

ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

December 2nd, 2006 . Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth, VA

Presiding Officer: James Hodgson. Secretary: Daniel Wilt

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Note: The following information was compiled at the B.O.D. Meeting by the Secretary via tape recorder and notes. The notation "See Report" refers to the actual report supplied to the Directors by President James Hodgson.

Meeting called to order by President James Hodgson at 8:20 A.M.

Roll Call: All Board of Directors are present with the exception of:
Brian Schwandt, Midwest Section due to bad weather,
Victor Mathews/ Pacific Northwest Section, proxy vote to President Elect, Robert Singer.
The Rocky Mountain Section at this time has no Director.

Minutes Acceptance

Motion Resolution: *To accept the minutes of the June 2006 BOD Meeting.*

Motion by: Jack Korfhage

Second by: Michael Morris

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Treasurers Report: See Report. The Treasurers Report was given in detail by Treasurer Frank Meints. After minor discussion, the Board of Directors found Frank Meints report to be in order. President Jim Hodgson explained that as standard practice, the Treasurers Report will be given to the Audit Committee.

Old Business:

Presidents Report: See Report. James Hodgson reports that he has been working on the "Black Book", book of information for the Directors. He has compiled a lot of information, past and current which will be available on line. Michael Morris explains that it will be a great asset to the Directors. President James Hodgson also reports that Michael Palme, Chairman of the Computer Committee is doing a great job with the A.S.G.S. web site creating a wealth of information important to the membership of the Society. Michael Morris reports that Mike Palme needs reports to be submitted.

Executive Secretary: See Report. Dave Daenzer reports that restitution from Dawn Hodgkins has not been kept up to date. We have not received a payment since November of 2005. Dave Daenzer has talked to Don Hodgkins (Dawn's Husband) about this and is investigating the problem. Robert Singer asks if we can take Civil Action against Dawn. Dave Daenzer reports that no Civil action can be taken. Michael Souza (Guest) asks what are the chances that she will be arrested?. Dave Daenzer reports that the case will be reviewed with her (Dawn's) Parole Officer. Dave Daenzer also talked about the General Liability Insurance coverage forms. Dave asks that these please be filled out when you have a meeting. This is a service that we are paying for and we need the forms filled so we all are covered when holding section meetings..

National Office: See Report. President James Hodgson reports that the National Office is doing a great job. Dave Daenzer, Executive Secretary asks that the Directors approve the contract for Bookkeeping Plus, Inc. under New Business.

Section Reports: See Reports. Canadian Section reports that they are considering combining with the Artistic Glassblowers Society in Canada to improve attendance at meetings. Delaware Valley Section reports that progress is being made for the 2008 Symposium. They are looking at Atlantic City for the location at this time. Exhibitor Section reports that things are going well and we still do sponsor a Junior Member to the Symposium, although no one has applied. Mike Morris suggests that the application be put on the A.S.G.S. web site. Great Lakes Section reports that they have had some good meetings. Northeast Section also reports that a great meeting was held in October where two new members who are junior member status had joined and become active in the section. Rocky Mountain Section, Ron Bihler does not list himself as an officer of the section. The Section is inactive at this time because of lack of members.

Robert Singer reports that Outreach should be contacting glassblowers not affiliated with a section. Michael Souza reports that Outreach does not have the resources to find these possible members. Southeast Section reports that they have great meetings but only once a year. Maybe other sections should consider this option. They have a meeting scheduled in March. Southern California Section doing good, and the Southwest Section reports that they have a lack of active members to take over as officers of the section. Frank Meints asks what happens to the treasury when a section goes inactive. After some discussion it was noted that when sections go inactive, the last meeting expends the treasury funds. When sections merge, the treasury moves to the new active section.

Committee Reports: See Report. Jack Korfhage reports that about \$3,000.00 worth of equipment is lost in shipment from the 2006 Symposium at Manhattan Beach, CA to storage at Wilt Industries, Inc. This is still being investigated by Jim Merritt.

Audit Committee: See Report. The Audit Committee has found no discrepancies, and have no questions concerning the Treasurers report. No action is needed and the guidelines look comprehensive.

