



The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant November 2009 Report

October 22, 2009

Things are running quiet smoothly for the most part. I have started work on getting the previously planned Committees website up and running. This is still on track to be up and running this fall.

The Audit Committee website contains all the pertinent financial information that the Audit committee uses to audit the ASGS books and it is being updated as a data is received.

There no other issues to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Palme
ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant

Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminars

The last annual meeting of the ASGS was held in Vancouver, Washington. Although turnout for this meeting was low, for various reasons, the Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminars was well attended. There were 10 attendees on day one and nine attendees on day two. Once again a call was made to our vendors for support in furnishing materials used to support the Regular Members seminars and items used for the Artistic Charity Auction. I would like to thank: A.G. Scientific Co., Inc., Chemglass Life Sciences, Litton Engineering Labs, Schott Glass, Technical Glass, Wale Apparatus Co., Inc. and Yankee Glass Company for their support. Without their support the quality of the seminars offered would not be possible. Please make every effort to support these vendors whenever possible.

As in years past, an inventory of supplies was recorded during take-down. Several small items such as striker flints & various sizes of carbon rods and paddles were recognized as in low supply. These items will be replaced along with upgrading the gas hoses feeding the regulators, to a larger inside diameter. I will begin to explore our options in this matter. During this year's meeting an option was provided, during the Charity Auction, to donate money to the Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminars. I would like to thank: Kelly Murphy, James Cornell, Phillip Sliwoski, Deborah Camp, and Christine Jaricz for their generous donations totaling \$790.00. This combined with the \$656.00, from this year's budget, totals \$2,099.00.

There were some problems associated with gas availability and delivery during the last meeting that did cause problems. I have talked to Jack Korfhage about these issues and this should not be a problem for the coming meeting. I am currently working to put this year's program together for it can be posted on the ASGS web site. I am looking forward to another opportunity to share techniques and knowledge with fellow glassblowers during the next symposium.

Gary Dobos

Allan B. Brown Symposium Chair

The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

October 2009

Audit Committee Report, for the period June 2008 - May 2009

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the financial statements for the period June 2008 through May 2009.

The Audit Committee has determined that there were no verbal or written inquiries or issues pertaining to:

- The Treasurer's Report discussed at the Board of Directors' Meeting in June 2009.
- The Treasurer's Report submitted to the membership at the June 2008 Annual Meeting.

The Audit Committee has determined that there were no apparent inconsistencies or discrepancies in the Treasurer's report.

- The record suggests no inquiries or concerns by the Officers, Board of Directors, or the membership.
- All relevant financial statements have been reviewed.

Therefore, the Audit Committee approves the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year June 2008 - May 2009.

The Audit Committee agrees with membership's concern regarding expenditures vs. income within the ASGS budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven D. Moder

Audit Committee: David Daenzer, Richard Bock, Neil Korfhage, Steve Moder, John Squeo, and Joe Walas

ASGS 2009 Fall BOD Meeting AV Committee Report

BOD Actionable Items - The AV Chair is asking that the BOD:

1. Redirect pending ASGS DVD sales to members only.
2. Allocate finances for the DVD conversions needed to complete the Lending Library. Amount \$3,472.20. Additional money generated by sections and individuals will be accrued in the AV committee account and returned to the ASGS general fund toward reimbursement of the \$3,472.20.

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AV Committee Goals for 2010

- Supplement AV Committee funds for DVD project
- Complete video lending library update to DVD
- Relocate Lending Library Function to New Personnel/Location
- Provide personal AV services with substantial cost savings to 2010 Symposium

Sales of DVD's to Non Members

It was decided at the spring 2009 BOD meeting that resulting ASGS DVD format lending library videos be made available for purchase by members and non-members at a higher price. This was published in a subsequent FUSION article. The chairman of the AV committee endorses the sale of DVD's to ASGS members as a service to its members, to help defray the cost of the update project, and become a long term source of revenue for the ASGS. It is strongly recommended to the ASGS BOD that non-ASGS membership video sales are not pursued. When the ASGS publishes FUSION and Proceedings all contained material is required to have legal permissions

granted in writing by the originators. This is to prevent potential lawsuits from several legal angles. There have never been any signed waivers or permissions given the ASGS for any of the demonstrators taped in video formats. In fact, all participants have conducted their demonstrations with the understanding that they were first and foremost adding a valuable component of significance and attraction to symposium attendees at the time of the symposium. The video acquisition option was undertaken to share this valuable resource with membership unable to attend symposia and as a record of ASGS supported cumulative knowledge of scientific glass blowing and related technique. Video acquisition has always been conducted with the underlying premise that it was a valuable membership incentive to be available to ASGS members only.

