

The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Canadian Section Canadienne

Director's Report
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The Canadian Section has not had a meeting since the June, 2002 Board of Director's Meeting as no one was able act as host.

The members of the executive committee are busy updating the names on our mailing list in conjunction with a request from Bonnie Clarke.

My shop was closed at the end of June this year. The newly elected chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering, at the University of Toronto, decreed that "in the future, chemical engineering students wouldn't need any glassblowing." As a result, I retired, and the shop was closed. The equipment and tools were sold for scrap metal prices and the glass was sold for ten cents on the dollar. No special movers were hired and in moving the Wilt annealing oven, it fell over in the hall. The shop is being converted to a pulp and paper research laboratory.

Darcey Doering, treasurer of our section has prepared a "mail out" form for the collection of dues. In the past, due were collected at the section meetings. Currently our dues are \$20.00 (Canadian.)

Our Section Charter disappeared many years ago and in cleaning out my shop in the spring, I discovered a photocopy of it, which was given to me by Dave Chandler. I reproduced enough copies so that each member attending the last Section meeting could have a copy. Pamela Geddes, Secretary of our Section, has taken the initiative to contact each member, named on the Charter, to prepare their personal history. Some urgency is required in this project as one charter member, John French, passed away last fall

We are currently responding to some concerns from Robert Rossbach, a glassblower, who lives a few miles from Quebec City. He has had some problems with the National Office and also the Canadian Section. As a result of his concerns, Pamela Geddes is preparing a questionnaire which will be mailed out to Canadians, members or not, for their views.

Respectfully submitted.

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