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American Scientific Glassblowers Society Pacific Northwest Section **Directors Report**

ASGS BOD Meeting December 2, 2006

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Section Profile:

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/06 - 6/30/07: 1

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/07 - 6/30/08: 2

Number of meetings since last ASGS board meeting: 0

Number of National section members: 69

Regular: 47 (68%) Associate: 12 (17%) Junior: 10 (15%)

Average attendance at meetings: 40 (Mostly Non Members)

Financial Resources: Adequate Typical section meeting includes:

Educational Talks, Social Activities, Speakers, Tours, Workshops

Section Challenges:

- X Difficulty in finding meeting locations. This has been getting better, but is still a problem. _ Difficulty in organizing a meeting.
- X Difficulty in finding workshop presenters. Yes, continues to be a problem.
- X Difficulty in getting ASGS members to attend the meetings. YES, mostly non-members.
- X Difficulty in getting members to pay dues. Yes, there is no way to inforce payment.
- X Difficulty in finding Section officers. YES! THIS IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM!
- X Difficulty in getting member participation. Yes, it is the SAME people all the time.
- X Other: The Fall meeting was not held. There is pressure from outside the ASGS to hold a gathering so one will be planned for 2007 and the Section will be a guest but not the host.

Summarized section plans, activities and comments:

- 1. The Fall Show was note held this year due to lack of support and participation.
- 2. A Spring Meeting is planned to be held in 2007 at Revere Academy of Glass in Berkeley, California.
- 3. The Section will have a meeting at the Fall Glassblowers Gathering in Grass Valley, California.
- 4. Sierra Lightsource in Auburn, California, had offered their facility for a meeting in the future.
- 5. Again, a recommendation has been suggested to the ASGS Board to INCLUDE a \$10 Section Dues in the annual invoicing by the home office. At the end of each month, any monies collected are dispensed to the Section the member has been assigned too.
- 6. Dues were not collected in 2006 because of inactivity.