

Minutes of the Meeting of President
Michael Souza
October 31 – November 1, 2003
Prime Hotel Saratoga Springs NY

Attendance

Officer/Section	Name	Present
President	Michael Souza	✓
President-elect	Scott Bankroff	✓
Secretary	Kenneth Owens	☐
Treasurer	James Hodgson	☐
Canadian	Mike Palme	✓
Delaware Valley	Daryl Smith	✓
Exhibitors	Bonnie Clark	✓
Great Lakes	Michael Morris	✓
Midwest	Brian Schwandt	✓
Northeast	David Wise	✓
Rocky Mountain	Ron Bihler	✓
Pacific Northwest	Victor Gallicchio	
So. California	Jim Merritt	✓
Southeastern	Mark Wicker	✓
Southwestern	Bob Singer	✓

Hudson-Mohawk#
Metro-New York#
New England#
Niagra Frontier#
Ohio Valley#
San Francisco#
Pitts. Tri State#
Washington D.C.-Baltimore#

= Inactive Section

Also Present were;

David Daenzer- Executive Secretary

Guests; Daniel Wilt, Kendra Huat

With a quorum having been met President Souza called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 October 31'st and made a few comments regarding the anticipated flow of the meeting. The minutes of the spring 03 meetings of Presidents Powel and Souza were reviewed and accepted.

Motion: Minutes

Motion Resolution:

To accept the Minutes of the meeting of Edwin Powell, June 2003, with the deletion of incomplete calling to order and adjourning times.

Motion by: Mike Morris

Second: Ron Bihler

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Minutes

Motion Resolution:

To accept the Minutes of the meeting of Michael Souza, June 2003, with the deletion of incomplete calling to order and adjourning times.

Motion by: Michael Palme

Second: David Wise

Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer Hodgson reviewed Statements of Fund Balances and commented that our general income does not cover our operating expenses and we have relied on symposia profits to maintain our financial position. Additional questions and discussion on specific line items and the general format of our accounting forms followed.

Mr. Hodgson commented on the state of the National Office and His and Amy Collins' efforts to reduce the amount of material held in storage. Jim Hodgson also mentioned his actions to bring Frank Meints up to speed as incoming Assistant Treasurer.

The Board formally accepted the Treasurer's report and described the problems incurred in establishing an audit committee.

Executive Secretary Dave Daenzer discussed his report and fielded questions and discussion from the Board. Items of note were the Societies inability to meet the requirements of a tax exempt organization. The Board had previously voted to change our status from a Sec.501(c)(6) to a Sec.501(c)(3). It has become apparent that the ASGS does not meet the requirements of the latter and contributions to the Society can not be deducted from personal income taxes.

Mr. Daenzer also described his report regarding the selling of ASGS membership lists to interested parties. The list in question is the ASGS roster rather than any of the e-mails lists and individuals will have the option to remove their contact information be removed from the list to be sold.

Scott Bancroft started a discussion of section liaison activities. Further discussion about using and keeping the ASGS web site current especially regarding section meeting notices ensued.

Mike Souza reviewed the Presidents report and gave insight in the activities of several efforts underway in the committees. Scott Bancroft discussed an invitation from the American Ceramic Society for the ASGS to place a booth in their Spring Conference. The ASGS would reciprocate by providing free booth space to the American Ceramic Society at the next Symposim. Some discussion followed.

Motion: Adjourn until 8:30 AM Saturday November 1, 2003

Motion resolution;

To adjourn the meeting of President Souza until 8:30 AM Saturday, November 1, 2003

Motion by: Jim Merritt
Second: Bonnie Clark
Motion passed unanimously

The meeting resumed at approximately 08:30 Saturday November 1. Section reports were reviewed with some discussion which will not be detailed here.

Committee reports followed, the more significant points will be briefly described.

Audio-Visual: Mike Morris described recent efforts of the AV committee. Recent ASGS acquisitions of a digital video projector and a Macintosh Laptop will save the Society funds since they will no longer need to rent these items for presentations. The Macintosh computer was purchased with video editing software that can be used to edit our current and future video tapes to a substantially higher standard than our existing “home video” style. Mike recommends we purchase quality wireless microphones and a subwoofer to enhance our existing public address system and further improve our live and recorded presentations. An invitation to contribute funds to the purchase of these items was extended.

