



THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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Executive Secretary Report

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President and Members of the Board of Directors,

National Office

The National Office has been fulfilling the society's needs and it appears that they are not experiencing any difficulties in fulfilling those needs.

I am continuing my predecessors policy of monitoring all incoming and outgoing email to the National Office. This gives me a sense of the services we are provided by the office. I am impressed with the professional manner with which the office represents our society. The office handles all requests courteously and promptly.

Recent changes in US Postal Services have caused a problem with mailing Fusion to our International Members. The US Postal Services has eliminated surface mail and now only offers First Class for all overseas mail. We currently have about 40 International Members (this does not include Canadian members) of which 16 are currently receiving Fusion at the First Class rate. The other 24 members have elected to receive Fusion via surface mail. We have been absorbing the additional costs for the 24 International Members.

A solution to this problem would be to keep the International Member dues at \$85 and add \$19.50 to cover the additional cost for mailing First Class. Keeping the dues at its current rate eliminates the need for a required dues increase approval by the membership. The National Office also supports this solution.

Obligations

At the beginning of our Section meeting season I sent an email with an General Liability Coverage Insurance Request Form to Section Directors. Filling out this form provides liability insurance for your Section meeting. Section Directors are responsible to insure that the forms are filled out and faxed to the National Office prior to your meeting. Please utilize the form to receive this important benefit for your Section and protect our society.

Respectfully submitted,
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Executive Secretary