

Presidents-Elect BOD Report July 2010 San Antonio, TX

I was able to attend one section meeting since our November BOD meeting. The Midwest Section had a Pig Roast for Dieter Damrow. The meeting was held in Sussex, WI. Section director Brian Schwandt chauffeured me around or I would be still driving around the Wisconsin country side. I would like to offer a personal thanks to Erich and Tracy Moraine for putting Brian and I up for the weekend. I had a great time and the meeting was well attended. The Pig was cooked to perfection.

I have completed all the committee positions and there are some changes. Thanks to those who were committee chairs and welcome to the new members. It has been an event filled year and I look forward the challenges of my term as President. I need and expect the input of all the directors, elected officers and committee chairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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President's Message

To the Board of Directors:

Growing the membership is one of the most important aspects in keeping our society viable. The ASGS started this past year trying to increase membership. One approach was to offer ½ price membership. The membership brochures were also redesigned and printed. Some of our vendors graciously offered to send the brochures out to non-member glassblowers. We have had success attracting new members this year. Where the ASGS is failing is in maintaining / keeping those who are already members. When the membership falls, so does the revenue.

At the ASGS Board of Directors meeting last November, the board was made aware of a deficit between the cost of a national office contract and the revenues from membership dues. This does not include the other operating costs associated with running our society. To cover these operating costs, we have depended upon our symposiums to make a profit which is not always the case. Several board members have either paid for their own expenses to attend the Board meetings, have been reimbursed by their sections by varying amounts, or a combination of both to relieve the burden on the society.

To be a viable society, we **MUST** have our dues cover our operating expenses. Your Board of Directors is looking at **BOTH** minimizing operating expenses and raising dues to cover our operating expenses. We will look also at having **THREE** department expense centers: (1) operations; (2) marketing (Fusion); and (3) symposium. Each of these departments will have their own revenue sources: (1) operations paid by dues; (2) marketing paid by Fusion and website revenues; (3) symposium paid by registration and exhibitor revenues.