

# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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ASGS B.O.D. Meeting

May 30, 2000

Lake Tahoe, Nevada

The meeting opened at 8:18 A.M.

## Officers and Directors

President	Barry Lafler
President-Elect	Doni Hatz
Secretary	Scott Bankroff
Treasurer	Sally Prasch

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Canadian	Michael Palme
Delaware Valley	Dennis Briening*
Great Lakes	Frank Meints
Midwest	Joseph Gregar
Northeast	Daniel Wilt
Ohio Valley	Jeff Babbitt
Pacific Northwest	Sean Adams
Pittsburgh Tri-State	Ben Seals
Rocky Mountain	Hans Rohner
San Francisco Bay	Gary Farlow
Southeastern	Gene Nelson
Southern California	Gary Coyne
Southwestern	Bob Singer
Metropolitan New York #	
New England #	
Niagara Frontier #	
Director Emeritus	George Sites*

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## Administrative Staff

Executive Secretary	James Merritt
National Office Manager	Dawn Hodgkins*
Fusion Editor	Dr. Marilyn Brown*
Symposium Coordinator	Jerry Cloninger

\*not present, # inactive section



President Lafler opened with introductions and welcomed the BOD to Lake Tahoe. Barry then said that we need to get down to business as there will be many topics to cover at this meeting.

**Motion Subject:** Accept minutes

**Motion resolution:** Move to accept the minutes from the November 1999 BOD meeting as corrected.

**Motion by:** Joseph S. Gregar

**Second by:** Gary Farlow

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Sally Prash passed out a new *Symposia Receipts and Disbursements* sheet that included new line item #'s and much more information than the BOD has seen in the past, due to poor communication and record keeping.

Corrections and questions were pointed out on a few of these line items:

*Line # 41130 \$13,850.00? Exhibits money for Lake Tahoe*

*Line # 62015- \$2,232.04 for Awards? It should be \$800.00*

Sally proceeded to point out line item changes that do not appear in the August 31, 1999 Balance Statement.

These changes are: *Line # 10020 ASGS Checking - \$4,864.71*

*Line # 10030 ASGS Savings - \$3,708.00*

These *Line* changes will be reflected in the balance of the Unrestricted Funds.

A \$36,000.00 CD will mature on 11-9-99 and it will be needed to help pay for this meeting.

A question arose about the number of CD's that we have. President Lafler explained that our past Treasurer felt that was a good way for us to accumulate funds. Sally will work on getting these moneys into "interest bearing" checking accounts.

Sally noted that a bank closer to the National Office will be secured in the near future, making it easier and faster for the National Office to do financial transactions.

**Motion Subject:** Accept Treasurers Report

**Motion resolution:** To accept the Treasurers report as amended (line item for exec-sec in budget and Junior member workshop line item in budget)

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** A Ben Seal

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Presidents Report:** President Lafler wanted to make sure that we all appreciate the work that Sally, Dawn and Amy have done in the past year. Barry also said that the computer committee has done a fantastic job in the past year. Barry then mentioned that we can send more information electronically as sending paper can be expensive.

Gary Farlow asked if every Section Director should have a computer?

Barry answered that this should be an issue when electing a Section Director.

**Executive Secretary Report:** Jim Merritt reports that the ASGS is back to square one concerning Insurance. We need a motion to put all of our policies with one company and that company should be *The Connely Group*.

Jim then stated that all members who handle *moneys* for the Society should be *bonded*, meaning that if an error is made by a *bonded* member we can recoup the moneys.

Jim then went on to note that the 2000 edition of *Robert's Rules* should be out soon.

Lastly Jim strongly mentioned that information going to the National office should go through the Executive Secretary first.

**National Office Report:** Dawn Hodgkins reported that the office is operating smoothly at this point. With the help of Sally Prash and the new accountant the office is running much smoother.

Mike Palme mentioned that the Symposium packets sent to some Canadian members were very late or not received at all.