These videos are not recorded with a professional approach or conducted with oversight of safety or content. With the change to a four day symposium all video is captured “on the fly” with no opportunity to redo flaws in the demonstration or the taping process. The result is that while videos almost always present useful and valuable information most do not present the ASGS in a light that enhances society image or a commitment to professionalism to best effect. A discussion held the day before the composition of this report with a multi-time demonstrator on the topic of video sales to non-members revealed that he was embarrassed by at least one of his demonstrations and in no way wanted this to be made available to the public. Consideration should also be given to the fact that the ASGS does not have any way to recognize or police demonstrators who may have revealed knowledge, processes or techniques that might be proprietary in nature. Also, any subsequent potential litigation undertaken for any reason by non-members is likely to be directed against the business or the university that sponsors the demonstrator as a “deep pockets source” rather than directed against the glassblower personally.

Supplemental Funds for ASGS Video Lending Library DVD Project

Funds have been raised by the AV Committee in an effort to alleviate the entirety of the ASGS expense toward the last phase of the DVD editing and transition project total of \$6,272.20. More funds are expected from Section and personal donations. At the time of this report the following money has been committed and will be deposited in the AV Committee account.

\$1,200.00	PA system and Mac G2 computer sale to M.Morris
\$500.00	non-reimbursed M.Morris shipment of LCD projectors/blank tapes/laser pointers/materials/misc. to 2009 symposium (donation)
\$200.00	Helmut Dreschel Award check issued to M.Morris (donation)
\$100.00	Additional personal donation to round out M.Morris contribution to \$2,000.00
\$750.00	Great Lakes Section contribution approved during fall 2009 section meeting.
<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>Meints Glass corporate contribution</u>
\$2,800.00	total of supplemental funding at the time of this report
\$3,472.20	balance needed from ASGS

The AV chair will be sending a request with each section Director to ask for some section financial support toward this project at their pending 2010 spring meeting. Personal donations over and above section donations that can be generated at the spring section meetings and forwarded to the AV committee account are needed and appreciated. The AV Committee asks that each section director take an active role in presenting this request to their section. A talking point sheet will be provided. It is recognized that some sections have little or nothing to contribute and it is further recognized that relief to the ASGS treasury is sought through Director BOD travel expense help and that this is a priority. The Midwest Section has been approached for a donation at their 2009 fall meeting and it is expected that they will offer significant support. The Midwest Director may inform the BOD of the particulars not available during the time of this report.

Further services and funds generated or saved by the AV Committee for 2010 are projected as follows:

M.Morris will transport the PA system to the 2010 National Symposium and supplement it with borrowed subwoofer, borrowed handheld microphones, personal CD players and audio mixer, associated cabling, music, video camera and related equipment. M.Morris will also transport all ASGS owned equipment (LCD projectors and computer) at no expense to the ASGS saving shipping costs for the 2010 symposium. Music by Coash will not be available but will be replaced by Steven Vormbrock of Lighthouse Technologies. M.Morris will assume all transportation and lodging expenses for Mr. Vormbrock who is a professional audio consultant and AV specialist. A former Kalamazoo Michigan based Upjohn Co/Pfizer AV and communications dept. head, Mr. Vormbrock facilitated corporate lending of LCD projectors and a laptop computer used during technical presentations and seminars for 3 years saving the ASGS multiple thousands of dollars in rental costs. He will work with M.Morris at no expense to the ASGS in support of the Exhibitor Opening, Charity Auction, and Technical Demonstrations at the 2010 symposium with a possible role in musical enhancements for the Awards Banquet. M. Morris will assume all transportation and lodging expenses for Mr. Vormbrock. It is expected that savings to the symposium budget will be notable and will be reported when actual costs are known but estimated for this report at well over \$2,000.00.

