



THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY, CANADIAN SECTION CANADIENNE

June 11, 2001

Subject: June 2001 BOD Report of the ASGS Canadian Section,

The Canadian Section held its last meeting on June 9, 2001. The meeting was held at Vitro Com (Canada) Inc. Mike Vandenhoff, our host and outgoing Section Chair, took our members on a tour of the facility. The facility is very impressive to say the least. Thanks to Mike for hosting a great Section Meeting. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, Heathway and Nortel. Their support is greatly appreciated. There were 13 ASGS members in attendance at the meeting, and one spouse. This a good turnout for our section given the large travel distance for many of our members and consistent with our usual attendance numbers.

At our business meeting we elected a new slate of officers. The term of office is June 17, 2001 to June 16, 2003 for all officers. The officers are as follows;

Director	Fred Leslie
Alt. Director	Michael Palme
Chair	Craig Nagami
Secretary	Pam Geddes
Treasurer	Darcey Doering

The next item for discussion at the meeting was regarding the request for reimbursement for Director expenses for the Fall 2000 ASGS BOD Meeting. The Canadian Section members in attendance voted to reimburse the ASGS the amount of U.S. \$200.00. Although the members were supportive of this reimbursement they do hope that it will not be necessary to repeat this exercise in the future.

Our current bank balance is CDN \$1246.46. This will be reduced by approximately CDN \$300.00 to pay for the aforementioned Director Reimbursement to the ASGS. This will then be offset somewhat by the collection of Section Dues for the year 2001. All in all the Section is in good financial shape at this time.

We also discussed a date and location for our next meeting. We have a location for a fall 2001 Section Meeting but a date must still be confirmed. This should happen shortly. Two other members also expressed an interest in holding a future Section Meeting, likely to be held in Spring and Fall 2002.

There was also a discussion regarding membership dues. It seems for many that the cost of ASGS Membership has hit the ceiling. That and the current exchange rate seem to be affecting the renewal rate. In addition some of our members have reached the retirement phase of their lives and this is also responsible for declining membership in our section.

It seems that the ASGS is not updating its roster information fast enough. One member who was on our non renewing list from the ASGS had actually paid their dues some time ago. Fortunately the mistake was caught before our section meeting. A second member apparently falls into the same category, something I must still confirm with the ASGS National Office. I will do this at the Symposium due to current time constraints. As of today our section has approximately 40 ASGS National Members.

After our Business meeting we visited the vendor displays. Nortel and Pegasus Industrial Specialties Ltd. both had some samples of there products on display.

As this is my last Director Report I would to take this opportunity to thank the ASGS for allowing to serve on the ASGS BOD the past four years. It has been a privilege and an honour.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Palme". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Michael Palme
Canadian Section Director