

## **President Elect report 5-24-2011**

**This has been a busy and productive year. I need to start by thanking both Gene Nelson and Curt Sexton for including me in major decisions during their presidency.**

**I was unable to find a replacement for Mike Morris as AV chair. I explored having this done by an outside firm price \$1200 day \$700/ half day HD/SD camera with operator and tripod. This would still involve issues of Sodium filtering and projecting onto the screen.**

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**My son in law Matt McDonald is willing to film the technical workshops this symposium this year. Matt has a Bachelor Degree in Communications from Framingham State College; he has been working for me in the glass shop. He does all correspondence and has started glassblowing. Matt has found his passion in glassblowing and enjoys it despite working for me. I know he will be an excellent glassblower. He is an associate member of the ASGS and plans on becoming a junior member next year. Matt has filmed demonstrations in our shop and at the Northeast Section meeting in Balston Spa, NY. Matt and my daughter Emily will have their first child in August so he will arrive Thursday evening to film the workshops on Friday. My son William will be assisting me before then in setting**

up projectors for seminars. Mike Morris has sent one of the projectors to us which we will use to practice before the technical workshop.

We will document the steps involved in working with the hotel and committees, there is a lot of potential but this work load needs to be spread over a half dozen people. Young members that may be willing or able to help with filming or set up are always uncertain if they will attend symposiums, directors will have to find members to lead and help this committee. There are a lot of great demonstrations done at section meetings that should be captured. An

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example is Chris Sprague working a 50 liter flask that is never going to happen at a symposium.

Hotels have an outside contractor that provides AV support.

Equipment we do not have is rented through them. They also provide support in sound checks and setting up the projectors. Matt attached the price list from the contractor along with spread sheets from Mike Morris showing the event, room and AV needs. The ASGS owns 3 projectors that will be used at this symposium, along with some chart stands that can be used for seminars or technical posters.

Bob Singer recommended Greg Grimm cell (225) 978-4749 from Arcet to purchase gas; he also passed along quantities from the Austin Symposium. They

used 2 Hydrogen, 8 Oxygen and 6 Methane. Checking with Junior, regular member, artistic instructor and demonstrators we decided to add additional Hydrogen. Greg quoted pricing for gas Hydrogen \$35 each, Oxygen \$24.50, Methane \$175. I compared this with my industrial gas bill and the price is similar. The delivery charge was \$325 including pick up Friday night after 8:00PM artistic demonstrations. Total price \$1701 was paid with my credit card; this was the only way they would process the order. Delivery will be made Tuesday during the Board Meeting; the gas company will contact Jack Korfage. Chuck May [chuckm@arcet.com](mailto:chuckm@arcet.com) at the Manassas distribution center is handling delivery. I would like all gas stored outside the hotel when it is not being used!

I attended section meetings for Northeast along with 2 from Delaware section and the Northwest section. The Delaware meetings were very interesting with a lot of junior members in attendance; they were willing to help with web site. I made a list and will be working with Mike Wheeler on putting them to use. The first meeting was at Carlisle Machine the burner manufacturer has a school. Many of the Salem Community College students attended along with employees of Chem Glass and other local shops. The second meeting was at Salem Community College, Matt and I flew down to Philadelphia. It was his first ASGS meeting and he enjoyed it immensely. The Northwest Section meeting was at

Bruce Scuba's shop at ThermoElectron in Scotts Valley, CA. I flew into Oakland and toured GM Associates Friday 5/13 and Deborah Camp drove me to Bruce's shop Saturday morning and dropped me off at the airport on the way back.

Deborah was generous in her time and the tour of GM was fascinating. The Northwest Section meeting had between 1-2 dozen attending. Many local glass artists attended along with a former member considering rejoining the society. I will not be submitting expense request for any travel, my business will pay.

Section meetings have been a good source of volunteers for Mike Wheeler's committee. I am trying to work with Mike to start the process of author permission from Fusion to the web site. Mike Wheeler has done a great job on the web site but we are going to need to enlist a small army to secure permissions, write abstracts for article we cannot reprint and other labor intensive projects.

I have been in touch with Frank Meints to keep him up to speed with our progress on the web site and discuss issues involving Fusion Content on the web site. Frank will bring 2 projectors from Michigan to the symposium.

Sincerely Yours

**Patrick DeFlorio**

**President Elect**

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