

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Date: 5-13-09

Section: MIDWEST

Section Officers

Director: Brian Schwandt

Chair: Tracy Drier

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Steve Anderson

Treasurer: Art Ramirez

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: TWO

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: ONE

Number of section members: about 58 people unofficially

Average attendance at section meetings: 30

Financial resources: Adequate

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

X Educational X Social Speaker Tour X Workshops

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 pages if necessary):

Last meeting was at UWM, hosted by Neil Korphage.

Several demonstrations were given-----with a strong participation of younger members.

At the business meeting, Chair Tracey Drier, brought up award nominations one was taken and voted on, as well as raising section dues was discussed and voted down.

Art, the treasurer reflected on our stable section banking account situation. A vote was passed to make trip reimbursement money available to the director, again, even though it was revealed that the director has not been accepting past funds, choosing to instead leave it in the MW account.

My BOD report included the topics of the new "artistic" classification plans, details of the Vancouver Symposium, a summarizing account of my trip to the S.E--S.W. section meeting

I attended in LA., mention of the new status possibility of the A.S.G.S. as discussed at the Nov. BOD meeting, a praising, explanatory plug for the great A.S.G.S. on-line store making Society apparel conveniently accessible, and initial details of the proposed 2010 Symposium in Texas.

Joe Gregar reflected on the sad one year anniversary of our very missed member and friend, Dan Edwards, and the slow improving current condition of his wife, Diane.

Bob Ponton attended and orchestrated the advertised, famous, traditional, fund-raising quarter-auction.

Erich Morraine extended a personal invitation, which was accepted by several members, to join him at his home studio in Sussex, WI, to continue hands-on activities in the flames, late into the evening.