



THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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Presidents Report

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Hello,

Welcome to the ASGS November Board of Directors meeting. This years meeting will take place at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay in Vancouver, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and I hope to be done before 5:00 PM. I do not have the room number as yet where the meeting will be held. I will contact everyone with that information as I receive it. If you need to contact me for any reason I can be reached on my cell phone at 225-933-2614. Have a safe trip.

I have been able to attend one section meeting since the Atlantic City Symposium. The Southern California Section invited me to their meeting held at Kildee Scientific Glass. Thanks go to Bob Maiden for hosting the meeting in his shop and Rick Gerhart for inviting me to stay in his home and providing transportation around the Los Angeles area.

President Elect Gene Nelson attended the North East Section meeting hosted by Wayne Martin at M & M Glass Blowing in Nashua, New Hampshire. If you would like to have a National Officer attend your meeting please invite them, since we are on an extremely tight budget, funding would be a great help.

Up Dates: The Computer Committee has been renamed the Information Services Committee. I feel that this name change is more appropriate for the function the committee. The ASGS store is now up and running, offering a wide range of products that features the ASGS logo. The address to the web-based store is www.cafepress.com/ASGS. The ASGS receives a \$ 2.00 mark up on all merchandise. To protect the ASGS during

the current banking crisis a second savings account was opened in a separate bank for funds that exceeded \$100,000. This account is approximately \$30,000. There is an on going investigation into the possibility of applying for non-profit 501C3 status for the ASGS. The idea behind this move is to save sales taxes and apply for grant money. President Elect Gene Nelson and Membership Committee Chair Kevin Teaford are teaming up to do a membership drive. They will work with mailing lists donated by vendors and formulate a discounted membership to first time members.

I would like all of the Directors to be thinking about ways to increase membership at both the National and Section level. Also, how can we generate revenue at the Section level so that the Section will be able to finance their Director's trip to future November Board of Directors meetings. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

I will see you Saturday in Vancouver.

Jack Korfhage
President, ASGS