



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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## ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant November 2008 Report

October 16, 2008

Since becoming ASGS President Jack Korfhage has indicted to me his support for the continuation of the ASGS BOD website. It is my understanding that the position of ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant is now an official ASGS committee. Based on this support and the promise to supply me with missing reports I will be proceeding with the creation of the ASGS Committees website this fall after I have received all the committee reports for the November 2008 Bod meeting. This website will be a mirror of the Committees section of the BOD website and will be accessible by current committee chairs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack for his continuing support.

The Audit Committee website contains all the pertinent financial information that the Audit committee uses to audit the ASGS books. This password protected website was created by and is maintained by **ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant**. This website currently has financial details to August 2008 posted it.

Other that that there are no real pressing issues that are being dealt with. Please remember to submit your reports to our President in a timely manner so that they can be posted on the BOD website before the BOD meeting. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Palme  
ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant

## Allan Brown Regular Member Glassblowing Seminar

First I would like to thank Symposium Chair, David Surdam, for hosting such a well organized meeting. We received a lot of support from our vendors and symposium chairs making this, my first year as chair, a pleasant experience. I think the elevator that we used to move the materials was the largest I have ever seen. There are so many people to thank, which shows how close knit our society really is. Starting way back during the fall of 2007, Jack Korfhage took it upon himself to modify the manifold used for the Regular Members seminars, workshops and artistic demonstrations. These changes have made a **huge** difference in the set-up of the manifold. I would also like to thank Patrick DeFlorio who stepped in to help as an instructor at the last minute. Patrick did a wonderful job, as did Jack Korfhage, Neal Korfhage, and Georges Kopp in providing an educational program.

This year's two day program gave us the opportunity to cover: glass to metal seals, solvent distilling flask, soxhlet extractors, and fritted gas bubblers. By going back to the two day program we were able to offer more people hands-on instructions along with a challenging program. We also added for this year "Observers Only" at a reduced rate, which I believe went well. Both days had twelve paid members for the hands-on seminars along with at least six observers for each day. I would also like to thank Rick Smith and Don Lillie for their generous contributions totaling \$500 to the Allan Brown program. Over the next couple months I will be putting together what will be offered for the next meeting. If there are any suggestions, please send these to [garydobos@bellsouth.net](mailto:garydobos@bellsouth.net).

Listed below are vendors who contributed to the Allan Brown Seminar this year:

Thermo Fisher  
South Jersey Welding Supply, Inc.  
Merriam Graves  
Universal Instruments Company  
Chemglass  
VM Glass  
Friedrich & Dimmock, Inc  
Wilt Industries, Inc.  
R&H Filter Co. Inc.  
Wale Apparatus Co., Inc.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Dobos, Chair

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### Audit Committee Report, for the period June 2007 - May 2008

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the financial statements for the period June 2007 through May 2008.

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

- The Treasurer's Report discussed at the Board of Directors' Meeting in June 2008.
- The Treasurer's Report submitted to the membership at the June 2007 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 2007 - May 2008.

The Audit Committee, with the Board's approval, will change the guidelines to reflect that at least one veteran member of the Audit Committee should remain any time a new committee is seated. This will insure a seamless transition eliminating the issues that have arisen this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven D. Moder

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

## **AV COMMITTEE REPORT – BOD Fall 2008**

### **National Symposium 2008**

The AV committee provided services at the 2008 Natl. Symposium as described below.

- Exhibitor Opening PA & music support
- Technical Paper on-site technical support
- Charity Auction PA & music support, custom music recorded for event – video projection
- Workshop Demonstration PA support – Video recording and projection
- Banquet PA and musical support

