

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Northeast

Section Officers:

Director: Patrick DeFlorio Alternate Director: Sally Prasch

Chair: Daryl Smith Alternate Chair: _____

Secretary: Brendan Coffey Treasurer: Wayne Martin

Section Profile

Number of meeting planned for the year. 2

Number of meeting since last Board of directors meeting 1

Average attendance at section meetings 25

Financial resources: Adequate x Inadequate _____

How would you describe your typical section

meeting (check all that apply)

Educational x Social x

Speaker _____ Workshop x

Tour x

Other (explain) _____

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location Yes _____ No x

Difficulty in organizing a meeting Yes _____ No x

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters Yes _____ No x

Poor attendance at section meetings Yes _____ No x

Difficulty in finding section officers Yes _____ No x

Other (explain) Our last meeting was in Boston Memorial day weekend. Turn out was 21 people, I demonstrated Mullite seals, Daryl Smith showed us how to make a rotoevap, Sally Prasch demonstrated how to make a striped stringer, Brendan Coffee demonstrated a quartz holder for ball joints. Several people including Dan Wilt made Mullite seals on the lathe that I brought. Daryl Smith brought his family as did myself. The young adults were very interested in the bead and furnace demonstrations. Brendan Coffee our junior member and section secretary did a lot of work in finding the venue and organizing the refreshments with Daryl Smith our new chair. Our fall meeting will be at Alfred University around the time of Columbus Day Weekend. Anatoli Kishinevski a student at Alfred and a ASGS student member will be hosting the meeting. Our membership is 32 this year, 43 last year and 63 the year before. We discussed calling members before meetings to increase attendance. Meetings in the distant past turned off many members too much drinking and no demonstrations for many years soured members to the idea that a meeting can be interesting.

Additional Comments

Submitted by: Patrick DeFlorio

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