



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

P.O. Box 778 • Madison, NC 27025 • (336) 427-2406 • Fax (336) 427-2496

October 11, 2004

## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

The initial drafts of the November issue of *Fusion* are currently being reviewed and corrected. It is anticipated that this issue of the journal will, once more, be mailed according to schedule.

The November issue always contains information on the symposium held that year. Ed Powell was in charge of taking the pictures this year in Saratoga Springs, NY, and he is to be commended not only on the quality of the pictures but also on their thoroughness. He documented this annual meeting in a most comprehensive fashion with great attention to detail and then followed up with excellent labels on every picture submitted for publication. It would be of great benefit to the Society if he could be persuaded to be the photographer at future symposiums.

In addition to the pictures, the November issue also includes detailed information on the symposium exhibitors. While the exhibits are open, I personally visit with each vendor to obtain this information. As I spoke with individual exhibitors this year, it became apparent that several errors on a few companies' information had slipped through in the program listing; this highlights the importance of close proofing of all published material.

While on the subject of close proofing, the Publications Committee (Chair Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson) is to be applauded on their meticulous reading of *Fusion* drafts. For the last two issues, they have found errors in the text of several advertisements. When notified of these mistakes, the companies have been extremely grateful.

Historically, all of our publications have been registered with the Library of Congress. Since assuming the position of National Office Manager, Amy Collins has been doing an excellent job in obtaining these copyrights on an annual basis. During the tenure of the previous National Office Manager, however, the filing of this paperwork was neglected. While it was decided not to update the missing ones all at once due to cost, it is important that bringing these copyrights current not be overlooked or neglected.

At the Symposium in Saratoga Springs this past June, ten technical papers were presented. The combined 2002 and 2003 *Proceedings* contained 15 technical papers. I am concerned that if a substantial number of individuals present information at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium in 2005, the combined 2004 and 2005 *Proceedings* could be overly large and unwieldy. In addition, it is unfortunate that individuals present technical information that then only reaches the general membership one and a half years later.

There have unfortunately been several deaths in the Society's ranks recently. Obtaining information on these members for publication in *Fusion* is not always easy. One solution might be to have a questionnaire covering education, training, work history, etc. completed and kept on file when an individual changes their membership status to Retired.

As leaders in the Society, please consider setting an example and contributing to *Fusion*. Also, please encourage the members of your sections to submit material for publication. Cover pictures with an accompanying article, general articles, and lamp shop hints are desperately needed. Your input is indispensable to maintaining the quality and the relevance of the journal.

Lastly, the Committee Chairs, Section Directors and Chairs, and the President are to be applauded for submitting their reports in September in a most timely fashion. This is very helpful and I thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylin C. Brown

Marylin C. Brown, Ph.D.