



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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## President's Report

This past year has gone by very quickly. It has been a great experience for me to serve as president of this society. There have been many challenges to resolve and many good times also. I was only able to preside as president because of the help of all of those who give their time as volunteers. Executive Committee Members, Section Directors, all of the Committee Chairs, and the National Office staff have worked together to keep the ASGS focused on the goal of educating our members.

There were some significant cost savings that were put into effect this year. Digital printing of *FUSION* resulted in lower cost of production and no discernible loss in quality of our publication. The 2007 *Proceedings* was produced on CD at a much lower cost than traditional publishing. Savings were also realized by lower mailing cost of the CD rather than a book form. On a personal note I liked the CD better than the book as the pictures and the print were much larger and clearer.

There has been great progress made converting the ASGS Workshop tapes to DVD's. We are now ready to start circulation or sale of these instructional videos. Details of this are in the AV Committee Report.

The ASGS Store has been in operation since October and has a wide selection of ASGS logo clothing and merchandise. We have made a small amount of profit from this.

The ½ price membership offer has had limited success to this point, as only 8 people have taken advantage of this offer. More effort will be put into this membership drive this coming year by incoming President Gene Nelson and the Outreach Committee.

The investigation into changing the ASGS non-profit organization from a 501(C) 6 to a 501(C) 3 non-profit, tax exempt, organization was chaired by Jim Hodgson. He has done a very thorough job in his investigation. The report is in the Committee Reports section.

I regret that I was only able to attend two section meetings this year. I went to the Southern California meeting in Los Angeles in September and the combination

Southeast/Southwest section meeting that was held in Baton Rouge. I did not travel any more because of the high cost of airfare.

There many hurdles ahead for the ASGS and I am confident that incoming President Gene Nelson and the Board of Directors will be able to find solutions. Please extend to Gene all the help and cooperation you have given to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Korfhage, President ASGS