you can simply login and approve payment. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can simply enter the credit card information in the “PayPal Guest Checkout” section. After your payment is submitted and validated by PayPal, you will be sent an email from the ASA website, confirming your registration and payment. This should only take 10-15 seconds.

Correcting or Updating Your Registration

The email sent to you by the ASA website will have a link to take you to your registration record, where you can make any necessary changes. Your existing registration information will be displayed, with the option of changing anything. If you wish to cancel the registration completely, contact the registrar directly. The amount of your refund will be up to the convention registrar, based on established and published criteria. In some cases, optional events may have had to be prepaid and a late cancellation may result in a forfeiture of some part of your registration costs.

That time of year, when your annual dues need to be paid, is here. Check the expiration date on the mailing label on this issue of The Azalean. If it says ‘2019’ you need to pay your dues for 2020. Dues are still $30 per year. Paper mailing of reminders went out in mid-November, and an email reminder shortly thereafter. If you use email, and were not notified last year about your renewal via email, please send me your email address at treasurer@azaleas.org.

In attempt to improve renewal percentages, this year’s follow-up reminders will again be handled by the local chapters instead of by me. Hopefully the more local approach will be more fruitful.

Renewal is best accomplished by using the Join Us, Renew or Donate link on the ASA website. If you choose not to renew electronically, you may use the renewal form on the wrapper of this issue of The Azalean. This application form is also available on the ASA website.

This year I am again encouraging the use of our subscription service, via the PayPal™ credit card payment service. This will allow you to register your credit card with PayPal, and have your annual membership fees deducted automatically. Click on the “Yearly Automatic Subscription” accordion near the bottom of the Join Us page.

Finally, as a service to our members who do not like to use PayPal, I will continue to take your payment over the phone. Call me at 703-860-5676. If you have not called me before, our telephone SPAM blocker will catch you first. Press “0” to get through the blocker, and we will answer if we are here. DO NOT leave your credit card number on our voice mail.