

To: Board of Directors  
From: Edwin Powell, President  
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I was able to attend the Delaware Valley Section, Midwest Section, Northeast Section, Southeast Section, and the Southwest Section meetings. As I traveled to our section meetings, I witnessed a new excitement in our society. Section members were requesting an application and were filling them out on the spot. I was able to hold travel costs to a minimum thanks to the generosity of these sections. The past years accomplishments were well received, but the most questions and concerns obviously centered on the case in North Carolina.

I was able to attend the Frameworking Conference at Salem Community College. There I setup a booth with copies of Fusion, applications, brochures and a PowerPoint presentation on the ASGS. A lot of interest was generated and several ASGS applications were given out. Overall it was a worthwhile endeavor.

This has truly been a year of change. We made a seamless transition to a temporary National Office, instituted a Corporate Membership, produced a Spanish application, lowered dues for Junior members, created an Audit Committee, revised the committee's duties and responsibilities, edited and approved Bylaws, membership steadily increased, creation of the Glassblowers Technical Resource web page, watched the Suppliers Guide bring in new revenue, committee chairs adopted goals, created a National Office Search Committee, former National Office Manager case completion, and the Board of Directors will make the final selection of a new National Office. All these accomplishments are the result of the many dedicated members working for the good of the society. As your president, I am extremely pleased with what has been accomplished. Members of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and the members of the Executive Committee should be commended for their dedication to the society. When members work together, members produce positive changes.

As I leave this position, I am satisfied with changes that have been made. I believe we have literally turned the corner. If we continue to work together for positive change, we will have transformed this society to meet the challenges of the future. Please take the time to review and support the goals set forth by Mike Souza. We have worked together to develop these goals that will set our society on a clear path of growth. I firmly believe we must have goals- without goals we will not have direction. I would encourage the Board of Directors to accept these goals, review them in November and modify or expand them as needed to meet our changing conditions. I also encourage the Board to continue to have future presidents develop goals and have them accepted by the Board.

What a wonderful experience it has been serving as your President. I want to thank everyone for their support and efforts to advance our society.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin Powell, President ASGS

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