



# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Pacific Northwest Section

### Directors Report

**ASGS BOD Meeting November 7, 2009**

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#### Section Profile:

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/09 - 6/30/10: **2**  
 Number of meetings since last ASGS board meeting: **1**  
 Number of National section members: **51**  
 Regular: **32 (63%)** Associate: **13 (25%)** Junior/Ret: **6 (12%)**  
 Last attendance at meetings: **~ 30**  
 Financial Resources: **Low**  
 Last section meeting included:  
**Demonstrations, Lunch, Tour, Raffle**

#### Section Challenges:

- Difficulty in finding meeting locations. *The field continues to shrink.*
- Difficulty in organizing a meeting. *Bruce Suba continues doing a great job.*
- Difficulty in finding workshop presenters. *Hot & Cold.*
- Difficulty in getting ASGS members to attend the meetings. *Greater number nonmembers.*
- Difficulty in getting members to pay dues. *SHOULD BE PART OF NATIONAL DUES!*
- Difficulty in finding Section officers. *YES! THANK YOU SKIP!*
- Difficulty in getting member participation. *Yes, it is the SAME people all the time.*
- Other: *Members are spread out. Difficult to attend a meeting.*

#### Summarized section plans, activities and comments:

1. There was a Fall meeting at Litton Engineering Laboratories, Grass Valley, California, September 19th.  
 Attendance was approximately 30 total ... 12 were national members, balance guest & non members.  
 Only 3 sponsors came forward: Litton Engineering, GM Associates & Friedrich & Dimmock.  
 Over 100 mailers were sent out to both members and non members.  
 We had 3 national board members present: Gene Nelson, Deborah Camp, Victor Mathews.  
 Litton offered attendee's special reduced pricing on all stocked borosilicate tubing "cash & carry"
2. Skip Huckaby has come out of retirement and agreed to be PNW section director.  
 Skip replaces Victor Mathews who is currently the National Treasurer.
3. A Spring meeting will be planned, if we can find a location.
4. Due's collection during economic hard times seems to be the largest problem.  
 SECTION DUE'S SHOULD BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY BY THE HOME OFFICE!
5. GM Associates & Litton Engineering continue to support Gene Nelson's marketing drive.  
 Both companies plan to send out a second mailing using their sales data base.