

President's Letter

J Jackson — Trade, Tennessee



Dear azalea friends,

Spring finally arrived and is in full procession here in the Blue Ridge. It is still early in the season here on the farm and the parade of blooms is exciting and inspiring us into the garden and woods to see things waking up from a long cold winter. The convention in Charleston was a great success and I truly enjoyed seeing and spending time with those that were able to attend.



The annual meeting of the ASA Board of Directors (BOD) was four hours of productive work. I am happy to report several issues were resolved that have been lingering for years. The issue of the tax status of ASA chapters was resolved. If a chapter wishes to be "tax exempt" it will need to apply for an EIN and file a "990" form to the IRS each year. ASA's national treasurer will file for a group exemption letter including the chapters that wish to be covered.

Bob Stelloh asked that the webmaster's responsibilities be transferred to **Dave Banks** and the BOD approved. The ASA is deeply indebted to Bob for his many years of invaluable service to the ASA as webmaster and so much more.

The Azalea Research Foundation continues to grow. The BOD voted on and approved the following changes:

1. The Research Committee is now a "standing" committee of the ASA.
2. The Research Committee Chair is now an ex-officio voting member of the BOD.
3. The Research Committee Chair is a permanent member of the Finance Committee.

Hale Booth serves as the Research Committee Chair.

Our 2014-2016 Directors are **Larry Miller**, **Paul Beck**, and **Rick Bauer**. Rick Bauer is acting as the Bylaws Committee Chair.

The BOD has agreed to participate in an email-based meeting that is to be conducted sometime this summer. The Society business is moving forward in positive ways. I wish to personally thank all members of the BOD for your service.

All the best,

J Jackson

The Azalea Society of America, organized December 9, 1977 and incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an educational and scientific non-profit association devoted to the culture, propagation, and appreciation of azaleas which are in the subgenera *Tsutsusi* and *Pentanthera* of the genus *Rhododendron* in the Heath family (*Ericaceae*).

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*Chapter presidents
serve as ex-officio directors.*

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(chartered October 2013)
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