Other resources on hand that will be donated by M.Morris for the lending library and DVD sales project include /200 tape cases and labels and 200 top quality printable TaiyoYuden watershield blank printable DVD's, Epson Printer and ink for labeling 200 DVD cases for salable DVDs. M.Morris will prepare and complete labeling for DVD cases using SureThing labeling software. SureThing software and all program files will be made available to the ASGS for future duplication efforts.

AV Committee Background Input – Macintosh G2 Computer/Video Editing

Following some confusion at the spring BOD meeting with the M.Morris offer to purchase the Macintosh G2 computer along with the Anchor PA System a more detailed explanation is due about the problems encountered with the editing process and why the offer was made. The Macintosh G2 computer was bought by the ASGS through Mike Souza and Princeton University and originally expected to be used by M.Morris to edit and compose digital files from MiniDV

format tapes for transfer to DVD and for use in website projects. The Anchor PA system and two speaker stands was funded by the Midwest Section, the Great Lakes Section and the Exhibitor Section in coordinated support of an M.Morris proposal to reduce annual recurring ASGS expenses for audio support at The Exhibitor Opening, Artistic Demo and Charity Auction and Technical Demonstrations. The PA system paid for itself in two symposiums with cost savings and never cost the ASGS anything to begin with. It is simply an audio amplifier that requires source equipment such as microphones, CD player(s) etc. plugged in to work. The ASGS owns none of these items. M.Morris borrowed or lent and as infrequently as possible rented these type of items and recorded many hours of event appropriate music to effect these functions as described earlier. It is assumed that other ASGS members are unlikely to be interested in performing similar labor intensive preparations required to prepare for these functions and operate the equipment during them. Also subscribing to the long held tenet that the society wishes to own and maintain minimal equipment M.Morris decided that in order to help raise money for the remaining video library updates that a transfer of ownership while still keeping the option open of further society support from these items was a logical step to take. The current status of the Macintosh G2 computer as determined by M.Morris through actions taken in 2009 has been discouraging. The Macintosh G2 has outdated system operating software and it was suggested by Macintosh technicians that updating to new operating system software was needed in order to bring needed updates to Final Cut Pro video editing software and to enable internet communication downloads as they exist in 2009. In addition it was found that the Mac internal DVD drive could not download source material into the Final Cut Pro 4 software video editing program. (It is worth noting that the Final Cut Pro 4 software comes with 4 instruction manuals – 3 of them are at least an inch thick.) Macintosh technicians advised M.Morris that a new software update would remedy these problems and that a certain period of Macintosh technician time would be available free of charge if upgrade software was purchased. Otherwise there would be expenses accrued every time a contact was made with a technician. Mac OSX Leopard software was purchased by M.Morris at personal expense. Additionally during this time a “Mac OS X for Dummies” manual was purchased along with a “Switching to the Mac Leopard Edition” manual also at M.Morris expense. During preliminary stages of upgrading to Mac OSX Leopard software a prompt by the original Mac software indicated that the Final Cut Pro 4 video editing software would not be operable through the new Mac OSX Leopard software. A phone call to Final Cut Pro software technicians indicated that Final Cut Pro Version 4 software had been modified to the point that download updates were not available and a new expensive software package must be purchased to work with the OS X software. It was unfortunate that the Macintosh technician was unaware of this as Final Cut Pro software is made for Macintosh computers. Following awareness of the collective “Catch 22” style situation and the significant expense to upgrade as well as the disappointing reality that Macintosh technical help was problematic, M.Morris sought video professional editing help through Mike Betz of ImageStream in Portage Michigan.

Mr. Betz is personally known as an accredited professional with current and dependable knowledge of the changes and on-going developments in electronic video formats, processes and equipment interactions necessary for achieving long term ASGS video lending library goals. ImageStream has interacted with the ASGS for the transfer of VHS tape, 3/4" video tape and 2 Beta formats to DVD with excellent results. Further, Mr. Betz has offered significant discounts to the ASGS out of respect for our goals and as a professional courtesy.

