

**Rocky Mountain Section
Director's Report
American Scientific Glassblowers Society
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Madam President:

Our Section is healthy; our financial situation is adequate; our numbers remain steady at about 25 active local members. We are in the midst of hosting the National Symposium, up to our butts in cougars and wondering if we should plan for draught or flood. We're from the mountains and high prairies; we'll deal with it. However, our members are concerned about the mention of requiring a minimum number of national members in excess of what we've been able to muster, in order to remain a recognized section of the ASGS. I know what the bylaws state; I also know that to hold to the letter of the bylaws would mean the end of what is an admittedly small, but dynamic section of the ASGS. I propose we respect instead, the spirit of the bylaws, especially in light of the present situation; the last time the Rocky Mountain Section hosted the national symposium, it folded shortly thereafter. I don't believe the stress of the symposium was the cause, but I want to discourage any reason for the present membership to start to foster any sort of, "Oh to Hell with it!" take on things. We are, after all, an independent collection of cusses, and it's hard to keep these glassblowers committed. I'm not here referring to our core members, who are solid.

I restarted this mess, and I don't aim to quit it. This is my penultimate report as Director of these terms of service. Another will follow and deliver my report in the autumn. Our hope, as a section, is that we will be allowed to continue as the Rocky Mountain Section of the ASGS. We still have much to do and there are many inroads we have yet to negotiate. We are just now starting to feel an identity as a section.

I want to state what an honor it has been to have served as Director of the Rocky Mountain Section of the ASGS. The associations and friendships forged will remain the rest of my days. I believe in this society and the good it does our profession.

I wish you all good luck and kind regards, and remain your friend and servant,

Hans Rohner, Director, Rocky Mountain Section of the ASGS