AV chair worked with Symposium chair Dave Surdam and the hotel AV support coordinator to coordinate AV logistics. All chairs were personally and repeatedly contacted by the AV chair as well as most of the individuals needing AV support. A complete list of anticipated needs was compiled and submitted to the Trump Taj Mahal symposium coordinator well prior to the symposium. Changes and additions were expected to be minimal as last minute additions can be significantly more costly. The new Mac laptop computer was used during the technical papers with the help of Gary Coyne. A couple of Snafu's resulted because more than one presenter deviated from what they had indicated they would need and in one case a personal Macbook was brought without the proper cabling (there are several variations) necessary to connect to the data projector. This would have been no problem if a back up disc or memory stick had been prepared as requested in a communication sent by the AV chair for circulation to presenters. Instead there was very limited time and difficulty burning the presentation to a large enough memory storage format to run in the new computer as scheduled. Additionally, on the day of a presentation requiring internet usage no internet connection had been activated as requested and hotel AV staff were hampered by hotel wide phone/internet changes and issues resulting from multiple union interactions. The specifics of these items are mentioned to underscore the difficulties of achieving a desirable result when these types of circumstances arise. The AV committee chair would like to thank Gary Coyne for his crucial help in resolving the computer based issues and James Hodgson who assisted in the technical papers AV support function and the technical demonstration video capture function. Music by Coash supplied audio and musical support to the exhibitors opening, the charity auction artistic demonstrations, technical demonstrations and banquet. Bonnie Clark requested "beach party" theme music with a specific list of selections for the Exhibitor Opening that was compiled nearly in its entirety.

The AV chair will not be available to attend the 2009 ASGS Natl. Symposium in Seattle, WA. This represents the first time a national symposium has been missed since the last meeting in Seattle. The AV committee chair will continue to work with Symposium Chair Vic Matthews to prepare AV needs coordination and he has been notified with this information. The 2009 AV committee report for the spring meeting will contain more detail on how these needs will be met.

### **ASGS Video Lending Library**

Update of the ASGS video lending library is nearing completion and it is expected that DVD's will be issued for circulation by the end of 2008.

Respectfully submitted: Michael S. Morris, AV Chair

## Awards Committee Report November 2008

### 2008 Symposium award winners:

These awards will be presented at the 2009 Symposium in Vancouver, Washington.

- **Andrews Glass Award:** (Technical paper) Jim Hodgson, Kansas State University for “More Useful Information for Glassblowers”
- **Wale Award:** (Technical Poster) Tracy Drier, University of Wisconsin, Madison for “GI Digester Construction”
- **Wilt Award:** (Technical Workshop) Dennis Briening, Salem Community College, for “Micro Injector”

### The current number of plaques in stock (after the 2008 Symposium)

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

### 2008 Expenses:

Plaque purchases	\$427.23
Memorial Award winners expenses	\$1396.47
Memorial Scroll	\$250.30
J. Allen Alexander cash award	\$300.00
Helmut E. Drechsel cash award	<u>\$200.00</u>

**Total:** \$2574.00

### 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.

A majority vote by the Board of Directors at anytime throughout the year can insure a deceased member’s addition to the Memorial Scroll. Names may be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair via email, phone or letter.

I hope that you each of you had a chance to see the newly printed and framed Memorial Scroll at the Atlantic City Symposium. I still have a few additions and updates to make; they will be completed by the next Symposium.

It was brought to my attention that several of our deceased Society Presidents have not been added to the Memorial Scroll. Therefore, I would like the Board to make and accept a motion to vote on the following suggestion. I feel that anyone that has held the position of ASGS President should automatically be included on the Memorial Scroll whenever they pass on. I also feel there should be an asterisk next to their name indicating they were an ASGS president. The following are not on the scroll: Alfred H. Walrod, Richard W. Poole, William E. Barr, Charles J. Cassidy, William A. Gilhooley and Allan B. Brown.

In the future I would also like to start publishing the memorial Scroll in the February Issue of Fusion, so that those that are unable to attend the Symposium are more aware of it.

**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



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To: President Korfhage  
From: Mike Souza  
CC: Board of Directors  
Date: 10/27/08  
Re: Education Report

This committee is pleased to report that Dennis Briening has been hired as the new Instruction Chair for the Scientific Glassblowing Program at Salem College. Plans are underway for me to do a meet & greet at the college sometime in the near future. During my visit I will highlight all of the benefits that are available to our Student and Junior Members.