AV Committee: See Report. Mike Morris reports that he has purchased equipment on his own to ensure that he will complete some of the projects for the AV Committee, although at this time he does not know when he will be done. Mike is putting a package together to send to Fire Marshals for future Symposiums to ensure the use of open flames at Symposium sites. Mike will also be making a report on his concerns about a three day Symposium. Mike is asking for historic photos that show older members of the Society.

Mike was asked about the Society Tapes and responded with information that they have not been totally converted yet. Jack Korfhage suggested that we have an outside firm copy the tapes. Mike reports that some of the tapes need to be reviewed and edited which can not be done by an outside firm. Mike reports that we also need to put a disclaimer on the tapes and he could use some help doing this project. Mike Souza suggests that Mike Morris outsource what he can at this time.

Computer Committee Report: See Report

Awards Committee: See Report. President James Hodgson reports that names on the Memorial Scroll need to be approved under Old Business. Jim suggests that Directors submit names for the Memorial Scroll when the opportunity arises.

Finance Committee: See Report. Mike Souza reports that he is concerned about the AIM Funds. We had “time buys” from the restitution monies and this has not happened because the funds were not available. Mike will do the leg work on how to best diversify the CD’s instead of rolling them over. Mike is also looking at other funds to invest in.

International Liaison: See Report. Patrick DeFlorio reports that we had a good turn out at the California Symposium.

Junior Liaison: See Report. Robert Singer reports that he is concerned about going to a three day Symposium means a lot of work for a shortened program. Jack Korfhage suggests that we consider evening seminars to lengthen the program.

Membership: See Report. President James Hodgson reports that Gary Dobos is doing a great job.

Nominating Committee: See Report. On 412-A we have an acceptance letter from Mike Palme. The nomination for Jack Korfhage by Robert Singer, was also accepted at this meeting. President James Hodgson suggests that we seriously think about the President Elect position for the 2009/2010.

Outreach: See Report

Publications: See Report

Editors Report: See Report. Marilyn Brown asks that the Technical Papers information be sent in in a timely manner.

Technical Q&A: See Report

Reference and Abstracts: See Report. Gary Coyne reports that he needs help. The University that he works at has cut Journal Subscriptions. This is a valuable asset and we have had good Reference and Abstract material in the past.

Safety and Hazards: See Report. It was suggested that a survey be performed into health hazards. Patrick reports that a survey would not be effective because of the diversified aspects of the Glassblowing field.

Bylaws & Steering Committee: See Report. President James Hodgson gave details to Ron Bihler's report with reference to how many members we need at the Annual Business Meeting to have a quorum. Jim also reports that Ron Bihler's goals are to update the Bylaws and Book of Motions.

Symposium Coordinators Report: See Report.

Symposium 2006 Report: See Profit & Loss by Symposium Report

New Business:

Symposium 2007 Report: See Report.

Symposium 2008 Report: A report was given by Parker Stowman, Director of the Delaware Valley Section about the 2008 Symposium. Parker reports that Symposium Chairman, Dave Surdam is looking at Atlantic City as the site. The Hotel would be Bally's Hotel and Casino located on the Boardwalk. The room rate quoted is \$129.00 /night and we would have the whole 6th floor convention level of the Hotel which overlooks the Ocean. If this is where we have the Symposium, we will have to end the Symposium Friday night per. the proposed contract to Dave.

Bylaws change Article 1X

Motion Resolution: *To accept the proposed changes on Article 1X, Meetings / Section C A quorum of any general business meeting of the Society shall consist of twenty-five (25) voting members in good standing. No proxies will be stipulated or accepted in lieu of attendance except that proxies may be stipulated in the case of members of the Board of Directors.*

Motion by: Richard Gerhart

Second by: Jack Korfhage

Motion Denied: 2-10-0

Mike Souza suggests we get rid of the complete Bylaw for quorum and have no stipulations to attend the Annual Meeting. Dave Daenzer explains that we should strike section “C” Article 1X – Meetings.

After a long discussion by the Officers and Directors, Dave Daenzer and Robert Singer suggest that we vote this down and send this subject to the Bylaws Committee.

