

Junior Liaison Report

Dear President DeFlorio,

The Joseph Gregar Junior Member Workshop Seminar preparations are almost ready for the Corning, New York symposium. Again I feel we have a fantastic program planned. I would like to thank our gracious volunteer instructors for their enthusiasm and contributions. Each one brings a special talent to the program, which our junior and student members benefit greatly. This year the instructors are: Ron Bihler, Joe Gregar, James Hodgson, and Robert Singer. We will start the morning of the first day with an hour or two of instructor glassblowing demonstrations and "Panel Discussions". We will then brake into 3 groups and have the students working on the glassblowing tasks that were demonstrated under instructor supervision. There will also be quartz-working exercises for all the students.

This will be my 24th year as the Junior Liaison chair writing articles for publication in our professional journal "Fusion". This will also be my 24th year of organizing, recruiting and instructing at the Joseph Gregar Junior Member Workshop Seminar. I have agreed to continue this effort for President-Elect Frank Meints. That will be 25 consecutive years at this job. Although I love working and instructing the younger ASGS members I believe that a search for my replacement should be initiated. I would be happy and honored to be part of this search committee and may even agree to continue as an instructed if my successor desires my help. I have a set of guidelines and qualities that I would like to see in my successor and will write up the duties of the position. The candidate must have outstanding command of the basic scientific glassblowing techniques and seals since these basics are the required stepping stones for the success in fabricating more advanced and complex glass scientific apparatus. I will also supply the listings of all the past classes and skills that were taught since 1988 when I took the program over. I know this comes at a bad time because the BOD is already trying to find a replacement for the Alan Brown Memorial Seminar coordinator. I once tried to warn the BOD about replacing me back in 2008 when I had completed my 20th year. Please give it some thought I will be looking forward to hear about your discussion on this matter.

MEMBERSHIP

The junior membership currently stands at 30 juniors and 21 student members, (51 total). Last year the numbers were at 20 Junior and 14 student members, (34 total). I believe this is the largest number of Junior and Student members we have ever had. I would like to thank our section directors for their efforts to promote membership. Thanks to Dennis Briening for promoting the ASGS at Salem Community College and Katherine Cheetham who also promotes ASGS membership at Salem and at Delaware Valley section meetings. I also believe that having the Delaware Valley and the Exhibitors Awards also helps to stimulate junior and student memberships.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE JUNIOR MEMBER AWARD WINNERS

The 201 ASGS Memorial Award winner is Adam Kennedy from the Southwest section and employed at the University of Texas, Austin Texas.

The 2011 Delaware Valley Award winner Nicholas Lionberger a student at Salem Community College.

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