



THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

Directors Report Southwest Section

Section Officers:

Director: Jim Cornell
Chair: Roger Ramirez
Secretary: Adam Kennedy

Alternate Director: Bill Merka
Alternate Chair: Dennis Ramirez
Treasurer: Bob Singer

Section Profile:

Number of meeting planned for the year: 1

Number of meeting since last Board of director's meeting: 1

Attendance at section meeting: 12 Glassblowers, 4 Vendors

Financial resources: Adequate

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

Educational Social

Speaker Workshop

Tour

Other (explain): This years meeting was held at the University of Texas Glassblowing Shop in Austin, TX on May 14, 2011.

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): Member turnout was

Section Activities/Comments: There were 15 people in attendance this year which included 12 members and 4 vendor/sponsors. Our hosts Mike Ronalter and Adam Kennedy provided an awesome choice of fruits, pastries and beverages for the event. We had a lengthy meet and greet in the morning followed by our business meeting. President Curt Sexton joined us this year and elaborated on topics presented by the director on events and issues concerning the national society. This included the Society's financial status, decrease in membership and increase in membership dues. Also discussed was the increased value of Society membership, such as the new website, the DVD's available of Symposium demonstrations and the member's only section and what is to be included in that section. Mike Ronalter recommended adding a line on membership forms where members could make an additional "donation" to the Society. Also, Jack Korfhage suggested that in cases where members could not accept compensation for work performed at their place of employment from outside individuals or groups that we ask these customers to make a donation to the Society for the work performed.