There are also current plans to meet with college Advisement Committee at the new glass center in February. This meeting will take place a day before the Section Meeting. It would be most helpful to have President Korfhage attend both meetings so we can demonstrate our support for Dennis and this committee's goal to create a self-sustainable lecture and workshop program that has been discussed in my prior reports.

Finally, the committee has been working with the National Office on public inquiries on how, or where



## FINANCE REPORT

**DATE:** OCT. 18 2008  
**TO:** PRESIDENT KORFHAGE  
**FROM:** MICHAEL SOUZA  
**RE:** NOV. BOD MEETING

The Finance Committee's primary responsibility has been to over see our investment portfolio. Due to the recent reallocation of our funds, which was approved by this board, this oversight is no longer active. In efforts to still be of service to the Society, I consulted with President Korfhage to expand some of the committee's goals within the framework of our finances. I suggested that since our recent appointments to the Audit Committee were freshly elected, I could help serve as a liaison to help them regarding their duties. I believe my experience with having created the office and having served on the Boards, I could be useful because I was no longer a member of the Executive Committee.

This is an important note because, advisement from the Executive Committee regarding the Audit Committee's oversight duties may, by appearance, be a conflict of interest. Thus, I began exploring non-profit corporate duties for a Board of Directors and its auditing duties. During my review of IRS Guidelines concerning 501 c non-profits it seemed apparent to me that the ASGS was eligible to be a 501 c3 Non-profit and improve its tax status as a Non-profit educational organization. Several points were discussed with the Officers the National Office and the Treasurer. Though there may not be 100% agreements on all the points with all concerned, the Treasurer believes as I do it is something that is worth pursuing.

A quick review shows:

1. We could save upwards of \$800 annually just in sales tax costs for Fusion.
2. An annual savings of 25% to 45% in our bulk mailing costs.
3. The ability to raise money through grants and as a tax-deductible charity.

Towards this end Treasurer Frank Meints consulted with a lawyer in his area of the country who was also a lawyer with experience in the field of interest. The lawyer has proposed fees and steps towards first assessing our eligibility and upon that review, the costs of the processing of a reclassification with the IRS. This committee fully supports this action and hopes the Board finds it worthy of a motion to consult with a lawyer to explore the benefits and viability of our non-profit re-classification.



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## (Formerly COMPUTER) COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2008 REPORT

October 16, 2008

This summer our President suggested that name of this committee should be changed to a name that better reflects what this committee does. Through the ASGS website, that is maintained by this committee, our main service is the dissemination of information to our members and the general public. This includes information about our committees, our officers and classified and employment ads and password protected areas of the website accessible to members only such as the online member roster, to mention just a few. The committee is responsible for maintaining the unique to each member ASGS username and password list. With this in mind the new name of this committee was chosen, the INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.

Generally speaking all is functioning well at this time. I have been a little slower doing some of the updates to the website as of late because of an ill family member that I have been spending a lot of time with but that situation is under control.

Recently some software has been purchased to allow me to create the artwork required for the ASGS website on my home computer, (this work had previously been done during lunch hours at work). Initially this software will be used to create new icons on the ASGS website for the Information Technology Committee, Awards website, and the icons for the links to the ASGS store. The National Office set up the store. Preliminary work on the awards website has begun and will be completed this fall.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the ASGS website please forward them to the Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Palme  
ASGS Information Technology Committee Chair



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October 17, 2008

## INTERNATIONAL LIAISON REPORT

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

I have received no communications, nor have I initiated any since the June Board of Directors meeting. I anticipate coordinating with Vic Mathews to support the international participation that occurs at the symposium in June of 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Daenzer, International Liaison Committee Chair

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## JUNIOR LIAISON REPORT

October 15,, 2008  
Committee Report  
November BOD Meeting

Dear President Korfhage:

The 2008 Junior Workshop Seminar program at the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey was a great success. The Junior Member Seminar Program was held at the symposium site and the space and facility was just terrific. I would like to thank Symposium Chair David Surdam and his committees for providing us with absolutely everything we needed. We had more space and tables that we knew what to do with. What a great experience for both the instructors and the students. Special thanks also go to our highly talented instructors, Steve Anderson, James Hodgson and Robert Singer. The topics were interesting and the juniors, as always, had many questions. I believe that all of the participants left with a tremendous amount of new information and knowledge.

