

# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY, CANADIAN SECTION CANADIENNE

October 22, 2009

Subject: October 2009 BOD Report of the ASGS Canadian Section,

The Canadian Section held it's last meeting on September 26, 2009. The meeting was held by John and Jordan Vandenhoff at Brock University in St. Catherines, Ontario. Meeting attendance was good with about twenty glassblowers present. Thank to for John and Jordan for hosting an excellent meeting. In addition to the business meeting in the morning and technical demonstrations in the afternoon there was a tour and dinner at a local Niagara region winery.

At our business meeting new officers were elected. They are listed below.

Director	Michael Palme
Director Alt.	Cedric Ginart
Chair	Brian Power
Vice-Chair	Jordan Vandenhoff
Secretary	Craig Nagami
Treasurer	Georges Kopp

Also at our business meeting we discussed the state of the finances of the ASGS and the possible future income shortfall. As a result of these discussions the Canadian Section members drafted three motions for the BOD consider at their November meeting. These are attached to my report and will be presented at the BOD meeting. Although dues increases will not cover all of our expected shortfalls the Canadian Section members felt that a dues increase had to be part of the solution. They wanted to present a variety of options for the Directors to consider. The sentiment was that they would rather see small annual dues increases rather than one large one after a number of years.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2010 in Montreal, Quebec. A fall 2010 meeting has also been tentatively scheduled f however no dates are yet available. Our current bank balance is quite healthy at this time. It stands at approximately CDN \$3600.00 as of September 22, 2009. This will be reduced somewhat to pay for the Director Reimbursement for the November 2009 ASGS BOD meeting that are not covered by the ASGS National.

Sincerely,  
Michael Palme

# Directors Report

**Date:** 10/24/09

**Section:** Delaware Valley Section

**Section Officers:**

Director: Katherine Cheetham  
Alternate Director: Karen Carraro  
Chair: Ariel Rom  
Vice Chair: Christopher Bock  
Secretary: Kathryn Jones  
Treasurer: Daniel Walker

**Section Profile:**

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 4  
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1  
Number of section members: Approx. 75  
Average attendance at section meetings: 45  
Financial resources: Adequate  Inadequate   
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)  
Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour  Workshop   
Other

---

**Section Challenges:**

Difficulty in finding a meeting location: n/a  
Difficulty in organizing a meeting: n/a  
Difficulty in finding workshop presenters: n/a  
Poor attendance at section meetings: n/a  
Difficulty in finding section officers: n/a  
Difficulty in collecting dues: n/a

---

**Additional comments:** As a general rule the September meeting is very well attended, however there was a last minute meeting date change which resulted in half the expected attendance. This also meant that there was low membership renewal so the actual number of paid members is not a definite figure. New student membership is low for this year since the date change also meant that the meeting fell on a night that conflicted with classes.

# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Directors Report

**Date:** November 7, 2009

**Section:** Exhibitor Section

### Section Officers

Director: Deborah Camp

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Bonnie Clark

Treasurer: Bonnie Clark

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 0

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 18 members in 2009, loss of 5 companies from 2008 numbers

Average attendance at section meetings: Last meeting only about 7-8 members

Financial resources: Adequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational Social Speaker Tour Workshop

Meetings take place during the National Symposium. It is

Primarily a business meeting.

---

### Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location NO

Difficulty in organizing a meeting NO

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters NA

Poor attendance at section meetings YES

Difficulty in finding section officers YES

Difficulty in collecting Dues YES

---

### Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

The exhibitor group's section Objectives have been

- 1) To help symposium committee promote the symposium and exhibits  
Using exhibitor resources.
- 2) To keep exhibitors informed as to exhibit logistics before the annual symposium.
- 3) To resolve potential problems in these areas.

We have since our charter added a Jr. Member scholarship which has been awarded annually in the amount of \$1000.00. 2009 we awarded the scholarship to Kathryn Jones of Salem Community College. We have no applications so far for 2010 symposium. Our Deadline for applications is January 1, 2010 for this year's scholarship. Please announce to your sections that we are looking for applications for the 2010 Scholarship.

