

ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

November 8th, 2008. Vancouver, WA

Presiding Officer: Jack Korfhage. Secretary: Daniel Wilt

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Note: The following information was compiled at the B.O.D. Meeting by the Secretary via tape recorder and notes. The notation "See Report" refers to the actual report supplied to the Directors by President Jack Korfhage.

Meeting called to order by President Jack Korfhage at 9:00 A.M.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting were reviewed by President Jack Korfhage.

Minutes Acceptance

Motion Resolution #08110801R: *I make a motion to approve the secretary's report of the June 15th, 2008 BOD Meeting in Atlantic City.*

Motion by: Patrick J DeFlorio

Second by: Frank Meints

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Treasurers Report: See Report. The Treasurers Report was given in detail by Treasurer Frank Meints. Frank also asks that someone look into scanning checks, bills, and receipts for Society records. Vice Treasurer, Victor Mathews comments that there is equipment to do this. Executive Secretary, Ed Powell says that the National Office already has this information on PDF. Director Curt Sexton suggests we check with Amy at the National Office on what she would need to be able to scan information onto discs. Director of the Exhibitor Section asks if the Treasurer already has a copy of this. Ed Powell will look into this need and take care of this.

Proposal for 501C status, Treasurer Frank Meints says this will come up under new business.

Frank Meints summarizes the Balance sheet and reports on the Society Account. Things look better than they appear because we took in the lump sum for the restitution. Deborah Camp asks if funds under donations are from the Exhibitor Section and the Delaware Valley Section for Junior Member Sponsorship?. Frank Meints reports yes, and other categories.

President Elect Gene Nelson asks about \$2,585.00 under Symposium/Audio Visual/07?. Frank reports that this was a video projector purchased by Mike Morris which will be used continuously saving rental fees.

Deborah Camp asks if the equipment is an asset of the Society?. President Jack Korfhage reports that it is.

Jack also says that dues should cover our expenses and symposium should cover symposium expenses.

President Elect Gene Nelson reports that the final results of the 2008 Symposium do not have the cost of Proceedings incurred where profit or losses shown for previous symposiums do have this cost.

Northeast Section Director Patric DeFlorio asks where royalties come from. Frank Meints reports that royalties come from reprinting.

President Elect Report: (see report) Great Lakes Section Director Doug Navelinski suggests that we need to discuss with junior members their participation in the society. Pacific Northwest section Director Victor Mathews recommends a new member/Junior Member hospitality suite at the symposium. Delaware Valley Section Director Katherine Cheetham says her section is promoting junior member participation. Executive Secretary Ed Powell reports that Directors should sell the Society to new and Junior members.

Presidents Report: (see report) Executive Secretary Ed Powell feels that FDIC \$250,000.00 is short term. The National Office will keep us up to date on this.

Executive Secretary: (see report). Executive Secretary Ed Powell reports that we need to add mailing cost to overseas members because it cost the Society \$19.50 per issue of Fusion per overseas member. Ed also asks that Directors please fill out the Liability forms for Section Meetings. This is insurance we are paying for and we must make sure we are covered. To be covered we must make sure the forms are filled out.

National Office Report: (see report) Director Pacific Northwest Section Victor Mathews asks about form 990, does the National Office do this?. Treasurer Frank Meints says they do this in the fall. Frank also reports that sections under \$5,000.00/year income do not have to do this even though they may have more than \$5,000.00 in their section treasury. Midwest Section Director Brian Schwandt asks what sections should do with funds over \$5,000.00 in their account. Victor Mathews suggests that maybe sections could consider donating excess funds to the National Society for programs. Delaware Valley Section Director Katherine Cheetham suggests that maybe we should send more people to Symposiums with excess money in section accounts over the \$5,000.00.

Section Directors Reports: See Reports.

Executive Secretary Ed Powell reports that as Directors you need to get section members to join as National Members. Ed also asks if we need to review the Board of Directors documents. Exhibitor Section director Deborah Camp suggests that we change documents to “word” format.

