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RE: President's Report

Dear Colleagues,

Having our meeting this close to Thanksgiving I am reminded of the many things I am thankful for. Among those things in relation to the ASGS are the many volunteers who step up to get things done. Certainly we could not afford to exist without the efforts and donations of time and resources by many of our members. Thank you.

This fall I was able to attend two excellent meetings, the Midwest Section meeting at Argonne National Laboratory and the Great Lakes Section meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan. The meetings were quite different yet both were great examples of our society objectives, especially, "...dissemination of technical and scientific information concerning all aspects of scientific glassblowing." I was sorry to have missed the Canadian Section meeting in Newfoundland and the Northeast Section meeting in Ballston Spa.

The revised Director's "Black Book" is underway with the aim of having it completely available on the ASGS Website. In this manner it can be kept up to date easily and any new directors will not have to rely on an outdated, hand-me-down from a previous director.

I think you will be impressed with the many things going on in our society as evidenced by our reports. I have never attended a section meeting from which I didn't return refreshed and energized. I expect we will all return to our sections from this BOD meeting with fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

Respectfully yours,

Jim Hodgson