During the summer months of 2009 M.Morris viewed every Mini DV tape and DVD in real time recorded during his participation in ASGS national symposia from 2002 – 2009 to determine and list detailed video and audio editing points prior to turning the project over to ImageStream. It was a lengthy process made lengthier due to the two camera capture procedure intended to bring ASGS videos a significantly more professional result and look. This will save thousands of dollars in the editing process for the remainder of the work needing to be done to bring the video lending library up to date. It is estimated that the higher definition video format employed over the last several years by M.Morris will total 24 hours of final edited video length. The entire video library is expected to be 70 hours of video on DVD format. 14 DVD's of 120 min length (1,680 min) have already been finalized with five copies of the VHS and other format transfers prior to M.Morris Mini-DV format symposium support. 16 DVD's at 90 minute length (1,440 min.) are expected to result once editing of the M.Morris Mini-DV material has occurred. It should be noted that earlier VHS format captured videos are lower quality and that grouping more of them on a DVD will not adversely affect the playback quality. This is not true with the Mini-DV format. Mini-DV and DVD's are both digital but DVD's are actually are a step down in quality from the Mini-DV format. (See resolution listing.)

Mini-DV edited source material will be converted to highest quality DVD resolution but will result in less presentations per DVD and more DVD's per symposium year than VHS acquired source material.

VHS/FHS-C	BETA	S-VHS/S-VHSC	Mini-DV
220 – 240 lines	250 lines	400 lines	400 – 520 lines

DVD-R/+R/+RW

250 – 400+ lines (Depends on recording mode and compression used.)

DVD Project Information /POWWEB ASGS Website Streaming Video

The video library has been updated to DVD for the following years 1983 – 1999.

These will play on virtually all computers and DVD players. If there is a problem playing a DVD on someone's computer it is because they will need to install relatively recent software updates for this purpose.

Before DVD's can be made of the last several years of video recorded on Mini-DV tape editing must be completed since two cameras were used and components of each are needed.

Whether these videos are used as DVD's and (or) used on an internet application all processes require editing and preparation prior to conversion to flash video or similar format used in streaming video which is separate from the editing process. The 2000 to 2009 Mini-DV tapes have all been reviewed and a detailed edit list prepared for the project needing professional expertise to complete.

A comprehensive list of the proposed services and charges to finish the necessary editing has been prepared by ImageStream. They are offering a 35% discount on the project that when completed will result in 5 copies of the entire video library for all years video acquisition was done beginning in 1983 through and including 2009. As outlined in the 2009 Spring BOD AV Committee Report, two copies will be used by the lending library. 1 copy will be available to Salem Junior College for scientific glassblowing student use only. 1 copy will go to update the Canadian Section video library. 1 copy will be held for duplication both for the ASGS lending library and for sales purposes.

The list of services in the ImageStream quote include an option to convert all DVD's to Flash Video for an additional \$1,520.00. It is recommended that this option not be taken at this time due to the projected financial situation of the ASGS and the additional cost of incorporating the video library into the ASGS website by ASGS service provider POWWEB. Start-up costs are estimated to be \$1,501.95. StartLogic is a sister company to POWWEB and would need to be the virtual web host due to the volume of memory needed to store and operate this function but is included in the estimate given. However, there may be other additional charges for an undetermined website page design depending on what the ASGS wants and it is unclear what that would entail or who would make this decision on behalf of the ASGS. Management of the system where changes would need to be made periodically and at least annually would not be included. The chairman of the ASGS Information Committee (renamed from the Computer Committee) has indicated that maintaining a streaming video option through POWWEB is beyond what the Information Committee is prepared to take on at this time so there is no reason to pursue this in 2010 or until an administrator is developed. There is a more detailed report of the information that has been gathered by M.Morris from contact with POWWEB technicians in 2008 & 2009 with some inconsistencies between the two and resultant confusion. The original technician is no longer available for consultation and a new contact for 2009 has been established. It is the intention of the AV chair to include this information when it is more complete future report to the BOD but it will be tabled at this time due to priorities and fund shortages and in the interest of staying focused on completing 2009 AV Committee goals.

The priority and necessary prerequisite to internet streaming video is to complete the editing through the 35% discounted cost professional video source and prepare DVD's for the Lending Library and for sale to the membership. Sale of DVD's would help defer the cost of the process of their creation. Lending Library use would give an idea of the interest in this service toward consideration of assuming additional costs for ASGS website video streaming creation and implementation.

Following completion of the Lending Library DVD conversions, aggressive promotion of the Lending Library and Sale of DVD's will be developed for FUSION and for the ASGS Website by the AV Committee. The Lending Library function will be handled by a new ASGS member to be determined and orders for sale of DVD's could be handled through the National Office. The AV Chair has developed three sources of DVD duplication and would handle that function.