A.S.G.S. B.O.D. Administration Assistant Report: (see report 4-1)

Allan B. Brown Seminar Report: (see report) President Jack Korfhage reports that this is going well and is making money for the Society. Gary Dobos is doing a great job and Patrick DeFlorio has been a great asset to this committee.

Audit Committee: (see report) President Jack Korfhage suggests not replacing all members of this committee at one time in the future. Executive Secretary Ed Powell is in communication with them to change their guidelines. This report also approves the June 2008 Treasurers Report.

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AV Committee: (see report) Mike Morris is working with presenters. Lending Library being changed over to DVD's and will be complete by the end of 2008. Director Exhibitor Section asks how do we deal with shipping costs with this. President Jack Korfhage reports that the Society pays one way.

Awards Committee: See Report.

Education Committee: See Report. Executive Secretary Ed Powell would like to know the direction of this committee.

Finance Committee: See Report.

Formerly Computer Committee: (see report) President Jack Korfhage reports that this is our most critical Committee because this is what most of the world sees about us first. This needs to be kept up to date. Exhibitor Section Deborah Camp suggests we have our web site maintained professionally. Great Lakes Section director Doug Navilinski says we have to investigate what changes we want and we need to get quotes. Someone will still have to be the liaison for the A.S.G.S. with a professional web site designer. Northeast Section Director Patrick DeFlorio thinks this can be done much cheaper now than as quoted in the past because there is much more competition in this field now.

International Liaison: (see report)

Junior Liaison: (see report)

Membership: (see report) President Jack Korfhage reports 44 new membership applications this year also. President Elect Gene Nelson also reports that vendors are being asked for 20-25 Glassblowers information that are not National Members so we may proceed with trying to get them as National Members. Pacific Northwest Director Victor Mathews suggests that we give new possible members a packet right away when they are interested. Gene Nelson also reports that we had 82 day cards at the last Symposium that were not followed up for National Membership. This should be given to the Membership Committee for referral.

Nominating Committee: See Report. Curt Sexton (see letter of intent to run for President Elect 2010/2011).

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Motion Resolution # 08110802R: *Motion to accept William C.(Curt) Sexton's nomination as President Elect for the term beginning June,2009.* Motion by: Daniel Wilt
Second by: Brian Schwandt
Motion passed: Unanimous

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Outreach Committee: (see report) President Jack Korfhage recommends we not dissolve this committee because we have three things for this committee to do for this meeting already, or roll this committee's responsibility over to the Membership Committee. Jack personally would like to combine the Outreach Committee with the Membership Committee. For now, Jack will set goals for Rick Ponton and keep the two committees separate.

Publications: (see report) Fusion ads are down this year showing about \$1,000.00 loss per issue. President Jack Korfhage reports that we are looking at printing digital because they will print only the quantity we want but, we will loose about 10% in quality. President Elect Gene Nelson suggests that when we send out the dues notice we ask if they want their copy of Fusion. Some locations receive multiple copies and they may waive their copy to save the Society money. Pacific Northwest Director Victor Mathews suggests to ask if they want their copy donated. Northeast Section Director Patrick DeFlorio suggests that if this happens we should send a note "Donated by".

Editors Report: (see report) Proceedings are finished to date. What do we do with them. It is too late to send with Cumulative Index. Put them on the web password protected so members can download them. Is there enough space on the website to put them up?. We are still waiting for two Technical Papers from 2008 Symposium.

Technical Q&A: (see report)

Reference and Abstracts: (see report)

Safety and Hazards: (see report)

Bylaws & Steering Committee: (see report)

Symposium Coordinators Report: (see report) President Jack Korfhage commended Jerry Cloninger on saving the Society travel expense by not attending this meeting.