Gary Farlow added that the labels for the first mailing, for the Symposium, lacked some information and had to be done twice.

Dave Smart noted that Dawn does not check each label and that someone can look at the computer while it is here at the Symposium.

A packet from the National Office Search Committee was handed out and President Lafler suggested that we look over this very closely and note the updates.

Mike Palme asked if we should have a yearly performance report card on the National Office? Barry said that may be a good idea in the near future.

**President Elect - Finance Report:** No report was submitted.

**Fusion Editor Report:** President Lafler asked if there were any questions on Marilyn's report.

Bob Singer asked if the articles were proofed? Bob had heard that there were some questions on a recent article about acid use.

Scott Bankroff asked Dave Smart if there was a disclaimer in Fusion.

Gary Farlow noted that he has talked to one member who is very upset about the article on *Quartz Bloom*.

Dave Smart replied that he has talked to an attorney and that we are not responsible or liable for what we publish. Dave then asked why the ASGS Office manager was not present at this meeting?

Ben Seal noted that member can be here to present their report with the approval of the executive Secretary.

### **Section Reports**

President Lafler decided that each Section report did not need to be read, because of time constraints, though any Director wanting to report was free to do so.

**Canadian:** Mike Palme stressed that the By-Laws should be enforced. This was concerning Section members who were not National members.

**Great Lakes:** Frank Meints noted that this Section voted in favor of supplementing their Directors expenses concerning the fall BOD meeting.

**Pacific Northwest:** Sean Adams announced that there was not enough member interest in keeping the Section alive. This Section will go on the *inactive* list at the end of this meeting.

**Motion Subject:** Pacific Northwest Section inactive

**Motion resolution:** To make the Pacific Northwest section inactive as of the end of President Lafler's meeting, May 30, 2000

**Motion by:** Sean Adams

**Second by:** Gary Coyne

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Pittsburgh Tri-State:** Ben Seal reports that the Section had ten regular members in early May. Of these ten there are two groups, those who do not care about the Section and those who are ready to retire. Two years time will tell if the Section will go *inactive* or not.

**Southeast:** Gene Nelson stated that this Section voted to pay airfare for their Director to attend the fall BOD meeting.

**Southern California:** Gary Coyne and Rick Gerhart noted that the Section voted on a \$500.00 limit for their Director to attend the fall BOD meeting.

**Southwest:** Bob Singer said that the Section is willing to reimburse the Director for attending the fall BOD meeting.

Bob then went on to say that a member of the Section *borrowed* some money from the Section for a down payment on a house. At the time of this meeting, no effort has been made to repay this money.

Sally Prasch and Mike Souza will look into the legalities of this situation.

### Committees

**Audio Visual Committee:** Ottmar Safferling reported that there has little change since the last report.

**Awards Committee:** Jeff Babbitt has the guidelines for the Award Committee and noted that a copy should go into all the Directors *Black Books*. Jeff checked five companies for prices on the plaques and came to the conclusion that we would be better off not changing companies for our plaques.

**By-Laws/ Steering Committee:** Gary Coyne submitted a report on the Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Meetings and via the Steering Committee requested a By-Laws change. (See June 00 report)

**Computer Network Committee:** President Lafler asked if there were any questions or comments on Bill Curtis's report.

Gary Coyne noted that for a \$15.00 per month maintenance fee, a \$240.00 set up charge, we could have our forms put on the Web site. Barry stated that it was to pricey right now.

Jerry Cloninger complemented Gary on the construction and design of the Web site and everyone agreed.

**Education Committee:** There were no comments or questions for this or the Internship Committee reports that Dennis Briening submitted.

**Election Committee:** Manfred Langer reported that the vote for a dues increase was passed by a two to one margin. Six hundred ballots were sent out and 315 were returned. Two hundred and eleven voted for the increase and 104 voted against.

