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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT NEWSFLASH

It appears that the Senate and Assembly will come back into session for several days after the November 2002 election to “clean up” unfinished business from the 2001/2002 legislative session. NYSCPG needs to capitalize on this opportunity to get the AO5262-F legislation advanced out of the Assembly Rules Committee and on to the floor for a vote.

The key to getting our bill to a vote is communication with the Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver, who is the Chairman of the Rules Committee. A legislative aid informed me recently that Speaker Silver has challenged other groups seeking passage of legislation by telling them to “**Make me do it**”. Let’s demonstrate our organizational unity and create an overwhelming cry for passage of AO5262-F that cannot be ignored. Specifically, both by direct contact with Speaker Silver’s office and by having your local Assembly representative put pressure on the Speaker, we need to **DEMAND** that this legislation be passed as the 2001/2002 legislative session comes to a close.

The exact timing of the Assembly’s return is unknown, but it is likely to happen in early December with minimal advance public notification. Our lobbyist is keeping track of the situation, however, and when we learn the date that the Assembly will reconvene, NYSCPG and the regional PG organizations in New York will notify members by e-mail. That moment will be a critical time for us to communicate ‘en masse’, but I would also like to ask each of you to begin now to contact Speaker Silver’s office by telephone or FAX (or, better yet, both) and solicit support for passage of AO5262-F without further delay. If you have contacted the Speaker’s office before, even recently, please do it again.

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## President's Message (continued from page 1)

Contact information for Speaker Silver is as follows:

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For a suggested format and for "talking points," there is a template posted at the NYSCPG web site, [www.NYSCPG.org](http://www.NYSCPG.org), under the "Legislative Status" tab.

What we want is action by the officials that we elected, and we should not be shy about expressing our views to those officials or worry about becoming a nuisance. Let's make this happen now. If you have questions, comments or need the Council's assistance in this communication process, please call me at 585-321-4232 or send me an E-mail at [President@NYSCPG.org](mailto:President@NYSCPG.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

Jeffrey E. Loney

NYSCPG President

## Membership Update

Just a quick reminder that it's time to renew your membership for 2003. (See our website if you need a membership form – [www.nyscp.org](http://www.nyscp.org).) Thanks to those who have already renewed - renewals have been coming in at a good clip.

Our individual Prospector members for 2002 are listed below, and our 2002 corporate sponsors are listed on page 3. Thanks to all of them for their generous support.

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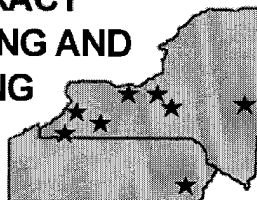
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