



SGAA Supports 2022 as The International Year of Glass

by SGAA Headquarters Staff

Over the past 60 years, the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) has declared international years to recognize global initiatives of important contributions to society. Across the globe, UN resolutions have enabled professional societies, museums, journals, and academia to recognize and celebrate their history, their current state, their future, and in their totality, their major contributions to society.

Celebrating Glass

Against this storied background, an international groundswell has risen to pursue a United Nations International Year of Glass for 2022. This concept was first introduced at the 2018 Fall Annual Meeting of the International Commission on Glass (ICG) in Yokohama, Japan. In May 2019, the ICG, The Corning Museum of Glass, The American Ceramic Society, and the Glass Art Society endorsed the exploration of this initiative in a presentation to the Office of the U.S. Mission of the United Nations in New York City. Extensive planning is now underway to inform both international art and scientific glass-themed societies and museums of this endeavor to secure the United Nations declaration of the 2022 International Year of Glass.

The Stained Glass Association of America (SGAA) is proud to support this declaration. As an organization advocating for stained glass artists and studios since its founding in 1903, SGAA is excited at the prospect of bringing a sharper world focus to the craft we love.

The members of SGAA look forward to working with the ICG on this project. While the SGAA deliberates to define what a celebration of the International Year of Glass would look like for us, we love input from our community. Be part of the conversation on how we can celebrate a year of glass!

SGAA Returning Board and New Communications Director

As the SGAA continues to grow, headquarters has hired Amy Moritz as Communications Director in May 2019. Amy comes to the organization with an extensive background in journalism, marketing, and development, and we're excited to have her on board. You can drop her a line with member news at amy@stainedglass.org.



SGAA Board and Staff: (Back row, left to right): Tom Holdman, Ralph Mills, David Judson, Bryant Stanton, Jim Piercey, and Ed Gilbertson. (Front row, left to right) SM Ann Therese Kelly, Kathy Barnard, Megan McElfresh, Courtney Nelson, Ariana Makau, and Amy Moritz. Not pictured: Ron Weaver, Kristine Nordmeyer, Eric Suevel, and Andrea Reid. Photo by Judson Studios/Kyle J. Mickelson.

Meanwhile, the membership voted to retain the current board of directors for the 2019–20 year at the annual summer conference held in June 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. David Judson will remain as President along with elected members Bryant Stanton (1st Vice President), Ralph Mills (2nd Vice President), Kristine Nordmeyer (Financial Secretary), Ed Gilbertson (Treasurer), and James Pierce (Recording Secretary). Also returning to the board are Sister Ann Therese Kelly (School Director), Andrea Reid (Development Director), Courtney Alvarez (Director), Kathy Barnard (Director), Tom Holdman (Director), Ariana Makau (Director), Eric Suevel (Director) and Ron Weaver (Director). SGAA welcomes these board members back for another great year leading the organization to continuing success. **GA**

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