



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear President and Members of the Board of Directors of the ASGS:

The publication of the February issue of *Fusion* proceeded smoothly with all drafts and the blue line being completed in a timely manner. However, while the printed version was completed on February 13, the actual mailing was delayed by two weeks due to an oversight on the part of McCain's mailing house. As a result, McCain Printing will be changing mail houses so as to ensure that this situation does not reoccur.

The May *Fusion* is in progress and I anticipate that this issue will be mailed out on time. I am pleased to report that we have picked up three new full-page advertisements. In addition, two advertisers who had dropped their ads in the February issue have once again placed full-page ads in the May issue. These are a great enhancement to our revenues.

This year, a double *Proceedings* is being published which covers the technical papers presented at the 2000 and the 2001 Symposiums. The actual publication process of this double *Proceedings* was not started until December 2001 as it was only then that I finally received the one paper that remained outstanding from the 2000 Symposium. This *Proceedings* has now been printed and is currently being bound. It will be sent to the mail house towards the end of next week.

As a result of a suggestion put forth by Mike Wheeler, there may soon be a new section in *Fusion* that incorporates photographs of Salem College students' work. Only pictures of good quality scientific, not artistic, glassware, whether functional or not, will be considered (as Mike proposed: "the glass project need not be particularly complicated - just made well and photographed well"). Each picture must be accompanied by a short write-up which could be a description of the item, what tasks were used to make it, why it was made that way, how it went together, etc. This description will thus highlight the students' grasp of techniques and encourage the development of writing skills.

The new Glass Facts Page on the web site, will, I understand, consist of information in the following categories: Conversions, Glass Properties, History, and Safety & Hazards. These items are being placed on the web page as a useful reference to our members. There are, however, several rules that are very important to observe. It is absolutely essential to ensure that proper permission has been granted by the author, a publication, and/or an organization before ANY material is posted on the web page. This permission must be obtained in writing, be signed by the owner of the rights, and be kept on file. It is possible that the granting of this copyright permission may entail a charge.

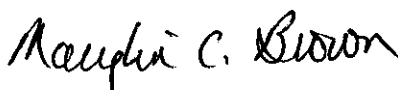
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As an example, in order to obtain permission to reprint in *Fusion* an article that has previously appeared in a publication of the American Chemical Society, the ASGS pays a minimum of \$100 for the copyright privilege. When material is being reprinted, it is necessary that this be done in its entirety and that suitable acknowledgement to the source be given on the first page on which the material appears. There is a set format for this acknowledgement that I will be glad to provide. In addition, reproduction of the material is confined to the purpose for which permission has been given. Since this is an involved process, I would propose that all material be sent to one person so that all records will be able to be organized and maintained in one place. Dave Daenzer, as Chair of the Computer Committee, would be a logical choice for this. If we proceed with caution keeping these rules in mind, there will be no danger of copyright infringement.

With regard to articles being placed on the web page, I would suggest that a great deal of caution be exercised. Since its inception two years ago, the "Looking Back" Section of *Fusion* has been very well received. It would thus be a shame to detract from or jeopardize this popular component of the journal, especially at a time when the current contents are attracting new advertisers.

Respectfully submitted,



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