

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report Spring 2006

Section: Southeastern

Section Officers

Director: Curt Sexton
Alt. Director: Don Woodward
Chair: Don Woodyard
Vice Chair: Brian Markowicz
Secretary: Ricky Harrison
Treasurer: Ricky Harrison

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1
Number of section members: 54
Average attendance at section meetings: 20-30 (Business Meeting attendance)
Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
Educational Social Speaker Tour Workshop
 Other

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location
 Difficulty in organizing a meeting
 Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
 Poor attendance at section meetings
 Difficulty in finding section officers
 Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

The 2006 Southeastern Section Meeting was held April 6-9, 2006 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel located on the Campus of the University of Alabama. There were approximately 40 people in attendance. The meeting included a tour of the Mercedes-Benz International North America plant where we were greeted by their President Bill Taylor. Don Lillie presented Mr. Taylor with a custom glass sculpture made by Thom Lillie. We also toured the Westervelt-Warner Museum of American Art, the personal collection of Mr. Jack Warner. He was present to personally conduct our tour. After our tour we headed to the University of Alabama's new Interdisciplinary Science Building for a lunch hosted by the Chemistry Department Chair Dr. Joe Thrasher. After lunch we held our Business Meeting and finished up with workshops in Rick Smith's new world-class glass shop. It is the nicest shop I have ever visited. For the first time in my memory our meeting was not attended by any National Officer. The Southeastern Section regrets that none of our National Officers chose to take advantage of some "Southern Hospitality".

Thanks to our vendors, in attendance were Ace Glass Inc., VM Glass Co., Wale Apparatus Co. Inc., Wilmad/Lab Glass, Wilt Industries. Supporting vendors Friedrich & Dimmock, G.M. Associates Inc., and Chemglass Inc.

Respectfully Submitted,
William C. Sexton
Director Southeastern Section