editor, and from the azalea city, membership, nominations, 2005 convention, and archives committees were accepted as presented with no major actions taken by the board. Current and previous articles on the various subjects in *The Azalean* cover the details of the reports.

The board reviewed and approved the application for charter that was submitted by the Alabamense Chapter. The charter will be presented to chapter representatives at the 2005 Convention.

At a previous meeting, the board of directors reviewed and approved an amendment to the By-Laws to be submitted to the membership. The change addresses the limits placed on the treasurer and the executive committee in our investment practices. The motion is as follows:

> It is moved that the words “Federally insured” be deleted from Article IX.C, Deposit of Funds, which now reads: “All funds of the Society shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the ASA in such Federally insured bank, trust company, or other depository or depositories as the Executive Committee may select.”

If approved, the revised Article IX. C will then read:

> All funds of the Society shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the ASA in such bank, trust company, or other depository or depositories as the Executive Committee may select.”

This motion will be presented to the membership at the 2005 Annual Meeting for ratification to be held in Holland, Michigan, on May 21, 2005.

To meet the “Federally insured” requirement, all endowment funds have been deposited into certificates of deposit (CDs). Years ago the treasurer established a “ladder” of CDs of different lengths maturing at different times during the year. One reason was to have maturing CDs provide the money needed to meet our major expenses every few months. Another reason was to even out swings in interest rates over time. Interest rates have now been low for so long that all our CDs have come due during the current period of low rates. By shopping for special deals, the treasurer has been able to maintain the average interest rate on our CDs at around 3%. While that is good in the present environment, it is not good at all in terms of maximizing the income from our Endowment Fund of around $40,000. It is, however, about the best that can be done within the “Federally insured” restriction.

Under the new wording, the executive committee would have the goals of (1) maintaining the safety of the principal, and (2) providing as great an income stream as possible within the constraints of (1). In other words, the investment policy would follow a “safety first,” instead of our current “safety only” approach. Another organization similar to ours has over $100,000 earning around 8%, primarily from bonds and preferred stocks chosen by a professional fund manager who happens to also be a life member, and performs this service at no charge. To put it into perspective, another 5% on $40,000 is $2000, or the same as the Society’s income from another 100 members. The board recommends the adoption of this motion.

### 2005 Nominating Committee Report

The following slate of officers was proposed to the board of directors at the October 18, 2004, teleconference meeting. The board approved this slate.

Society members can vote by mail using the ballot provided on the wrapper of this issue of *The Azalean* or vote in person at the national meeting to be held May 21, 2005.

**President** — Robert (Buddy) Lee  
**Vice President** — Bill McDavit  
**Secretary** — John Brown  
**Treasurer** — Bob Stelloh

Board of directors nominees to serve the 2005-2007 term are:

Joe Coleman, Aaron Cook, Mary Rutley

Aaron Cook and Mary Rutley will be new to the board. They both have been very active in the ASA and attend the national conventions. Joe Coleman has been a very active member and has served the society in numerous capacities both at the chapter level and national level. He has agreed to serve a second term. Thanks to Aaron, Mary, and Joe for accepting the nomination to these important positions.

Submitted by the nominations committee,
Robert Hobbs, Robert Lee

Robert (Buddy) Lee, candidate for president, resides in Independence, Louisiana. He has been a member of the Louisiana Chapter of the ASA since 1983 and served as president of this chapter from 1990-1992. He is serving his second year as president of the ASA. He is also a member of...
of the American Rhododendron Society and the Louisiana Nursery Association. He served as coordinator of the ASA national conventions in 1991 (New Orleans) and 2000 (Charleston, South Carolina). Buddy developed the multi-season blooming Encore Azaleas™. He is presently active in the development and testing of new azalea varieties (through Transcend Nursery). In his work life, he is also a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse who works with stroke, multiple-trauma, and brain and spinal cord injuries.

