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Clarification on Publications and Directory Usage

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Dear Dr. Roemer:

It has been called to my attention that you have been asking the American Scientific Affiliation (ASA) for support in getting the American Journal of Physics (AJP) to retract an article entitled "Entropy and Evolution." First, retractions are the prerogative of the authors, and not the journal or any readers who might disagree with them. The authors must themselves conclude that what they have published is invalid. For those who are not authors but disagree with their results, the standard procedure is for them to publish an article that explains why. We recommend that you submit an article to the AJP or other journal, so that both positions become part of the record that enables readers to compare the merits of the opposing views. Second, the membership directory of the ASA is meant for ASA activities only, and for private individual member use for ASA networking. It is not intended to be a means for solicitations of any kind. This includes support for a particular cause, so we respectfully ask that you refrain from using it in this way. We appreciate your passion, and hope that you can use the various forums and other means that are available to express it.

Sincerely,
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