54th Symposium Report: Symposium Chairman Victor Mathews reports that approval from the Fire Marshall is in hand, Insurance form is done, and he is working with Mike Palme on the web site for the upcoming Symposium in Vancouver, WA.

55th Symposium Report: (see report)

Old Business: None

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New Business: Exhibitor Section Director Deborah Camp reports that as Co-Exhibits Chairperson for the 2009 Symposium, she suggests that we consider having a deadline for booth fees for payment at the published rate. After that date the booth fees would be more. We have 13 booths sold so far and we probably won't have the others sold until just before the Symposium. The Symposium sure could use the funds now from the remaining booths and this is a way to get the funds sooner.

Exhibit Booth Fees

Motion Resolution # 08110803R: *Motion to set the booth fees at the 54th Symposium in Vancouver, WA at \$825.00 for 1st booth and \$625.00 additional booths.*

Motion by: Daniel Wilt

Second by: Brian Schwandt

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to set postage for International Fusion mailings

Motion Resolution # 08110804R: *I motion to set postage at \$19.50 for mailing Fusion to International destinations.*

Motion by: James Cornell

Second by: Gene Nelson

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Adding Deceased Presidents to Memorial Scroll

Motion Resolution # 08110805R: *To add all deceased past presidents automatically to the Memorial Scroll. An asteric should be placed next to their name indicating they were past presidents.*

Motion by: Rick Gerhart

Second by: James Cornell

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Memorial Scroll Nominations

Motion Resolution #08110806R: *Rudolf Johann Palme, Alfred H. Waldron, Richard W. Poole, William E. Barr, Charles J. Cassidy, William A. Gilhooley, Allan B. Brown, and Gerald F. Gerhart.*

Motion by: Rick Gerhart

Second by: Curt Sexton

Motion Passed: Unanimous

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Membership Discount

Motion Resolution #08110807R: *If you are a member who sponsors a new member, both parties will receive a 50% reduction in current year dues. New member is defined as someone who has never been a member or was a member not active for the previous five years.*

Motion by: Gene Nelson

Second by: Victor Mathews

Motion Passed: Unanimous

President Jack Korfhage comments: Retired Membership classification should be referred to the Bylaws Committee. It says “No Longer To Perform”. Does this mean you cannot be a Glassblower anymore?.

President Elect Gene Nelson: Art Glassblowers asking a lot of Technical questions. A.S.G.S. should make information available to non members. This may get them to join the Society. Should we have an “Artistic Membership”? Pacific Northwest Director Victor Mathews reports that Artistic Glassblowers have a thirst for our information.

Additional Membership Class

Motion Resolution #08110808B1: *I make a motion that the following paragraph be added and or changed to the bylaws under the following sections:*

Article 3 Membership, Section 1-qualifications K- Artistic Membership may be granted to those persons who actively participate in the art of artistic glassworking. Section 4. Benefits A-3 modify to add the following after associate “or artistic member”.

Motion by: Gene Nelson

Second by: Victor Mathews

Motion Passed: 14 in favor / 1 abstention

Treasurer Frank Meints: 501C3 Discussion on changing from 501C6 to 501C3 classification. We were 501C6 in the beginning before we had Seminars, Video Library, etc. etc.. We have become more educational so maybe we should change to 501C3 classification. President Jack Korfhage talked to James Hodgson to chair a committee to look into if we should change from 501C6 to 501C3. Jim Hodgson will pick his own committee people.

Executive Secretary Ed Powell reports that we must vote on the contract for the National Office.

Contract National Office

Motion Resolution #08110809R: *To approve contract renewal dated October 16, 2008 with Bookkeeping Plus Professional Services, Inc. effective August 1 2009 for a term of one year fee of #34,800.00.*

Motion by: Curt Sexton

Second by: Victor Mathews

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Resolution #08110810R: *I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm on November 8th, 2008 in Vancouver, Washington.*

Motion by: Katherine Cheetham

Second by: Rick Gerhart

Motion Passed-Unanimous