



THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

Directors Report Canadian Section

Section Officers:

Director: Brian Power
Chair: Craig Nagami
Secretary: Sabrina Belanger

Alternate Director: Mike Palme
Alternate Chair:
Treasurer: Jordan Vandenhoff

Section Profile:

Number of meeting planned for the year: 1
Number of meeting since last Board of director's meeting: 0
Attendance at section meeting: Average of half of Canadian members
Financial resources: Healthy
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
Educational Social
Speaker Workshop
Tour

Last meeting was at Pegasus Industrial May 5th 2012 (Vendor)

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location? Yes No
Difficulty In organizing a meeting? Yes No
Difficulty In finding workshop presenters? Yes No
Poor attendance at section meetings? Yes No
Difficulty in finding section officers? Yes No
Other (explain):

Section Activities/Comments:

The meeting at Pegasus was well attended with 13 national member glassblowers there. Pegasus is a great supporter of our Section. The finances of the national section was discussed with general approval of increasing annual dues. We welcomed two apprentices to the ASGS ; Stephanie Hitchcock and Sabrina Belanger. Both were employed at Lasalle Scientific under Craig Nagami but layed off due to slow economy in the area. I made a proposal to my department head to hire Sabrina as my apprentice and possible replacement when I retire in 2018. Stephanie was awarded the Randy Searl award and Sabrina the Exhibitors' award which allowed them to cover costs to attend this Symposium and enroll in the Junior Seminar. Both are volunteering where needed. I am encouraging the Canadian members to contribute the annual Symposium as we will not likely be a host. We also had two Glassblowers retire from Universities with nobody replacing them which is a concern for our profession. Our next meeting is proposed for Lasalle Scientific in the fall.