

President's Message

Seventy-nine years old! By some measures, this would be designated "old" and possibly ready for the "home". The South Carolina Academy of Science began in 1924, seventy-nine years ago. The Academy has gained in stature, prestige and the number of activities it sponsors. Today, the Academy sponsors the Annual Research Conference, Discovery Fair, the Junior Academy of Science, various workshops, regional science fairs, student competitions, teaching and research awards, and the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Science. It would seem that the Academy is "getting better" with age! The strength of the Academy is the diversity of its membership, which includes students, parents, teachers, academic and industrial scientists, administrators, businesses and institutions of higher learning. One of the key components of the Academy's success is the commitment to science and mathematics education. This is evidenced by the work of the Academy Council members, which ensure the availability of many educational enrichment activities for South Carolina students. Outreach activities of the Academy require a financial commitment, which are provided from private sources, the State Legislature, and Academy members. As the Academy approaches its 80th year of existence, I urge you to become a member if you are not already one, or renew your membership and actively recruit new members. Students respond to leadership by example; your active participation can influence student involvement and strengthen the Academy.

The establishment of an electronic scientific journal has been a goal of the Academy for several years. With this first issue this goal has become a reality. Please share this edition with your colleagues and urge them to contribute an article for consideration by the Journal Editors. We hope this Journal will become one of the premier electronic journals in the scientific community. We also welcome suggestions for improvement of how this Journal can better serve the scientific community of South Carolina and the Nation.

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