One of the first acts of the Society’s first meeting was to recognize Bellamy Storer as the first Distinguished Life Member (then referred to as Honorary Member) for her production of the first line of distinctive American art pottery ware.

The honor of Distinguished Life Member was established to recognize current members of the Society of professional eminence elected for their achievements in the ceramic arts or sciences or their service to the Society. Distinguished Life Member is the highest honor bestowed by the members of ACerS. It showcases the Society’s most inspirational members, and celebrates their commitment to the Society and their technological achievements in their careers. Indeed, the 2010 recipients of the Distinguished Life Member Award have made extraordinary contributions to the Society as members and to the field of ceramics through their achievements.

Now, the Society is honored to congratulate L. David Pye and Louis J. Trostel Jr. as the 2010 Distinguished Life Members.

Upon learning that they were the recipients of the award, both members said they were humbled and elated.

“You never get to the top all by yourself,” says Trostel. “It’s the people that have supported me along the way that are part of my fondest memories throughout my career.”

“I highly encourage others to join the Society and lend a hand. That’s how to get the most out of the organization. Grab a hold and contribute,” he says. Pye also shared his enthusiasm over the significance of the award.
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L. David Pye is dean and professor of glass science, emeritus, the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, and chief executive officer of The Empire State Glassworks LLC. His career in academia and industry has involved teaching, scholarship, research and consulting. His work included the fabrication, characterization and application of noncrystalline solids. He recently completed a lecture tour in Europe speaking at major universities in Italy on glass science and engineering. Earlier this year he was named a Fulbright Specialist.

Pye has served ACerS in a variety of capacities, including chair of the Glass and Optical Materials Division, 1978; member of the board, 1992–1995; chair of the Globalization Task Force, 2004–2006; and president of the Society, 2007–2008. He currently serves as Founding Editor of the Society’s newest publication, the International Journal of Applied Glass Science. During 1997–2002 he served as secretary of the International Commission on Glass and in September will be presented the President’s Award by this organization for lifetime achievement.

Pye is the author of nearly 80 contributions to the literature and has received three U.S. and six foreign patents. Pye’s biography appears in several Who in the World Who’s Who in America.

Tröstel is an associate editor of the International Journal of Applied Glass Science. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and the Institute of Physics in the U.K. He was awarded the Kroll Medal and Prize for Materials Chemistry in 2002. He has authored/coauthored over 240 journal articles and book chapters and six patents, and

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Sampath

Sanjay Sampath is a professor of materials science and engineering at Stony Brook University and director of the Center for Thermal Spray Research. He received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for excellence in scholarship and creative activities in its 2005-2006 year, was elected Fellow of ASM International and an R&D 100 award for developing the direct write technology. His research interests lie in thermostructural coatings, thick-film materials and multifunctional materials. He is a member of ACerS Basic Science division.

Ali Sayis is the program manager of high temperature aerospace materials at the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. He received the Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Program and National Science Foundation Young Investigator Program. He is a co-founder of NanoCeramics, Inc., a spinoff company of Stony Brook University. He is a fellow of the American Ceramic Society and the American Society for Engineering Education, and is a member of ASM International. He is the recipient of the American Ceramic Society’s Outstanding Young Investigator Award, and the Glen S. White Award from the American Society for Engineering Education. He is a member of the American Ceramic Society’s National Institute of Ceramic Engineers and Environmental Technology Divisions.

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