ImageStream quote w/the Flash Video conversion option: \$7,792.20.

ImageStream quote wo/the Flash Video conversion option: \$6,272.20.

ImageStream quote wo/Flash Video conversion option/supplemental funds: \$3,472.20

Refer to the four page ImageStream quote and the letter from ImageStream to M.Morris which explains in detail what is being offered and it is impressive. ImageStream has given a non-binding assurance that they would make it their goal to complete the editing process and all components of their estimate in roughly 60 days. They know of our desire to get this project completed and will make every effort to achieve this timetable at the absolute lowest cost they can provide. While this seems like an expensive undertaking the AV Chair would like to point out that this project spans a 26 year period of technical compilation. It is a one- time expense with substantial long term value and an opportunity to generate income as the BOD has recognized in the 2009 spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Michael S. Morris - AV Committee Chair

ASGS AV Equipment Inventory List OCT - 2009

1 MacBook Laptop Model Identifier: MACBOOK3,1

Software MAC OSX Version 10.5.3 (dual boot for mac and pc)

Processor 2.2 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo

Memory 2 GB 667 MHz DDR SDram

LCD Projector

Epson Powerlite S1- Model:EMP-S1 w/soft case (SN – FCHG37A262F)

LCD Projector

Epson Powerlite S1+ - Model EMP-S1H w/soft case (SN – FWDG494763F)

LCD Projector

Epson Model EMP-835 w/Vanguard Hard Shell Case (SN – F48G550238F)

1-15' VGA-15 pin connector cord (Laptop computer to LCD Projector hook-up)

2- 25' VGA-15 pin connector cords (new) (Laptop computer to LCD projector hook-up)

Miscellaneous extension cords and power strips

All LCD projectors are expected to have a bulb life reaching several years into the future.

The Epson Powerlite S1 and S1+ models are used for technical papers and seminars requiring a basic good projector. The Epson EMP-835 is a higher quality mid-range projector with finer resolution and greater illumination and is used for Workshop Demonstration video projection of camera work as video is being captured.

Awards Committee Report November 2009

2009 Symposium award winners:

These awards will be presented at the 2010 Symposium in San Antonio, Texas

- **Andrews Glass Award:** (Technical paper) Art Ramirez for “Safety in the Glass Shop...Are you donned with PPE?”
- **Wale Award:** (Technical Poster) Scott Bankroff for “Thirteen Ways to Separate Glass”
- **Wilt Award:** (Technical Workshop) Patrick DeFlorio for “Flaring 1mm Tubing”

The current number of plaques in stock (after the 2009 Symposium)

1 – President Gavel Plaque
0– J. Allen Alexander Plaque
0 – Helmut E. Drechsel Plaque
1 – Symposium Chair Plaque
0 – Memorial “Certificate” Plaque Award

2009 Expenses:

J Allen Alexander Award	300.00
Helmut E Dreschel Award	200.00
Memorial Award	1500.00
Plaque Purchases	317.64
Plaque Postage	81.35
Committee Expenses	<u>89.30</u>
	\$2488.29

Memorial Scroll:

Please remember our deceased members by nominating them for the Memorial Scroll, so that their contributions to the ASGS and the field of scientific glassblowing can be honored in remembrance of them. Names may be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair via email, phone or letter.

The deadline for National Award Nominations is February 15, 2009

Please take time to nominate any members that deserve recognition for their contributions to the ASGS and the field of scientific glassblowing.

Respectfully submitted.

Steven M. Anderson
Awards Committee Chair.

To:
President Nelson
From:
Mike Souza
CC:
Board of Directors
Date:
date 10/23/09
Re:
Education Report

The committee has worked closely with Salem Community College and their Glass Technologies Program along with the program Instructor Dennis Briening. This summer, the committee worked with Dennis and Ms Amy Shew the Coordinator for Institutional Research & Planning on a successful application for a Federal **Perkins Grant**.

Synopsis of the Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998

Purpose:

To develop more fully the academic, vocational, and technical skills of secondary and post-secondary students who elect to enroll in vocational technical education programs, by

building on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic standards; promoting the development of services and activities that integrate academic, vocational, and technical instruction, and that link secondary and post-secondary vocational programs; increasing State and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve vocational and technical education; disseminating national research, and providing professional development and technical assistance that will improve vocational and technical education programs, services, and activities.