I would humbly wish to thank the Past President Robert Singer, President Jack Korfhage and officers along with the ASGS Board of Directors for surprising me with the first "President's Achievement Award" in Atlantic City last June. If you were in attendance you know I was completely overwhelmed. This award from the ASGS and my colleagues was so heartfelt it will always be the greatest personal achievement, memory and reward of my professional career. Accepting the challenge to take over the Junior Liaison committee back in 1988 from President David Chandler I had no idea that I would remain as chair for so many years. It doesn't seem possible that 20 years have passed and who knew that the Junior Member Workshop Seminar Program would become so successful.

What I couldn't say that evening I would like to briefly state here: I am honored and in shock to receive the first President's Achievement Award from the ASGS and will honor it and consider it one of the finest accolades I have ever received. I can remember the first year I took over the program. The Junior seminar was held at Wheaton Village in Millville, New Jersey in 1988. That year the symposium was also held in Atlantic City so it was very fitting that my 20<sup>th</sup> reunion would be held in the same city. I had one instructor and good friend help me that year, Robert Ponton. I'm not sure if we knew exactly what we were getting into but it was successful and thankfully the program has just kept growing every year. I would like to thank all of the instructors that have helped me during these 20 years and hope they will continue this journey with me for a few more. Again from the bottom of my heart, Thank you.

**Congratulations to these Junior Member award winners.**

2008 ASGS Memorial Award winner, Jason Craig.

2008 Delaware Valley Section Award winner, Patrick Bennett.

2008 Exhibitors Section Award winner, Charles Amling.

I would like to thank all members responsible for these awards, their interest, support and dedication to our junior and student members.

President Krofhage has convinced me to continue as the Junior Liaison Committee Chair for his term and I have also spoke with Victor Mathews and have agreed to run the Junior Member Workshop Seminar for him in 2009 in Vancouver, WA.

Submitted by Joseph S. Gregar, Chair, Junior Liaison Committee  
Thank you

## Membership Committee

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/>). I have processed 44 applications for new membership so far this year. I will be working with President Elect Gene Nelson to do a special membership drive. We will be able to do a direct mail campaign with a mailing list provided by some of our exhibitors/vendors. I hope this will increase our membership for 2009.

The membership totals are as follows:

2008 (3<sup>rd</sup>Qtr):

Regular	322
Junior	31
Lifetime	10
Associate	93
Student	25
Retired	61
International	42
Total Membership	578

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Teaford, Chair



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## Nominations Committee

The Nominations committee has received a Letter of Intent to Serve as President Elect from William C. Sexton. I find that he is a Regular Member in good standing and is eligible to fill the position if elected.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Korfhage  
Nominations Committee Chair

William C. Sexton  
Savannah River National Laboratory  
Aiken, SC 29808

Jack Korfhage  
President ASGS

Mr. President,

I, William C. Sexton, would like to place my name in nomination for the position of President-Elect of The American Scientific Glassblowers Society. I am willing to serve to the best of my ability in this position and as President of the ASGS if elected.

Respectfully submitted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2008.

William C. Sexton  
Director, Southeastern Section ASGS



**Committee Report for the Outreach Committee of The American Scientific Glassblowers Society (ASGS)**

October 19, 2008

Committee Chair – Richard Ponton

During the two years I've been outreach committee chair, there has been absolutely no activity involving my committee. The only instance of potential use of my budgetary funds was in the 2007 calendar year. The society was promoted by Vic Mathews and a few others at another convention, but it was only disclosed after the fact, and lodged as a complaint that we did not at least partially fund their booth. While this is precisely what the outreach committee was assembled to do, it seems that few people know how to use the funds, who to ask for them, and how to go about accessing the funding.