Mike also hopes to acquire quality video cameras and control the filming of symposia demos, artistic evenings and promotional events.

A discussion of the Video lending library and the proposal to house and distribute said through Salem Community College followed. While there may be advantages and disadvantages to this move for the time being the tapes are distributed through Joe Gregar.

Archive Committee: The archive committee has sought proposals to convert our existing fusion and proceeding library in pdf format and copy these to compact disk. Mike Souza described various details of this effort and reviewed the quotes received to perform this task. President Souza broached the subject of how to pay for this effort and put forth the ideas that members and perhaps non-members could purchase the collection at prices to be determined. Discussion of other alternatives to recording on CDs and to whom the publication should be made available ensued. A final consensus to proceed with the CD format and produce 100 copies of the existing Proceedings to be made

available to members at cost was finally achieved. This was accepted by the Board as a consensus vote.

Awards Committee: Discussion of requirements to recognize deceased members with inclusion on the Memorial Scroll followed with a consensus vote that a committee should be formed to give some guidelines to the Awards Committee.

Bylaw Committee: The Bylaw Committee report was noted. Discussion was tabled to the old and new business portion of the meeting.

Computer Committee: A description of the upcoming revision to the WEB page championed by Mike Wheeler followed. Mike Palme discussed his plans to collect and organize forms and reports in an easily accessed format consistent with the rest of the WEB site. The duties/goals of committee chairs would also be listed on the WEB page..

Education Committee: The books in the lending library have been searched for copyright protection with a goal to establish if we can make copies of any of them. President Souza expressed an interest in gaining legal council to review and define a policy of copyright issues as they pertain to the Society's functions. A budget has been established toward this end.

Finance Committee: Dan Wilt pointed out that the restitution monies collected from Dawn Hodgekins are being split between the AIM funds and short term CD's.

Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee has identified an incoming Secretary and Treasurer. President Souza requested Dave Daenzner to form an ad-hoc committee to recommend a course of action to fill the office of President and President Elect. A consensus vote authorized the formation of this committee.

Symposium Coordinator: Ron Bihler described the use of a Hotel Booking agency to aid in establishing room rates, blocks etc. for Symposia. Since we have experience finding these prices without such a service He was confident that we could evaluate their service and fees and use them if it appears to our advantage. Dan Wilt also gave a synopsis of the status of 2004 symposium and described the registration rates. Further discussion ensued regarding registration of vendors and methods to streamline this effort and assign preferred booth sites. Bonnie Clark described a method to sign up vendors for an upcoming symposium at the current symposium. Some discussion regarding the details of how this would work followed.

OLD BUSSINESS

Motion: Bylaw Committee Report

Motion Resolution:

To accept the actionable items from the Bylaw Committee Report of Fall 2003.

Motion By: Michael Palme

Second: Mike Morris
Motion passed unanimously

The following motion regarding section members not being National members was introduced in June 03 as a Notification. The Notification was reviewed by the Bylaw Committee reworded and returned as follows. President Souza passed the gavel to Executive Secretary Daenzner at this point and was able to participate in the debate on motions. Substantial discussion followed with the following action finally being taken.

Motion: Bylaw Change Article VIII-Sections

Motion Resolution:

Notification to amend Article VIII-Section (h)

From;

“(h) The Sections shall exercise all necessary precaution that any person who is not a member of the Society shall not be a member of the sections.”

To;

“(h) Sections shall actively insure that non-members are encouraged to join the Society as National Members.”

Motion By: Bob Singer

Second: Mike Morris

Motion failed seven votes for, five votes against one abstention

NEW BUSSINESS

Executive Secretary Daenzner continued to chair the meeting through the following bylaws motion.

Motion: Bylaw Change, Membership

Motion Resolution:

To change Article III-Membership, Section 1-Qualifications (b)

From:

“Regular membership may be granted to those persons who have for five consecutive years and currently gain the major portion of their income as a scientific glassblower.”