As one can see the grant dovetails well with the mission of the ASGS and will provide the school with funding for programs such as Mentoring at various Glass Shops and Educational Workshops and Lectures.

The committee has also been the point of contact for the National Office on public inquiries that mostly concern people who are interested in becoming scientific glassblowers. Each reply is cc'd to the National Office and generally advises the person to contact a Section Officer from the web page and encourages the person to attend a local section meeting.

Elections Committee

The committee has not been involved in any election activity.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been suspended. We now have a Professional Advisor through AIM and our bank BBT. The BoD has Committed the investments for 5 years. The oversight is now with the Board of Trustees.

Statements maybe reviewed through the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper.



The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

ASGS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2009 REPORT

October 22, 2009

Generally speaking all is functioning well at this time. Updates to the website are taking place in a timely manner. Classified and Employment ads are usually posted the same day or next at the latest.

The Awards section of the website has been updated and is current up to the year 2009. Our President has been provided with information from our internet hosting company as to the cost of offering credit card payments from our website. As I stated in my June 2009 report this is a priority for the coming year and I look forward to working with Gene to ensure this becomes a reality.

The 2010 Symposium website has also been launched. There is already a lot of good information there about the San Antonio area and I plan on taking some pictures of the hotel facilities when I attend the BOD meeting . I may even post a HD movie on the website. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the ASGS website please forward them to the Committee Chair. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Palme

ASGS Information Technology Committee Chair

International Liaison

There has not been any activity to warrant a report.

Junior Liaison

No report submitted.

Membership Committee

First of all, I would like to welcome all new and returning members. For the new members and even the returning members, I would like to remind you to take advantage of the resources available through the ASGS website (<http://www.asgs-glass.org/>). This year we had a great experience in Vancouver, Wa. and the classes, demos and activities were outstanding. I would like to thank the many individuals that contributed their time, efforts and talents for this years symposium.

The membership totals are as follows:

2008 (3rdQtr):

Total Membership 528

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Teaford, Chair

Nominations Committee

Report to be presented at the meeting.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is currently in the process of forming a team which will consist of current ASGS members willing to help accomplish the goals of this Committee. One of the main goals will be to make more glassworkers aware of The American Scientific Glassblowers Society.

This job, if carried out correctly, is too big for one person. The committee needs the help of the members to make this Committee, and the Society, successful. The committee needs members that are motivated and willing to work to increase membership. If you know someone that is interested in filling a position on this Committee, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Craig



The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

To: President Gene Nelson
From: Dave Smart, Publications Chair

President Nelson and Board

As you have seen in my last report we are now in the black instead of red ink. I will not reprint the numbers as Frank will have those, if needed.

Gene, I have not had a chance to talk to you about what I am about to propose. I will be brief; Our printer, Phase 3, is using offset printing for our work. One of our sub-contractors has found out that they use color for the whole process. They put in black what we submit. In other words, what we submit in color is all we get in color. The rest of our submissions are in black and white and that is what we get. For some reason I have just overlooked this question when Phase 3 and I talked. Now let me get to the good part. To have the whole publication in color is only \$750.00 more than we pay now. The thought is that we can drop our full page color price from \$900.00 (approximately) to \$500.00 or \$600.00. If we can pick up 2 or 3 more ads the bottom line goes up or we break even for a while. We are down to 22 big ads (last page ads). We need more and this might be a way to start advertising on the upswing. In general the country's advertising is slowly increasing. I would have to talk to all our advertisers and see if they would like this and make a commitment for this lower price structure on full page ads. A Fusion ad in full color would really look good and cost a third less (approximately). Look in Fusion on August's issue and see how pages 36 & 37 jump out. This is the information I need to get to all company's that deal in our profession. If Vick comes to the meeting get his opinion as a starting point.

I will have a lot more talking to do but this is an overview of what I am thinking and is one of the few places in the Society that some profit can be made and also help our loyal advertisers with lower rates on big ads.

Respectfully,
Dave Smart, Publications Chair

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October 23, 2009

EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear President and Members of the Board of Directors of the ASGS:

The August issue of *Fusion* was mailed on schedule and the publication of the November issue is proceeding well. We have just finished proofreading the second draft of the latter and we have one more draft to review before the final printing. Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson have put in many long hours carefully going over all of these drafts.

