



The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

President's Report, November Board of Directors Meeting

To: The Board of Directors

My term did not start, as I would have liked it to start. Working with other members of the Executive Committee, I believe we handled a difficult situation in a professional manner. We made every effort to communicate the problem to our leadership and our membership as soon as possible. We attempted to keep our society running with little disruption and I believe we have accomplished this by implementing the temporary National Office. I am pleased to report that, I have received only positive comments on the way the Executive Committee handled this unfortunate situation. We will continue to strive to manage the situation in a professional manner. I am grateful for the support I have received from the Executive Committee.

Shortly after notifying our leadership and our membership, I formed the ad-hoc committee to first update the existing National Office job description and then begin the search to find appropriate candidates that would bid on the operation of our National Office. Once bids are accumulated, it is my desire and that of the Executive Committee that the Board of Directors will select our new National Office Manager.

I have been working with Robert Ponton, who I appointed as ad-hoc chair to update our Book of Procedures. This I believe is very important because it provides our future committee chairs with the appropriate responsibilities to carry out the work of their committee.

During the summer months I formed an ad-hoc committee to assist the Computer Committee in assembling information for our Glass Facts Web Page. It has been slow to start and differences in philosophy has hampered progress. I appointed Michael Brandon to chair the committee. He has begun assembling the information.

In September I sent an update to all the Directors and Committee Chairs. I would like some feedback on its value to you and your section members.

I was able to attend the Northeast Section Meeting. The meeting was well attended and they had some wonderful demonstrations. The meeting was held at the site of the 2004 Symposium. Dan Wilt gave me a tour of the hotel and I found it to meet all our needs for a great symposium. The city of Saratoga Springs is a tremendous setting for a symposium site. The Northeast Section graciously paid my hotel expenses.

As we endeavor to change our society, we must continue to hold down costs and increase our membership. You, the Directors have the responsibility to seek out potential members and encourage membership in the ASGS. Take every opportunity to sell membership in your society. Much work has to be done; collectively we can transform our society for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin Powell, President ASGS

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