This has been a difficult year for our exhibitor group. We had the lowest number of vendors attend the symposium in Vancouver. A lot of vendors stated the economy was a major factor, but I believe that geography also had something to do with it. I would recommend that we try to have the symposiums in the middle of the USA so that extreme travel and expense is not as much of an excuse not to attend. It appears that many of our east coast members are not willing to travel cross country to attend the symposium. I hope that the 2010 symposium is better represented by our members.

I also have to admit that it is becoming harder to motivate our membership. There is a core of about 10 exhibitors that are loyal to the ends. But there is the majority that only will make an appearance at the symposium and not wish to be involved in any other way. I hope that the executive committee and the society will continue to involve the exhibitor group in projects that will mutually benefit our membership. The more associate members and exhibiting companies are involved in helping in whatever capacity the stronger the ties will become and then less likely to sever relationships when the going gets tough. In other words we need to bring these people into the "fold".

I personally propose that the incoming president challenge the Exhibitor Group to continue to provide assistance with membership drives, serve on committees and do special projects as needed in order to bring them into the group a bit more. This can only serve to strengthen both relationships. As director I would be happy to assist in finding (coercing) volunteers as needed.

We will be trying to find a replacement as director beginning June 2010. Hopefully this person will also be willing to assist the current president and his/her agenda.

Please consider that the symposium committee be given a deadline for Vendor Packets prior to August 1 of each year. Ideally it would be appropriate to have them to give out at the previous symposium. This has been able to lapse over the past several years and I really advise that we get this dialed in. Early vendor commitment is essential to planning and budgeting for the symposium. It also makes it easier for the Exhibitor Group to provide assistance and help get commitments.

Currently the exhibitor group participated in a membership drive with the new brochures provided by the Publications Committee and Gene Nelson. The companies that agreed to help out are:

Litton  
Carlisle School of Glass Art  
Wilt  
G.M. Associates, Inc.  
Schott  
North Jersey Diamond Wheel  
VM Glass  
Chemglass  
Wilmad/Labglass

We sent out brochures to companies/individuals we sell to who are not current ASGS members. We also received a new membership application, and I made up some 50% off coupons for new members to try to entice them to join at a reduced rate. Companies used whatever means they chose to send out the flyers. I have no idea how successful this drive has been, but I hope that we can continue to do this every year in an effort to increase membership. I suggest that the individual sections also use this template as an example to hold their own membership drive each year.

Finally, I personally suggest that the BOD consider inviting Associate members to the annual business meeting. Since you have added a new classification of membership (Artistic), and so many of our members are Associate Members, it would make sense that they feel a part of the process. Although they can't vote, they may be able understand what is going on in the Society and may be able to help the process in some way. This is just a suggestion for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Camp  
Director,  
ASGS Exhibitor Group

# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Directors Report

**Date:** 10/22/2009

**Section:** Great Lakes

### Section Officers

Director: Douglas Navalinsky

Chair: Phillip Legge

Vice Chair: Chris Sprague

Secretary: Frank Meints

Treasurer: Harald Eberhart

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 70

Average attendance at section meetings: 15

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour  Workshop

Other

---

### Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location - no

Difficulty in organizing a meeting - no

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters - sometimes

Poor attendance at section meetings - yes

Difficulty in finding section officers - no

Difficulty in collecting Dues - no

---

### Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

We try very hard to concentrate on demonstrations and product showcases from vendors.

# Midwest Section

Did not submit report.

# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Directors Report

Section:  Northeast

### Section Officers

Director:  Patrick J DeFlorio   
 Alt. Director:  Sally Prash   
 Chair:  Daryl Smith   
 Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary:  Michael Souza   
 Treasurer:  Wayne Martin

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year:  2   
 Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting:  1   
 Number of section members:  60   
 Average attendance at section meetings:  30   
 Financial resources: (  ) Adequate (  ) Inadequate  
 How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)  
 (  ) Educational (  ) Social (  ) Speaker (  ) Tour (  ) Workshop  
 (  ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Section Challenges

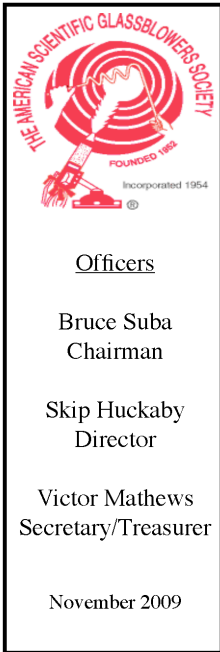
(  ) Difficulty in finding a meeting location  
 (  ) Difficulty in organizing a meeting  
 (  ) Difficulty in finding workshop presenters  
 (  ) Poor attendance at section meetings  
 (  ) difficulty in finding section officers  
 (  ) Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Comments

I have placed calls to Northeast members that did not renew. It has been a discouraging experience. One of the junior members renewed but most of the members did not pick up the phone or return repeated calls. Both a regular member and a retired member commented that they did not attend symposiums and felt they received little value from their memberships. They did not think they received mailings about section meetings. I will send the regular member a copy a well written Fusion article to show what he is missing. I have emphasized in my phone messages that we have lost 20 % of the members and we will loose our critical mass to have symposiums and publications. I requested a mailing list from the National Office of Northeast members and mailed our fall meeting notice to them. Mike Souza our secretary was in England at the time when we made the mailing. As I called non renewals I found most of them were not on our mailing list. Like most sections the list has been handed down over the years and names have not been omitted or added.

We had our Fall meeting 10/10/2009 in Ballston Spa New York at the National Bottle Museum. We were pleased to be visited by Kurt Sexton president elect. Mike Souza and Sally arranged the facilities; Daryl lined up sponsors but was unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts. Demonstrations were done by Sally Prash, Mike Souza and Anatoly Kishinevski and his younger brother. There was a discussion about the request of section funds for finishing the videos. There is concern that our revenue is falling and we may not be able to recapture the expense.

I will be moving on to the president elect position, Dan Wilt will take my place if another member is not interested. Submitted by:  Patrick DeFlorio   
 Date:  10-25-2009



# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Pacific Northwest Section

### Directors Report

**ASGS BOD Meeting November 7, 2009**

Section Office: ASGS-PNW, PO Box 1589, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924  
Section Phone: 530-305-3692 Fax: 530-477-1068

#### Section Profile:

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/09 - 6/30/10: **2**  
 Number of meetings since last ASGS board meeting: **1**  
 Number of National section members: **51**  
 Regular: **32 (63%)** Associate: **13 (25%)** Junior/Ret: **6 (12%)**  
 Last attendance at meetings: **~ 30**  
 Financial Resources: **Low**  
 Last section meeting included:  
**Demonstrations, Lunch, Tour, Raffle**

#### Section Challenges:

- Difficulty in finding meeting locations. *The field continues to shrink.*
- Difficulty in organizing a meeting. *Bruce Suba continues doing a great job.*
- Difficulty in finding workshop presenters. *Hot & Cold.*
- Difficulty in getting ASGS members to attend the meetings. *Greater number nonmembers.*
- Difficulty in getting members to pay dues. *SHOULD BE PART OF NATIONAL DUES!*
- Difficulty in finding Section officers. *YES! THANK YOU SKIP!*
- Difficulty in getting member participation. *Yes, it is the SAME people all the time.*
- Other: *Members are spread out. Difficult to attend a meeting.*