**Finance Advisory Committee:** No report was submitted.

**International Liaison Committee:** No report was submitted.

**Junior Liaison Committee:** Joe Gregar reports that the manifold system has been updated and he thanks the Board.

Joe feels that the program really should be held on site but he understands that this is not always possible.

**Membership Committee:** Jack Korfhage reports that membership is up by 58 members and that we are close to 800 members at this time. Jack mentioned that he is going to redo the application cards and Gary Coyne noted that it would be a good idea to put the member benefits on the back.

Hans Rohner suggested that a line for donations to the Society could be placed on the new card.

Bob Singer has heard that many Section members are tired of attending meetings that are only social.

President Lafler noted that most Sections do have technical workshop meetings and that it is the responsibility of the Section Director to insure this type of meeting.

**Methods & Materials Committee:** No report was submitted.

**Nominations Committee:** No report was submitted.

**Outreach Committee:** Hans Rohner had little to report and there were no questions or comments.

**Publication Committee:** Dave Smart reports that the Fusion mailing now stands at 813. Dave asked the Board what we would think of a placing old articles in Fusion under the by-line "Looking Back". The Board thought this was a great idea and anyone with a request to rerun a favorite article should let Dave know.

**Question & Answer Committee:** There were no questions or comments for the report that Ken Owens submitted.

**Reference & Abstracts Committee:** Gary Coyne reported that there has been little concerning this Committee and it is plugging along.

**Regular Member Workshop Committee:** Allan Brown reports that the Committee is doing well and that this Workshop has been very well received.

**Safety & Hazards Committee:** No report was submitted.

**Section Liaison Committee:** President Elect Doni Hatz presented a report that proves the ASGS is strong at the Section level. Doni attended four different Section meetings in the past year and was impressed with member turnout and the technical information shared.

**Seminar Coordinator:** The report that Joe Walas submitted triggered no questions or comments.

**Symposium Coordinator:** Jerry Cloninger passed out a *Symposium Guideline* booklet to a number of people in hope that the ASGS will have a standard to follow.

Joe gregar asked the age old question, 'Can't we find a Hotel with cheaper rooms?' Jerry replied that 'With the format we have, no. "We need to much meeting space".

**Technical Papers Committee:** No report was submitted.

### **Old Business**

President Lafler mentioned that a second vote was needed to change the By-Laws concerning *Student Membership*.

Incoming Northeast Section Director and Past President noted that proper procedures were not been followed by the By-Laws/Steering Committee in the past year. No By-Laws were reviewed, nor were any suggestions made by this Committee.

Barry then stated that all By-Laws changes would be put on hold.

Barry noted that a hard cover edition of the Proceedings will be donated to the Library of Congress, Dave Smart mentioned that the library does not accept soft cover editions.

Sally Prash added that the Corning Museum would like much of our information, Fusion, technical articles, etc. Barry asked Dave Smart to get Corning on our list.

### **New Business**

The second vote for the reclassification of Victor Mathews, from Associate to regular member, was the first topic under New Business.

After much heated and emotional discussion of the merits of Victor and the consequences of this decision, a Motion was introduced and voted on.

**Motion Subject:** Reclassification

**Motion resolution:** I move to have Vic Mathews an Associate member reclassified to Regular member Article 3 Sec A Number 6. This recognizes the first vote from Nov. 5, 1999

**Motion by:** Gary Farlow

**Second by:** Gary Coyne

**Votes for Motion:** 8      **Votes against:** 7      **Abstentions:** 1

**Motion failed due to lack of a 3/4 majority vote.**

**Motion Subject:** Proceedings

**Motion resolution:** The Symposium Chair must make provisions in their Symposium budget to provide for the costs of publishing and the distribution of their Proceedings to all members of the ASGS.

