

# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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## JUNIOR LIAISON REPORT

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Committee Report  
June BOD Meeting

Dear President Meints:

The Joseph Gregar Junior Member Workshop Seminar preparations are almost ready for the 2013 Sarasota, Florida symposium. As always 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, Robert Ponton and Robert Singer. Last year we started the morning of the first day with an hour or two of instructor glassblowing demonstrations and "Panel Discussions". I feel this was very beneficial and a good "ice breaker" for our students. Lots of great knowledge was passed onto the participants. At the completion of the "Panel Discussions" we will then break 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 is my 25<sup>th</sup> and final year as the Junior Liaison chair writing articles for publication in our professional journal "Fusion". This will also be my 25<sup>th</sup> and final year of organizing, recruiting and instructing at the Joseph S. Gregar Junior Member Workshop Seminar. That will be 25 consecutive years at this job. Although I love working and instructing the younger ASGS members I believe the society has to find a replacement for me. I have attached a comprehensive write up of the duties for my 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 can also supply the history of the past classes and skills that were taught since 1988 when I took the program over. I once tried to warn the BOD about replacing me back in 2008 when I had completed my 20<sup>th</sup> year. I believe and have reported this to the BOD numerous times that perhaps the duties should be broken up between two people. The first person being the Junior Liaison Chair responsible for Fusion articles and answering questions from the Junior and Student members. It would also be this persons responsibility to convey policy changes that the BOD makes at board meetings that will effect the junior and student classifications of membership. The second person would be in charge of the seminar program. Ideally they would work closely together and help each other. If desired by the seminar person I will be willing to help instruct at the seminar for the next few years to help with the transition.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE JUNIOR MEMBER AWARD WINNERS

The 2013 ASGS Memorial Award winner is Mathew McDonald from the Northeast section and employed at Yankee Glassblower.

The 2013 Delaware Valley Award winner Michael Schiaffino a student at Salem Community College.

The 2013 Exhibitors Group Award winner is Sabrina Belanger from the Canadian section.

The 2013 South East Section's Randy Searle Award winner is Stephanie Hitchcock from the Canadian section employed at LaSalle Scientific.

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

## **The Joseph S. Gregar Junior Member Seminar Program**

Plan the curriculum for the annual Joseph S. Gregar Junior Member Workshop Seminar program held at each ASGS Symposium and Exhibition. The deadline for this would be as early as possible to be confident to secure acceptable instructors to assist you teaching.

Timetable:

Between August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, think of the topics for the next symposium workshop.

Between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>, find and recruit qualified instructors. By early January have all the information typed up for the two days of seminars including the topics and which instructor will be teaching each subject. Try to pick instructors who you know are proficient at the lessons you described. Include short biographies of each instructor.

Send or e-mail this information to the symposium chair by the date requested or no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 1) Choose the topics for the next years junior seminar program. Remember that the skill level of the students and vary greatly. From never handling a piece of glass or lighting a torch to the five year student that has had great instruction. You must be prepared for both ends of this spectrum. The topics must be basic and simple and remember that this seminar is trying to teach a good basic foundation of scientific glassblowing skills. If this is accomplished the student can build on these skills for the rest of their careers.
- 2) Hold 4 spots open for the Junior / Student award winners. The awards are:
  - The ASGS Memorial Award
  - The Delaware Valley Award
  - The Exhibitors Group Award
  - The Southeast Section, Randy Searle Award
- 3) Store and maintain the junior seminar teaching manifolds and supplies.
- 4) Acquire the tools and consumables (glass components) necessary for the successful completion of all the exercises advertised.
- 5) Carefully package for shipment all manifolds, tools and supplies for the seminar and ship them to the location specified by the symposium chair or the seminar chair.
- 6) Try to get raw materials (glass tubing, joints, frits, stopcocks and quartz tubing and components) donated and shipped to the junior liaison chair or the specified address for the symposium as in #4.

- 7) If the junior member workshop seminar is to be held offsite, (not in the symposium hotel) communicate with the symposium chair and seminars chair to get as much information as possible as to the space and type of equipment available. This offsite location should be previewed and accepted by the Junior Liaison chair. This could be accomplished with photographs. If offsite facility is not acceptable other arrangements must be made.
- 8) Make sure to insure all packages for accurate replacement costs in case of lost shipments.
- 9) Get periodic updates on Junior member seminar registration from the national office prior to the symposium.
- 10) Make sure the national office has made out the “Certificates of Participation” and master attendance sheets for both days for all the junior and student members attending.
- 11) Make sure the national office has made out the “Certificates of Appreciation” for all the instructors of the seminar.
- 12) Get the seminar attendance sheets and all certificates from the registration desk and sign all certificates prior to handing out.
- 13) Prepare return address labels and have the symposium chair or the seminar chair promptly return all junior property to you.

Submission by Joseph S. Gregar, Junior Liaison Chair, June 20, 2013