Bill McDavit, candidate for vice-president, is a retired electrical design specialist from the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. He and his wife of 50 years, Mary, lived in Oxon Hill, Maryland, before settling into Sunset Beach, North Carolina, in 1988. They collect rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, and iris species and varieties. Their 3/4-acre garden and nursery, called "Azalea Sunset," serves as a site for in-ground evaluations. Bill lectures on what he's learned about how to extend the bloom season to a variety of audiences.

John Brown, candidate for secretary, lives with his wife Carolyn in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, raising several varieties of hay for horses. He has served as an ASA director and has been the secretary of the ASA since 2000. He has been an azalea enthusiast since the early 1980s. He is still collecting Glenn Dales and Back Acres, but has branched out into so many other favorites that he says it would not be possible to pick one favorite.

Bob Stelloh, candidate for treasurer, has been our Society’s treasurer since 1995. He is an avid azalea enthusiast and former software engineer. He is currently very involved with the azaleas e-mail list and the ASA Web site, promoting the establishment of the Azalea Research Foundation, building a comprehensive azalea photo gallery for the Society, and finding and documenting native stands of R. vaseyi.

Board of Directors Candidates

Joe Coleman, of Lithonia, Georgia, is a very familiar name to members of the ARS and ASA. He has been a member of the Society since its founding, gaining his early inspiration from none other than George Harding. Now an active member of the Oconee Chapter, he and his wife Donna organized the flower show for the joint ARS/ASA Convention in Atlanta in 2002.

Aaron Cook is a biology and horticulture instructor at both Caldwell and Mayland Community Colleges. He earned his BS in biology and MA in biology education at Appalachian State University in Boone. He did his graduate research on the genetics of a rare Linville Gorge plant *Hudsonia montana*. He is an active member in the North Carolina Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, ARS, ASA, and the International Plant Propagators Society.

Aaron lives with his wife Lisa and two children in Valdese, North Carolina. He is an experienced trip leader for the Nature Conservancy, annually leading trips to Bluff Mountain, Yellow Mountain, Panthertown Valley, and Bat Cave. He has led trips to the Florida panhandle, Big Bend National Park, and over a dozen birding and ecology trips to the Outer Banks. He enjoys teaching all ages, from working with third graders on their school science projects to leading nature excursions with retirees. His hobbies include hybridizing daylilies and rhododendrons, birding, and experimenting with plant propagation and genetics.

Mary Rutley is a long-time member of the ASA Brookside Gardens Chapter and has served as vice-president of the chapter for a number of years. She is also a member of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the ARS and the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS). She is a frequent volunteer at the Brookside Gardens (adult guide, conservatory, and information desk) and serves on the board of directors of the Friends of Brookside Gardens.

Mary has three children and four grandchildren, all of whom are at least semi-interested in gardening—much to her delight. Mary enjoys her own garden and also visiting other gardens and nurseries.

**Glenn Dale Photo CD**

Dan Krabill-McLean, Virginia

In an article in the Summer 2004 issue of *The Azalean*, I indicated that I would be preparing and making available a CD containing digital photos of Glenn Dale azaleas. In September, I completed a CD that contains 372 pictures of what I hoped were 370 named Glenn Dales. Each photo appears twice on the CD, once in a file arranged alphabetically and once in a file arranged by cross. I have since distributed a number of the CDs to members of the Northern Virginia chapter of the ASA, people who have been particularly helpful to me, and other individuals who requested them. The images that are on the CD have also been posted in the ASA’s on-line photo gallery at:


This CD should be viewed as the first edition of a project that I plan to update in 2005 and 2006, and maybe later. Planned improvements include confirming the accuracy or inaccuracy of a number of photos and finding accurate photographs and plants of varieties that seem to be wrong. Another improvement will be to add pictures of a number of the 84 Glenn Dales that are not included on the CD. I would also like to get better pictures of many of the varieties.

I would be happy to send a CD that includes all 372 photos to anyone who wants one. Please contact me at dkrabill@securagroup.com or 703-534-7441 for details.