Given the limited usage of the outreach committee, and its rather limited role in positively affecting the goal of increased membership, it is my recommendation that this committee be dissolved as an independent entity, and that its responsibilities be rolled into another committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Ponton  
Chair- Outreach Committee

# *The American Scientific Glassblowers Society*

November 10, 2008

To: Jack Korfhage

From: Dave Smart, Publications Chair

Subject: Publications Committee Report

President Korfhage,

The Publications Committee is still working well as a group, so I have nothing to add on that account. I do, however, have some information to give you that has to do with our bottom line. Looking at last month's numbers we are still losing money. I can understand some loss due to the economy, but we are bleeding a little too much. Looking at the ads for the November issue, as of now we have only three classified ads and some of the main advertisers want to wait and pay after the election. Needless to say, this is a problem and action should be taken.

Several weeks ago I started looking for a new printer to see what the cost might be to do the same thing as McCain. I have looked before and the extras McCain gave us kept them in front of the others. Through a friend, I might have found one in my home town of Greensboro, NC that looks good as far as numbers go. I have requested that some of their work in the similar shape and size as we now have be sent to Marilyn and myself for our review.

Following is what the numbers look like:

McCain Printing:

Quantity-750(would not let us print less; Minimum order1000)

<i>Fusion:</i>	\$ 8,160.00
Postage:	\$ 956.38
Tax:	\$ 615.36
Total:	\$ 9,731.74
Editor:	\$ 1,650.00
Office expense:	\$ 122.00
Total Expense (Using Aug-08):	\$ 11,503.74
Total Income (Using Aug-08):	\$ 10,363.00
Total Loss (Using Aug-08):	- \$ 1,140.74

Phase 3 Communications:  
Quantity-will print any amount

<i>Fusion</i> 650–color:	\$ 4,222.54
Envelopes and mailing:	\$440.89 (approx)
Postage for 650 (Based on approx.5oz per pack or \$1.06/piece):	\$689.00
Layout cost (average: the layout cost could be less, sometimes more, depending on the page/photo count. It should not vary by more then \$150.00):	\$1,200.00
Cost of mailing for proofreading drafts \$240.00	
Total:	\$6,792.43
Editor:	\$1,650.00
Approximate Office expense:	\$100.00
Total Tax (we will not be charged tax on layout sub-contractor):	\$401.43
Total Expense: (Nov.08)	\$8,943.86
Total Income: (Nov-08)	\$10,157.50
Total Profit: (Nov-08)	\$ 1,213.64

All the numbers are not to the penny. Please look at this and if any numbers look wrong let me know. From what the numbers look like, it would seem to indicate that a change in the printing company would be the thing to do. I know there will be some problems, but that is expected when you make a change like this. There are always some intangibles that are a surprise. Jack, unless I hear from you in a few weeks I will start lining up the process for a change to Phase Three Communications. The November issue will still come out from McCain Printing and February's issue will be the start of Phase Three. I will talk to Frank about the billing as things will change.

Respectfully,

Dave Smart  
Publications Chair



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October 6, 2008

## EDITOR'S REPORT

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

The August 2008 issue of *Fusion* was mailed a few days early. The first draft of the November 2008 issue of *Fusion* is currently being proofread by the Publications Committee members. It is expected that this issue will be mailed on schedule.

Last week, each presenter of a technical paper at the 2007 Symposium reviewed a draft of their paper and notified me of any needed corrections. One final draft will be proofread by the Publications Committee and then the 2007 *Proceedings* will be finished.

All except two of the individuals who presented technical papers at the 2008 Symposium have turned in their presentations to me. Technical Papers Chair for the 2008 Symposium, Jason Craig, is helping me obtain the remaining two outstanding papers. As always, I am frustrated with the lateness of the submission of the papers as this results in a delayed *Proceedings* publication. Until papers are sent to me in a more timely fashion, however, this is a matter that is out of my control.