#### Summarized section plans, activities and comments:

1. There was a Fall meeting at Litton Engineering Laboratories, Grass Valley, California, September 19th.  
 Attendance was approximately 30 total ... 12 were national members, balance guest & non members.  
 Only 3 sponsors came forward: Litton Engineering, GM Associates & Friedrich & Dimmock.  
 Over 100 mailers were sent out to both members and non members.  
 We had 3 national board members present: Gene Nelson, Deborah Camp, Victor Mathews.  
 Litton offered attendee's special reduced pricing on all stocked borosilicate tubing "cash & carry"
2. Skip Huckaby has come out of retirement and agreed to be PNW section director.  
 Skip replaces Victor Mathews who is currently the National Treasurer.
3. A Spring meeting will be planned, if we can find a location.
4. Due's collection during economic hard times seems to be the largest problem.  
 SECTION DUE'S SHOULD BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY BY THE HOME OFFICE!
5. GM Associates & Litton Engineering continue to support Gene Nelson's marketing drive.  
 Both companies plan to send out a second mailing using their sales data base.



# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report November 6, 2009

## Section: Southeastern

### Section Officers

Director: Don Woodyard  
Chair: Rick Smith  
Vice Chair: Jason Craig  
Secretary: Ricky Harrison  
Treasurer: Ricky Harrison

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1  
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1  
Number of section members: 53  
Average attendance at section meetings: 15-25 (Business Meeting attendance)  
Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate  
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)  
 Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour  Workshop   
 Other

---

### Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location  
 Difficulty in organizing a meeting  
 Difficulty in finding workshop presenters  
 Poor attendance at section meetings  
 Difficulty in finding section officers  
 Difficulty in collecting Dues

---

### Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center has been contracted for the ASGS-56<sup>th</sup> 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 Southeastern Section Meeting will be held in Knoxville, TN on April 9-10, 2010 and is directed by Jason W. Craig.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donald E. Woodyard  
Chairman Southeastern Section

# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Directors Report

**Section:** Southern California \_\_\_\_\_

### Section Officers

Director: Gary Coyne \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Director: Rich Gerhart \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: Bob Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Rich Gerhart \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Jim Merritt \_\_\_\_\_

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of section members: about 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Average attendance at section meetings: about 20-30 \_\_\_\_\_

Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour  Workshop

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings

difficulty in finding section officers

Other (explain) Due to the economic downturn some of the glass shops in this area

have closed. We are not completely sure where those glassblowers have gone to at this point in time.

### Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

We were supposed to have a meeting on Dec. 3, but Bob Maiden got a slew of work in that caused him to cancel the meeting at his location, he just didn't have time to prepare for the meeting and do his work. We learned about this too late to make alternate plans and had to cancel the meeting.

Submitted by: Gary Coyne \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10-12-09 \_\_\_\_\_

## Directors Report – November 2009

Section: Southwest

Section Officers:

Director: Jim Cornell Alternate Director: Roger Ramirez

Chair: Michael Ronalter Alternate Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Ben Spaulding Treasurer: Bob Singer

### Section Profile

Number of meeting planned for the year. 1

Number of meeting since last Board of director's meeting. 0

Average attendance at section meetings 11

Financial resources: Adequate  Inadequate \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational  Social

Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop

Tour

Other (explain): This year's Spring Gather was held in conjunction with the Southeast Section in Baton Rouge, LA. Tours of Albemarle Corporation and CAMD at LSU were conducted. Demonstrations and a Fias Do Do were held at TGP in Gonzales, LA. All officers in the section were retained in their positions, as elections were not conducted.

### Section Challenges:

Difficulty in finding a meeting location? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Difficulty in organizing a meeting? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Poor attendance at section meetings? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty in finding section officers? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

**Other (explain):** Again this year, attendance was low when compared to the number of people on the mailing list (75). Out of 8 members who were listed as not renewing their national membership, 2 stated that they did renew, 1 associate and one regular member stated economic/interest reasons, and 4 were sent letters but no reply has been received. Membership recruiting is ongoing.

**Additional Comments:** Bob Singer and Jack Korfhage, symposium co-chairs, have been working very diligently on organizing next year's symposium. Bob will be giving us an update during the meeting. The Southwest and Southeast Sections are tentatively going to have another joint meeting next spring in Tennessee.

Submitted by: James Cornell

Date: October 23, 2009