

MEMBERSHIP

The junior membership currently stands at 33 juniors and 17 student members. Last year the numbers were at 20 Junior and 14 student members. These are great numbers but I think we can do better. Section directors should do all they can to recruit new glassblowers in their sections to join the ASGS and become junior members and they should also work hard to have junior members renew their memberships every year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE JUNIOR MEMBER AWARD WINNERS

The 2011 ASGS Memorial Award winner is Katie Jones from the Delaware Valley Section and employed at Great Glas in Wilmington DE.

The 2011 Delaware Valley Award winner Jordan Smith a student at Salem Community College.

The 2011 recipient of the Exhibitors Group Award is junior member Paul Kirby.

I would like to thank all the members responsible for these awards, their interest, support and dedication to our junior and student members. The Junior Liaison committee has been a very successful program for the ASGS. I feel it is a very strong program. As long as there is an ASGS I feel there can be a junior program.

Submitted by: Joseph S. Gregar, Chair, Junior Liaison Committee

Membership

There are several positive changes that have taken place in the way the Membership Committee has operated during the year. No longer do we have potential members fax hard copies of their registration form to the National Office and then to the Member Chair for approval. All of this is done electronically, which saves time and money. For the past year we have also combined mailings of the appropriate new membership certificates with the information that was already being sent to new members from the National Office. All of these changes were implemented to save time, money, and confusion. So far this is working very well.

Something that will need to be addressed during this meeting will be the timetable we will use to discontinue a member's password on the web site that has not paid their dues for the current year. Do we wait until after the February Fusion has been mailed to send a notice with the dues membership reminder or is this something that is included as a line item in the original notice for membership dues? Whatever the decision, we need to publish this on the web and in the Fusion Journal. Hopefully by now we have all given permission for publishing of materials that we have presented as either papers or articles for the ASGS Technical Reference Archive. In the coming year I would like to see more information loaded on the "Members Only" website, especially where you are able to search articles and publications by the persons name, article name... etc. I know all of this takes a lot of time, but it would be great to have whenever this is possible. I plan to work closely with the National Office to see that all members who are close to their anniversary dates are notified with the new mailing for dues at the beginning of the year. Everything else seems to be running smoothly. The membership numbers for the year are comparable to what we had hoped they would be after the rate increase from last year and new memberships are staying consistent. Here are the current totals for

this year.

Here are the current membership totals as of October 2011:

Art 5

Assoc. 76

Student 17

Junior 33

Life 8

Retired 55

Int. 41

Regular 292

Total 526

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Dobos, Chair