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## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

Both the February and the May issues of *Fusion* have been published and were mailed several days early. The quality of work provided by McCain Printing and their graphic designer remains very high. In addition, the guidance of the Publications Chair Dave Smart and the proof reading of the Committee continue to be invaluable; many thanks are due Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson for the long hours they commit to this.

All the technical papers presented in June 2007 have been submitted to me except for one. This was a serious source of concern until the Publications Chair spoke with the President; a decision was made to publish a combined issue for the years 2007 and 2008 since this could result in a three to four thousand dollar savings. I have alerted the 2008 Technical Papers Chair that I would like to receive the papers that are presented this year either at the Symposium in June or very shortly thereafter. My intention is to proceed as quickly as possible with this double *Proceedings* as I believe that it is important to share the hard work of these presenters with the entire membership. The cooperation of the presenters is, however, needed.

At the Symposium in June, I will once more take time to speak directly with the exhibitors. This provides me an opportunity to explore and respond to any concerns that they may have and to hopefully entice those not already doing so to place an advertisement in *Fusion*. My presence at the annual meeting also allows me to line up articles for upcoming issues. These verbal commitments are invaluable and keep the flow of information on what scientific glassblowers are currently doing open to the membership. At times though, I must admit that it is not always easy to get individuals to follow through on some commitments; still, the contacts made are very helpful.

In this regard, the assistance of the Directors and Section Chairs would be most welcome: please encourage those members who do a worthwhile demonstration at your section meetings to write up a summary and submit it to me for consideration – this does not need to take a long time. As a matter of fact, the article by John Squeo entitled “A Removable/Replaceable Frit Design” in the May *Fusion* was a demonstration that he did at a Midwest Section meeting last October. Remember, your contributions benefit the entire Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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