

American Scientific Glassblowers Society
President Elect Report

May 22, 2009

I recently had the privilege of attending the joint Southwest / Southeast Sectional meeting hosted by Jack Korfhage and Bob Singer. The meeting was excellent and well attended by members of each section. I appreciate the hard work that Jack and Bob did to make this meeting a success. I also appreciate their commitment to the ASGS.

One task that the President Elect is responsible for is the selection of each committee chair for the upcoming year. First, I would like to thank each of the 2008 – 2009 committee chairs for their hard work over the past year. Second, I am very appreciative that the majority of the committee chairs have agreed to maintain their chair position for the upcoming year. I appreciate their willingness to support the ASGS for another year.

I would like to note that replacement of a committee chair can be a tough task. This often requires many hours on the phone to find someone willing to chair a committee. Often times, the ones willing to chair are already participating in other ASGS activities.

Currently, the ASGS is down by another 85 members. Plans are in place to increase the Outreach and Membership activities of the ASGS. The ASGS must take a very proactive role in securing new members and maintaining current membership in order for the ASGS to survive. Directors will be called on to assist in this process. There will be more to come on this as plans are finalized.

As incoming President, I would like to thank Jack Korfhage for his hard work and dedication to the ASGS over the past year as President. I would also like to welcome Curt Sexton as incoming President Elect.

I am looking forward to working with everyone in the ASGS. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions that will help in the continued success of the ASGS.

Regards,
Gene Nelson