

# AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

## MIDWEST SECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JUNE 8TH 2010

DIRECTOR: BRIAN SCHWANDT  
ALT. DIRECTOR: ART RAMIREZ  
CHAIR: TRACY DRIER  
SECRETARY: STEVE ANDERSON  
TREASURER: ART RAMIREZ

### SECTION PROFILE

Number of meetings planned for the year: 2  
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1  
Number of section members: approximately 45  
Average attendance at section meetings: 28  
Financial resources: Adequate  
Description of a typical section meeting :  
Educational; Networking; interactive workshops;  
Artistic & Scientific Demonstrations;  
Social Interaction; Speaker; Tour.

### SECTION CHALLENGES

NO difficulty in finding meeting location;  
NO difficulty in organizing meeting;  
NO difficulty in finding workshop presenters;  
NO difficulty in finding section officers;  
NO difficulty in collecting dues.

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND COMMENTS

The last section meeting held at Erich Moraine's Wild Rose Glass in Sussex, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 15th, 2010. At least 28 people were in attendance. The meeting was planned as an honorary tribute to Dieter Damrow for his decades of dedicated instructional contributions, mentoring, encouragement, participation, occasional cursing and support of the Midwest Section and to the A.S.G.S. as well. A catered pig roast and a reminiscent roasting from past protégés of Dieter's proved to be most interesting and humorously entertaining. Several members, who could not be present, shared their experiences in advance through e-mail and were read by volunteers. Dieter truly enjoyed himself and was awarded a bottle of Tequila shaped like a huge worm. The business meeting continued with Tracy outlining the meeting itinerary, Art collecting dues and Brian announcing that B.O.D. nominations would take place at the Autumn meeting elections. President-Elect, Curt Sexton was in attendance and informed the section of the reality of the state of affairs the society is in. He then elaborated on the renewed incentives of recruiting new members. Jim Hodgson promoted his express one-page technical posters for those who found that posters were too involved to attempt. He also explained his self-supported award for the most informative one-pager, as well as his personal assistance to anyone interested. Joe Gregar transported the entire Midwest Section Photography Archives which was perused throughout the night by many, noticing youthful photos with long, dark hair that actually existed. Recent past award winners: Frank Meints, and our own Steve Anderson and Dan Coyle were congratulated. Kyle Meyer accepted a nomination for treasurer, releasing Art to concentrate on the upcoming open B.O.D. post. Members and sponsors donated items for a raffle and \$223 was raised for the section bank account. Eight demonstrations were presented, of which five were scientific in nature and three were artistic. The last glassblowers left the studio nearmidnight.

Respectfully submitted;  
Brian Schwandt  
Midwest Section Director