To;

“Regular membership may be granted to those persons who have completed their five-year Junior Membership eligibility or to those who are currently scientific glassblowers. Applicants must possess as least five (5) consecutive years in which they have gained a major portion of their income as scientific glassblowers. Junior and Student Members may offer their accumulated membership years as proof to supplement part of the 5-year requirement.”

Motion By: Michael Souza
Second: Michael Palme
Motion passed 12 for 1 against

The bylaw motions discussed were taken from a report from the Bylaw Committee. The following motion was inadvertently made through an incomplete reading of the Committee's report. Once the motion was made and seconded the Board had to act on the motion. The incorrect motion was defeated and the correct motion was immediately made seconded and voted.

The following three bylaws changes were passed with the required two thirds majority for their first of two required votes.

Motion: Bylaw Change Benefits

Motion Resolution:

To change Article III-Membership, Section 4-Benefits, subsection (a)-Each Class of membership shall carry specific benefits: item 8-student;

From;

“Student Membership carries the benefit to be a member of a chartered Section and as a member of the National. Their dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive 4 issues of Fusion per year.

To;

“Student membership carries the benefit to be a member of a chartered section and a member of the National. The dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive a one-year subscription to Fusion. Time enrolled as a Student Member is reduced from the 5 years eligibility as a Junior Member.”

Motion By: Ken Owens
Second: Mike Palme
Motion failed unanimously

Motion: Bylaw Change Benefits

Motion Resolution:

To change Article III-Membership, Section 4-Benefits, subsection (a)-Each Class of membership shall carry specific benefits: item 8-student;

From;

“Student membership carries the benefit of being a member of a chartered section and a member of the National. The dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student members will receive a one-year subscription to Fusion. Time enrolled as a Student Member is reduced from the 5 years eligibility as a Junior Member.”

To;

Student Membership carries the benefit to be a member of a chartered Section and a member of the National. The dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive a subscription to Fusion.”

Motion By: Mike Palme
Second Mike Morris
Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Bylaw Change, Retired Members

Motion Resolution:

Replace Article III-Membership; Section 1-Qualifications (e)

From;

Retired membership may be granted upon application from any member who is no longer able to perform glassblowing duties due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a regular member in good standing for a period which is at least the difference between the member’s age and 70 years.”

To;

“Retired Membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least five consecutive years.”

Motion By: Scott Bancroft
Second: Jim Merritt
Motion passed unanimously

The following motions were passed with limited discussion.

Motion: Exhibit Booth Rate for ASGS 2005 symposium

Motion Resolution:

The exhibitor booth rated for the 2005 ASGS National Symposium at Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL shall remain at \$825.00 per single booth, with additional booths at \$625.00 per booth.

Motion By: Steven Anderson
Second: Bonnie A Clark
Motion passed unanimously

Motion” Registration Rates for the 2004 Symposium

Motion Resolution:

Registration Rates for the 2004 Annual Symposium in Saratoga Springs, NY to include a new “All Inclusive Package” in addition to the standard A-LA-Carte method, per attached sample registration form.

Motion By: Ron Bihler
Second: Michael Palme
Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: Membership List

Motion Resolution:

I Bob Singer move that the ASGS may provide its membership list for purchase subject to the following provisions:

- 1) Each member shall have the option to be removed from the list.
- 2) The Publications Committee, with advice from the Membership Committee, shall establish a fee for the purchase of the list that is consistent with FUSION advertising rates

Motion By: Bob Singer
Second: Jim Merritt
Motion passed with one abstention

Scott Bankroff requested permission to create promotional literature for use at the American Ceramic Society meeting scheduled for April 2004. This triggered substantial discussion regarding marketing techniques, literature, costs, and anticipated benefits. Scott was charged with finding and utilizing the existing resources of the Society, and to request specific funding if these resources were inadequate and amendable.

Motion: Assistant Treasurer

Motion Resolution:

I move that Treasurer James Hodgson's appointment of Frank Meints as Assistant Treasurer be approved.

Motion By: James Hodgson
Second: Michael Morris
Votes for Motion Unanimous

Motion: Adjournment

Motion resolution:

To adjourn the meeting of President Souza, November 1, 2003

Motion By: Jim Merritt
Second: Bob Singer
Motion passed unanimously

The meeting of President Souza adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM November 1'st 2003.