

Midwest

ASGS Midwest Section Meeting

April 21, 2012

Milwaukee, WI.

A. Call to order

Many thanks to Neal Korfhage for hosting the meeting at UW-M.

Also many thanks to Glasscraft for sponsoring our meeting.

B. Old Business

Last section meeting we voted to lower to the sponsor fee from \$250.00 to \$200.00 so there would be consistency throughout the ASGS on what sponsors pay.

John Ferruzzi of Wilmad-Labglass made a pledge to sponsor our Fall 2012 meeting.

C. Board of Directors meeting –Art Ramirez

Membership decline is at the forefront of the concerns for the Board of Directors. To help address the problem here in the Midwest Kyle Meyers was given a list of all current and past members. He will be contacting them to find out why they aren't coming to meetings or stopped membership.

There is a debate currently in the BoD about the classified section of the ASGS website that is available for view by non-members. Art believes that the section should be for members only because why would someone become a member if they can get information for free? Benji Revis, mentioned that if he couldn't have viewed that section of the website he wouldn't be an employed glassblower today. It was not possible for him to afford a membership back then, but he is today.

It was noted that we are spending a lot of money paying a webmaster to make any kind of change to the ASGS website. The Society needs dedicated volunteers who understand all the in's and out's of web development so we don't have to pay a webmaster to do it.

Next symposium will be in Corning, New York. Art mentioned that everything seemed to be really small and might be a problem with setting fire sprinkler systems off. Perhaps we will have to do demos outside in a tent weather permitting. The 2013 Symposium will be in Sarasota, Florida.

The idea was kicked around that to increase membership we could market ourselves to the artistic community by setting up some kind of booth or kiosk at artistic glassblower events. Also we could put links up at artistic glassblowing websites or magazines to steer potential members to the ASGS.

Treasure's Report – Kyle Meyer

We have over \$3,000.00 in the bank.

There were no sponsors last meeting, but the meeting paid for itself.

D. New Business

We need to nominate someone for the Midwest Section Award. Jack Korfhage came to mind by Joe Gregar. Joe was circulating a form around for signatures for the award.

Next section meeting would probably be at Joe's Shop at Argonne National Lab. Other possibilities mentioned were Brian's shop in Illinois, Reliance Glass, Pope Scientific, and Aldrich Chemical. No final decision was made.