The *2010 Proceedings* is unfortunately not moving forward as quickly as I had hoped. The reason for this is that one of the technical papers has not yet been turned in. I have been informed that this last one will be in my hands shortly; I hope that this will be the case. Once this final paper has been received, the publication process can commence. The one consolation is that, albeit later than I had hoped, the papers have been submitted far earlier than in the past couple of years.

There is always a need for material for *Fusion*. Please encourage the members of your Section to share their knowledge in the form of articles, Lamp Shop Hints or cover pictures. Remember, your contributions benefit the entire Society. I welcome the opportunity to highlight their as well as your talents and knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylin C. Brown, Ph.D.

Technical Questions and Answers Committee

October 21, 2009

The Technical Q&A committee is chaired by Tracy Drier. Members include Steven Sweat and Don Pavlak.

Our emphasis has been reviewing archived electronic ASGS Technical Q&A e-mail. Relevant and interesting posts are summarized for publication in Fusion. We are starting from the earliest posts and working towards the present day.

It is felt that having these questions in print will be useful for those without computer access, not on the Technical Q&A list, or unable/unwilling to access these archives.

A couple long term goals that would be of benefit to members:

- Provide an opportunity at the symposium for members to request topics of inquiry from the Q&A committee.
- A keyword searchable database of past technical Q&A topics. This could be incorporated into the Roster/Cumulative Index CD, or as a *members only* feature of the ASGS website.

Best Regards,
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Reference and Abstracts

Oct. 12, 2009

Dear President Nelson and members of the Board

I'm pleased to report that from the efforts of President Korfhage, a Junior Member has joined the Refs & Abs Committee. In addition to his joining this committee, he has helped me obtain enough citations so that there will be a Refs & Abstracts offering for the Nov. issue of Fusion. I welcome Adam Kennedy to this Committee.

This is a great 1st step after a long drought. If there are any members on the Board, or if any of these members know of someone in their section who are willing to help, please pass their information to me so that I can expand the services of this committee.

Respectively yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary S. Coyne".

Gary Coyne

Chair, References & Abstracts Committee.

Safety Committee

There has been no activity on the Safety Committee. I will be taking over the President Elect position in the ASGS and will turn over my responsibilities to Arturo Ramirez. He has expressed interest in the position and I will support his team in any way. I am sure that he has some projects in mind. Mr. Ramirez has helped teach at the regular member workshop and has presented a paper listed below.

A technical paper presented at the 2009 Symposium by Arturo Ramirez entitled “Are you wearing your PPE” covered personal protection equipment. Arturo pointed out the danger of handling broken glass especially if it is contaminated with Nitril gloves alone. If the glove tears, a cut will result in chemicals exposed to the blood stream.

*Respectfully submitted,
Patrick DeFlorio, Chair*

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By-laws Committee

The By-laws Committee has suggested two changes to the By-laws of the ASGS.

By-law Change, Retired Members

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 ten consecutive years."

ARTICLE VIII- SECTIONS

(This is the current by-law)

(c) Each Section shall be represented in the Society by having one Sectional Director seated on the Board of Directors. Said Sectional Directors shall have been elected by eligible voting members of the Section represented at some time prior to the first day of June. It is recommended that a Director be elected by a mail ballot, but whatever method is chosen, must be elected by a majority of all members in good standing. If only one candidate is running for an office, the Secretary of the Section can be instructed to cast one vote for said candidate.

(g) A Director or Alternate Director will be eligible for reimbursement as long as the Section represented holds a valid charter that is recognized by the Board of Directors. A Director must be elected by a mail ballot (ballot sent to all members in good standing). Results from the Election Committee must be presented to the President.

The proposed by-law change would delete section (g) entirely.

The By-laws Committee members are: Jack Korfhage, Chair, Curt Sexton, Secretary, Bob Singer, Jim Hodgson, Ron Bihler, Scott Bankroff, Gene Nelson (non voting), Ed Powell (non voting).

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Korfhage

Chair

Symposium Coordinator

Report not submitted.