While speaking with the exhibitors at the Symposium in June, I was encouraged that several who are not currently advertising in *Fusion* indicated to me that they would be interested in doing so. Accordingly, the National Office sent them advertising information and rates. It is hoped that these companies will act on their stated interest.

The members of the Publications Committee deserve great praise. Chair Dave Smart, Rick Smith and Jim Hodgson have recently spent exceptionally long hours proofreading not only *Fusion* but also the 2007 *Proceedings*. Each of these is read three times by them. Without their commitment, these publications would not be as good as they are.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylin C. Brown

October 15, 2008

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,  
Tracy

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## Reference and Abstracts Committee

Dear President Korfhage and members of the Board

This continues to be a lean period for the Refs and Abs Committee. When I've sent out calls for help, they've been answered with nothing. In addition there have been times where I didn't ask for help due to too many things on my plate such as when I had to process the images of the Symposium. Jack has sent me the emails of several librarians who might be interested in assisting me, but it's been my experience (I've tried that in the past), it's very difficult to ask someone who doesn't know anything about glassblowing to look for articles that are of interest to glassblowers. It's sort of like asking glassblowers to look up articles that might interest librarians—some articles will be obvious, but any that are in the gray zone are likely to be misunderstood as to being helpful or not.

I do wish I could give you a more encouraging report, but without help there's only so much I can do.

Respectively yours,

Gary Coyne  
Chair, References & Abstracts Committee.

## **Safety Committee Report**

10-14-2008

We received a questionnaire from the National Institute for Health and Safety. I am attaching a copy. I will try to fill it out soon it looks promising. It is an effort to assist us in providing accurate safety information to our members.

I received a request from the employer of a member regarding the need to place a guard over the chucks of a glassworking lathe. I submitted a copy to our member for approval before replying to the employer but I have not received a reply yet. I am always careful to send a copy to our members in case there is any error or need to restate an item.

I am also attaching a copy of a report by Willie McCormack of the BSSG about Asbestos. I will ask Ian for written permission to reprint it in Fusion. It is excellent!

Sincerely Yours

Patrick DeFlorio

Safety Committee Chair

## **Greetings from the Bylaws committee**

We have nothing to report on at this time. There have been no bylaws changes that I am aware of. If you have something that you would like to see done let me know.

Your servant,  
Bob Singer



October 15, 2008

To: Jack Korfhage, President ASGS

Subject: Symposium Coordinator Report

From: Jerry Cloninger

2009. Victor Matthews will present the update on the 2009 symposium. The permit for open flame demonstrations has been approved by the local Fire Marshal's office. I have the original.

2010. Information is starting to come in for this meeting and I have been forwarding copies to Bob Singer, the Symposium Chair. Thanks to Vic Matthews for providing a copy of the RFP that was sent to the San Antonio, TX Convention and Visitors Bureau. They have been in contact with me and additional info was provided. The next step will be for Bob Singer and I to review their responses and narrow the selection to a hotel that best suits our needs. More to follow.

Robert Singer, contact

2011. Donald Woodyard has expressed an interest in hosting a National Symposium. His initial search has been in the Washington, DC area but may be cost prohibitive. More to follow

2012. Looking for volunteers.

As of this writing, I am unsure if I will be attending the BOD meeting in November. If the air fare prices come down, I will attend. I refuse to spend \$890.00 for a plane ticket that should be \$400.00 - \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted  
Jerry A. Cloninger

## **Greetings from the 55<sup>th</sup> Symposium Committee**

There is not much to report. We have been in touch with the San Antonio visitor's bureau and have provided the information that they requested. They have sent that info out to hotels in the area and we are waiting for input (bids) from them. We have received a few no's and at least one was interested. I'm sure that Jerry will fill you in on the details. Speaking of Jerry, Thank You, without people like Jerry and Vic Mathews who have done the bulk of the work, we would not be very far. Again thanks. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact me at [maxglass@eatel.net](mailto:maxglass@eatel.net) or call me at (225) 644-5858.

In Service  
Bob Singer