Bylaws Article 1X

Motion Resolution: *I move that the Bylaws Committee report be referred back to committee for further review of Article 1X- Meetings with the goal of bringing consistency between current practice and Bylaw wording.*

Motion by: Robert Singer

Second by: Richard Gerhart

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Director Reimbursement: President James Hodgson reports that airfare, taxi to Hotel, and 2 nights lodging at the Hotel are reimbursable although Jim also notes that Directors are encouraged to ask their section to help pick up part of this cost.

Registration Fees for the 52nd Annual Symposium

Motion Resolution: *I move that the registration fees for the 52nd Annual Symposium, June 21 – June 23, 2007 be set at the amounts as follows: Inclusive Package: \$430.00. After June 1st, 2007 \$475.00. Member Registration, A-La-Carte \$110.00 / after June 1st, 2007 \$160.00, Non Member Program Registration \$170.00 / after June 1st, 2007 \$210.00. A.S.G.S. Day Card \$80.00 / after June 1st, 2007 \$110.00. Exhibits Reception Only \$25.00 / after June 1st, \$30.00. Annual Banquet and Awards \$50.00 / after June 1st \$60.00. Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminar”A” \$110.00 / after June 1st, 2007 \$120.00 Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminar”B” \$90.00 / after June 1st, 2007 \$100.00. Seminars \$90.00 / after June 1st, 2007 \$100.00.*

Motion by: Daniel Wilt

Second by: Michael Morris

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Section Dues

Motion Resolution: *That the National Office collect Section Dues*

Motion by: Robert Singer / acting as Proxy for Victor Mathews

Second by: Frank Meints

Motion Denied: 2-10-0

Richard Gerhart says this could effect how much money and how many members each section gets compared to the present system. Some sections have many “Non National” members. Jim Hodgson will ask the National Office for their opinion. Frank Meints suggests that “Treasurers Guidelines” be sent to each section Treasurer.

Steering Committee Direction: President James Hodgson reports that nothing was accomplished this year. Jim is looking for items to be addressed. President Elect, Robert Singer wants the Presidents ideas and goals to be followed through and continue by the Steering Committee. Richard Gerhart says that continuity between Presidents should be followed up by the Steering Committee. President James Hodgson also notes that the Steering Committee is an Adhoc Committee.

European Symposium: President James Hodgson suggests that Frank Meints, who will be attending, be our representative for the A.S.G.S.. It was also suggested that token gifts be distributed to the European Society Officers. Frank will take care of this.

National Office Contract

Motion Resolution: *I move that the Executive Secretary be authorized to enter into a contract with Bookkeeping Plus Professional Services, Inc. to provide National Office services for the 2007 – 2008 fiscal year, August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008. The contract fee will be \$34,800.00*

Motion by: Robert Singer

Second by: William C. Sexton

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Memorial Scroll Additions

Motion Resolution: *I move that the following names of deceased members be added to the Memorial Scroll: Lawrence F. Novak, Michael P. Arias, David Roman, Arthur G. Reeves, Donald M. OBrien, Sr., Hubert N. Lange, and William J. Wilt, Jr.*

Motion by: William C. Sexton

Second by: Frank Meints

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Application for Lifetime Membership

Motion Resolution: *The Nomination of Donald Lillie for Lifetime Membership*

Motion by: William C. Sexton

Second by: Michael S. Morris

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Funds for AV Committee

Motion Resolution: *Fund the AV Committee \$1,500.00 for 2007 operating expense. Provide up to \$3,000.00 for conversion of master video source formats to digital DV format.*

Motion by: Jack Korfhage

Second by: Frank Meints

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Dave Daenzer suggests that Mike Morris submit an inventory list to the National Office.

Notification of Bylaw change

Motion Resolution: *Notification to the Bylaw Committee to remove the Bylaw "Article IV, Meetings / Section(C)"*

Motion by: Michael Souza

Second by: Patrick DeFlorio

No vote on Notification

Adjourn

Motion Resolution: *To adjourn meeting for President James Hodgson December 2nd , 2006. Portsmouth, VA*

Motion by: Michael S. Morris

Second by: Richard Gerhart

Motion Passed-Unanimous