**Motion by:** Daniel Wilt

**Second by:** A. Ben Seal

**Votes for Motion:** 13      **Votes against:** 3

**Motion carried**

**Motion Subject: Web Site**

**Motion resolution:** That a Members Only section of the ASGS site be created that requires a password. The old password will be deleted by the first day of March each year while a new password will have been initiated at the time that membership forms are shipped.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** Hans Rohner

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject: Reimbursements**

**Motion resolution:** That requests for reimbursements to any ASGS member must be accompanied with written receipts unless authorized by the Treasurer AND the President.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** A. Ben seal

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject: Reimbursements**

**Motion Resolution:** That purchases of over \$50 made by members of the ASGS expecting reimbursement must be accepted by the Treasurer OR the President prior to purchasing. If an approval has not been obtained prior to purchasing, reimbursement can be made at the discretion of the Treasurer AND the President. This does not include Symposium moneys.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** Hans Rohner

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject: Reimbursements**

**Motion Resolution:** That reimbursements to any ASGS member must be done within 90 days from the time the invoice was received unless authorized by the Treasurer AND the President.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** A. Ben Seal

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject: Web Site**

**Motion Resolution:** That past articles of Fusion can be placed (in HTML format) in a Members Only section of the ASGS site. Titles and initial paragraphs of these articles can be placed in the public viewing section of the ASGS site with links going to the protected articles.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** Gary Farlow

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject:** Web Site - advertising

**Motion Resolution:** That Advertisers in Fusion be given an option to pay for a web link in the ASGS site. Such payments would be in addition to, and conditional upon their regular advertisements (with formats maintained). Final fees and respective sizes for said ads would be decided upon by the Publications Committee. Sizes and rates would have to be approved by a board motion prior to Web posting.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** Daniel Wilt

**Votes for Motion:** 15            **Votes Against Motion:** 1

**Motion Passed**

**Motion Subject:** Membership recruitment

**Motion Resolution:** That vendors and exhibitors of glassblowing supplies be given Web access to their ASGS Membership forms that are identified with their company's name at the end of the form. For every new member that joins with a company's name at the end of their form, a tenth of a point (0.1) shall be credited to that company for use in selecting exhibitor's space at the next symposium.

**Motion by:** Gary Coyne

**Second by:** Daniel Wilt

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject:** Initiation Fee

**Motion Resolution:** Require that: When each Regional Section mails their "Annual Section Dues Notice," included in that notice, that is sent to "**Regional Section Members Who Are Not National Members,**" will be an "**Application for Membership**" in the ASGS. This application shall be light blue in color and will have "**No Initiation Fee Required.**" It will only be valid until December 31, 2001.

**Motion by:** Robert Singer

**Second by:** Michael Palme

**Votes for Motion:** 15            **Votes Against Motion:** 1

**Motion Passed**

**Motion Subject:** Insurance

**Motion Resolution:** Motion to move all ASGS Insurance to Heritage Insurance of Vineland, N. J. as of May 1, 2000.

**Motion by:** Sally Prasch

**Second by:** Michael Palme

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject:** National Office Contract

**Motion Resolution:** To accept contract with Dawn & Don Hodgkins for National Office @ \$2276.30 per month for July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

**Motion by:** Sally Prasch

**Second by:** Scott Bankroff

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject:** Bookkeeping Contract

**Motion Resolution:** To accept bookkeeping contract with Amy Collins at \$2,100.00 per year for the period June 1, 2000 and ending May 31, 2001.

**Motion by:** Sally Prasch

**Second by:** Scott Bankroff

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject:** Symposium Rates

**Motion Resolution:** Rates voted on by Electronic consensus for 2000 Symposium

“ASGS Member Program Registration - \$150.00”

“Non Member Program Registration - \$200.00”

“ASGS Member Day Card - \$80.00”

“Exhibits Only (without pass) - \$20.00”

**Motion by:** Gary Farlow

**Second by:** Gary Coyne

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

**Motion Subject:** Adjourn Meeting

**Motion Resolution:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion by:** Joseph S. Gregar

**Second by:** Michael Palme

**Votes for Motion:** Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM May 30, 2000