Greetings from the 55th Symposium

This is a preliminary report to give you an idea of where we're at as of October 23. I will bring a more detailed report including committee reports with me to the board meeting. Things are going well, we have committee chairs for every committee and we have a signed contract with the hotel. The invitations to the exhibitors have been sent out this week, thanks to Jim Cornell and Dan Wilt. Hopefully we will have a good response. We had to move the exhibits to the grand ballroom in order to accommodate the number of booths that we thought were necessary. We will have 24 8X10 booths and 2 6X8 booths. The 6X8 booths will be furnished to the next years Symposium at no charge to them and to Salem college at no charge.

Mike Souza has agreed to take on the position of seminars Chair. Mike has an ambitious schedule in place for the upcoming symposium. He has also given good input in a number areas and has set up a my space page to host photos or any other pertinent info. Mike Palme has posted photos and other information including registration on the ASGS web site, thanks Mike. Jim Hodgson has informed me that he has had some volunteers to do papers and some posters, hopefully we will have more info at the time of the board meeting. Jim has agreed to take on the position of Papers chair in addition to his duties as Poster chair after the resignation of Ben Spalding, Thanks Jim.

Jack Korfhage and myself have divided the duties of chair, he will be taking care of the workshops and setup and working with Mike Souza on the Seminars and I will be taking care of working with the hotel and everything else including working with Mike Souza on the seminars. Jack and myself will be meeting with the hotel and the drayage company on Friday morning to work out some of the details. I will also be talking to the hotel about possible charities that we will be donating to. I know that it's the chairs decision but i would like input from someone in the local community . I am leaning toward either a homeless charity or The Susan G Koman breast cancer fund.

Thanks

Bob Singer / Jack Korfhage

Chairs

ASGS-56th Annual Symposium & Exposition Director's Report

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center has been contracted for the ASGS-56th Annual Symposium & Exposition, Monday, June 27, 2011 to Sunday, July 3, 2011. The daily rate will be \$119. These rates are available 3 days pre/post the event. The hotel is 5 miles from both Washington, DC and Washington National Airport. There is hotel shuttle access to the Metro, National Airport, and Old Town Alexandria. The Smithsonian Institution operates 11 national museums and galleries on or near the Mall in addition to the National Zoo that are free to enter. Additionally, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Library of Congress, the Capitol Building and all National Monuments (all on or close to the Mall) can be entered no cost. Old Town Alexandria has river cruises and taxis in addition to cafes, restaurants, and art galleries. There are so many points of interest and things to do in the area that they are too numerous to mention. I would encourage all those attending to extend their visit through the 4th of July. The fireworks are amazing, and the hotel has an excellent viewing area.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center is a AAA 3 diamond rated hotel. It is beautifully appointed and located on a small lake adjacent to a 43-acre botanical preserve. The hotel has a restaurant, sushi bar and a lounge, and is within walking distance of a number of other eateries. Additionally, their shuttle will take you to Pentagon City Mall and Old Town which have many fine places to eat. The parking is free during your stay at the hotel. More information about the hotel can be found at www.alexandria.hilton.com.



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To: President Nelson
From: Mike Souza
CC: Board of Directors
Date: 10/29/09
Re: Facebook

On September 28th this year I set-up a Facebook page for the ASGS with the guideline from President Nelson, that the page not be promoted through the ASGS web site or through our digital mail list. The main intent was to promote the 2010 Symposium and promote Section meetings by providing a venue for pictures and multimedia

at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Scientific-Glassblowers-Society/158790746843>

For those of you unfamiliar with Facebook; **Facebook** is a global social networking website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Users can add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Additionally, users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region. A January 2009 Compete.com study has ranked Facebook as the most used social network by worldwide monthly active users, followed by MySpace.

Users can join and create up to 200 groups according to their interests or areas of expertise. It will appear in the search results of Facebook if the group is on public. Users can choose fan pages according to their interests to connect and interact with other strangers. Users can set their profiles on private so as to prevent acquaintances from contacting them. Users can also set their profiles on public. This allows close friends to send messages and add the user as a friend. It lets users update their personal profiles to notify their close friends about themselves. They can also join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with their close friends.

It is a powerful networking tool as it acquires subscribers who then suggest the page to their list of friends. The web site also provides information to the Administrator <see attached>. In 4 weeks time, with little promotion the ASGS Facebook has gathered 47 fans, from places as far as Malaysia & Egypt. I hope to continue to expand the site by adding videos and photos from Section Meeting as a way to promote non-members to attend and build membership at the grass root level.

