

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Minutes of ASGS B.O.D. Meeting
May 30, 2000
Lake Tahoe, NV
The Inaugural Meeting of President Doni Hatz

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Inactive Sections

Metropolitan New York
New England
Niagara Frontier
Pacific Northwest

Meeting Commenced at 6:00 PM Pacific

President Hatz opened the meeting with introductions and quickly got to business by warning the board that a November Board Meeting would not occur unless Sections undertook some form of funding towards their Director's travel reimbursement. President Hatz then ran over the particulars of her proposed budget. Directors were attentive and each line item was discussed.

Motion Subject: Budget Proposal

Motion resolution: That we accept the President's budget as presented.

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Michael Palme

Votes for Motion: Unanimous

President Hatz announced her Committee Chairs for 2000 to 2001:

Committee	Chair Person
<u>Audio /Visual</u>	<u>Michael Morris</u>
<u>Awards</u>	<u>J. Jeff Babbitt</u>
<u>By - Laws</u>	<u>Barry Lafler</u>
<u>Computer Network</u>	<u>William Curtis</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>Dennis Briening</u>
<u>Elections</u>	<u>Manfred Langer</u>
<u>Finance</u>	<u>Gary S. Coyne</u>
<u>International Liaison</u>	<u>Fred Leslie</u>
<u>Junior Liaison</u>	<u>Joseph Gregar</u>
<u>Membership</u>	<u>Jack Korfage</u>
<u>Methods & Materials</u>	<u>Doni Hatz</u>
<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Doni Hatz</u>
<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Hans Rohner</u>
<u>Publications</u>	<u>Dave Smart</u>
<u>Questions & Answers</u>	<u>Ken Owens</u>
<u>References & Abstracts</u>	<u>Gary S. Coyne</u>
<u>Regular Member Liaison</u>	<u>Allan B Brown</u>
<u>Section Liaison</u>	<u>Gary S. Coyne</u>
<u>Safety & Hazards</u>	<u>Michael Wheeler</u>
<u>Seminar Coordinator</u>	<u>Joseph Walas</u>
<u>Steering</u>	<u>Barry Lafler</u>
<u>Symposium Coordinator</u>	<u>Jerry Cloninger</u>
<u>Technical Papers Coordinator</u>	<u>Michelle Archer</u>

Motion Subject: Committee ASGS

Motion Resolution: I move that the committees be approved as presented by the President.

Motion by: Ben Seal

Second by: Sally Prasch

Votes for Motion: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

President Hatz brought the discussion back to the November BoD Meeting which cost around \$11,000 last year. She pointed out that last year's budget deficit was equal to the cost of sending Directors to the meeting. President Hatz said she would like Directors to pursue revenues from their own Sections for their Director's travel reimbursement. A motion was presented and a discussion ensued:

Motion for discussion: The President may require all Sections to provide full or partial reimbursement to their own Director's, or their Alternate Director's, travel expenses to the November BoD Meeting. Any reimbursements to a Section by the President must be dispersed equally to all of the Sections

Mike Souza said that it seemed 75% of all of our membership is now within only 25% of our Sections. Can we have these Sections that are not functioning properly hold the membership hostage?

Mike Palme disagreed and felt that a Section's representation by a Director was a membership benefit and pointed out the difficulty of the exchange rate. He did not feel we should institute a "check book democracy".

Robert Singer said his Section could pay the travel costs but questioned how partial reimbursement would occur because not all expenses were equal. For instance San Francisco Section's travel cost were not the same as say the Southeast's Section because of the vast travel differences.

Jeff Babbitt said that coming from a small Section they couldn't afford to constantly pay their Director's way but their members were willing to pay what they could.

Dan Edwards pointed out that at this time we don't know how much money will be required or even if there would be a budget shortfall. We should find out what is needed then perhaps come back to the Sections.

At this point a "straw poll" was suggested as to how many Sections would pay at least full or partial reimbursement. The President counted 9 Sections for full reimbursement the rest were for partial reimbursement. At the conclusion of this vote the motion in discussion was withdrawn.

President – Elect Coyne was given the floor to introduce some ideas on how to streamline our organizational structure and lend some degree of accountability. Gary drew up a flow chart to give an overview of his plan. Gary acknowledged that most of the changes would have to be conferred upon by the By-Laws Committee. There was some doubt expressed by Treasurer Sally Prasch whether this plan would insulate the President from what was going on in the committees and whether we even had the pool of volunteers to implement this idea. The discussion was drawn to a close and President Hatz asked Gary to form an ad-hoc committee to explore this organizational review.

Motion Subject: Symposium Chair

Motion Resolution: Motion to appoint Dan Wilt as Symposium Chair for the year 2004 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Motion by: Michael Souza

Second by: Dan B Edwards

Decision: Unanimous

Motion Subject: Adjourn Meeting

Motion Resolution: Motion to adjourn in Lake Tahoe under President Hatz

Motion by: Bob Singer

Second by: Dan Edwards

Decision: Unanimous