

AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWING SOCIETY
DIRECTORS REPORT
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Section: San Francisco Bay Area

We had our Section meeting at GM Associates in Oakland, CA, on May 14th. We had a low turnout but very informative meeting. We tour their 4 buildings and saw how they cut the quartz ingots. We all tried to guess how much one of the quartz's ingot was worth. No one was close to the \$250K. We had a barbeque rib lunch provide by Debbie from GM. After lunch we opened our meeting. Victor talked about our last Symposium from Lake Tahoe. Vic thanked everyone for all the support they had given him at the Symposium.

I gave a report that Doni had given to me to read about her travels while being President and other ASGS business. We discussed about National members not renewing their membership and some of the reasons why. Out of the 25 people in attendance we had 15 ASGS members. One member had forgot to renew his membership and 2 other people expressed interest in becoming members.

Next I discussed Corporate Membership. You have all herd our views on this subject on the BOD e-mail list.

I called for nominations for someone to take over the Director position and to nominate someone to take over the Secretary and Treasure position. Not one person in the room said anything. I said that we would send out a notice to our Section members for nomination to these positions. I explained that Vic Mathews has be Secretary and Treasure for 15-years and after the Symposium in Mobile he is going to resign whether or not there is someone to replace him. I also indicated that I have been the Director for 5-years and that my term is only suppose to be for two years. If I don't find someone to replace me I will continue be Director only through the Mobile Symposium. The only person that said he would take the position of Director is an Associate member and is not eligible to be a National Officer.

We discussed the possibility of only holding one Section meeting a year. The meeting would be at the Miners Foundry in October every year. We have a very good turnout every meeting we have up in Grass Valley.

Everyone agreed that this might be better since the turnouts in the spring maybe draw 25 to 40 members. Putting these meeting on takes a lot of planning and Vic is having less time to do this, or maybe it's because of burnout.

For the next meeting in Grass Valley we are going to have Workshop demonstrations and we have set up a program to have papers and posters presented. The first place winner will receive a travel voucher for \$500.00 to be used for travel to Mobile Symposium and to present their paper or poster or workshop demonstration. Second place will receive a one-year membership to the ASGS or tuition to the Mobile Symposium.

Respectfully submitted



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