

Executive Committee Reports

1-1: Secretary

ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

November 7th, 2009 . Omni Hotel, San Antonio, TX
Presiding Officer: Gene Nelson. 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 Gene Nelson.

Meeting called to order by President Gene Nelson at 8:18 A.M.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed

President Gene Nelson asked if all had any comments or corrections to the minutes of the previous B.O.D. meeting minutes. Gene commented on how very few Directors came through with results from contacting non-renewing members to the Society. Gene said that it is very important that we increase our membership and he will be addressing this topic again at this meeting.

Minutes Acceptance

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110218R *To accept the minutes of the June 2009 BOD Meeting.*

Motion by: Mike Palme

Second by: Katherine Cheetham

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Treasurers Report: See Report. The Treasurers Report was given by Victor Mathews. Vic discussed reviewing a new tax form which will be passed around for review by the Directors. Reimbursement form: Please fill this out even if you do not apply for any reimbursement. Breakdown of the report from Victor Mathews shows categories of the operation of the National Office costs. Vic reports that Fusion and Symposium should have their own centers for costs and they should break even. The report is to show cost per member. The membership level does not support the cost of the Society by means of dues. The B.O.D. should make Symposium and Fusion self supporting. Operating currently at about 542 members, we will be broke in about eight years. The Board of Directors has to make a decision on either raising dues, lowering operating costs, or operate as we are dipping into our reserves until the economy improves and hopefully more people become members of the Society. We will be talking later in this meeting about possibly spending even more money to boost membership. Doug Navelinski, Director of the Great Lakes Section comments that Vic has done a great job on this report and we must all recruit more members into the Society.

President Elect Report: See Report. President Elect, Curt Sexton comments that the Secretary's term is up and Steve Moder from the University of Toledo has volunteered to fill the position. Curt commented that it is good to see Steve and others willing to step up to the plate and get involved in the Society. Curt also commented on his visit to the Northeast Section Meeting. Curt reports that the Northeast Section contributed to his travel expenses and encourages all sections to contribute to the President and President-Elects travel expenses so they are able to attend as many meetings as possible. This helps keep the membership more up-to-date with the Society. Treasurer Vic Mathews suggests to Curt that it is time for him to be working on his budget as President and get this completed as soon as possible.

Presidents Report: See Report. President Gene Nelson talked about the new brochure to attract new membership into the Society. Gene comments on how hard Marylin Brown worked on this and helped produce a very professional piece of information. Since this went out, we are up 46 new members and 3 pending at this time. Gene also commented on how the Vendors have helped tremendously by sending them to new and prospective people who may be interested in joining our Society. Gene also commented on how we have been charging a member and nonmember registration fee. We should be charging only a member fee and have them become a member at a reduced rate until their membership is up for renewal and at that time, charge the regular rate. Gene also commented on the fact that the Society is relying on the Symposiums to make a profit for the Society to survive.

Executive Secretary Report: See Report. Executive Secretary, Ed Powell reports that the National Office is running smoothly. Ed has had many conversations with the National Office and Amy is making efforts to help our Society. Ed reports that he is concerned about a communication problem with the Board of Directors. All board members are not logged onto the Yahoo group set up. Doug Navelinski notes that he has had many problems with this and has almost given up trying to get in the group. Other concerned Directors noted problems also. Mike Palme notes that all Directors should be re-invited to join the BOD and Committee groups. Mike volunteered to work on this with Ed Powell. Ed reports that he believes we should have a marketing page on the ASGS web site. Gene Nelson recognizes guest: Bob Singer. Bob reports that he has had numerous problems communicating and many email problems.

National Office Report: See Report. Ed Powell comments that Amy Collins is working on some new member promotions. Amy suggests that we go to "Constant Contact" a monthly news letter. This will keep members up-to-date with ASGS activities and put our presence out in front of everyone. Gary Coyne asks who will be writing and preparing the information for this. Ed reports that Amy will be doing this but someone will have to proof the material. Amy wants to do this. Gary Coyne has some questions on how the information will be sent. Ed will look into this and get back to Gary. Home office Contract: Deborah Camp asks are we approving this contract?. Should we at least go to bid because we cannot afford this at this time. Vic Mathews reports that a solution is to have a cost/member. Amy is looking into this and is looking into some other ideas. She wants to work with us on this. Gary Coyne notes that Amy is doing a lot for the Society for free now. We need to look at this so we know what our actual costs are. Deborah Camp notes that we need a committee to get a scope of services we need.

Ed Powell says that there are costs involved with changing the National Office if we elect to go that route that would have to be considered. Bob Singer reports that as Symposium Chairman, he is using the National Office services to keep his costs down on the July 2010, San Antonio Symposium. Patrick DeFlorio suggests that we form a committee to look into our needs for a National Office and he will chair this committee. Deborah Camp volunteered to work with Patrick DeFlorio on this. Victor Mathews notes that this does not stop us from renewing a contract with Bookkeeping Plus. Ed Powell says that he has to sign the contract and he can hold off on signing until we are comfortable with the contract if the BOD approves the contract now.

Section Reports: See Reports.

Committee Reports

4-1 ASGS BOD Administrative Assistant / Mike Palme (See Report)

4-2 Allan B. Brown Seminar Report / Gary Dobos (See Report)

4-3 Audit Committee / Steve Moder (See Report)

4-4 AV Committee: (See Report). President Gene Nelson adds that \$3,400.00 is needed to complete the DVD's. He has solicited some donations from sections of the ASGS but still needs \$2,522.00 to complete the project. The DVD's are complete thru 1999. The above money is needed to complete to date. Mike Morris is still trying to get donations from other sections and this money would go back into the ASGS general fund account when donations are received. Mike Palme also comments that DVD's will be sold to members who wish to have a copy for \$25.00 each and this would also off-set the cost.

Gary Coyne makes note that he is against Flash Videoing (last paragraph of 4-4E / Video Streaming). Patrick DeFlorio is concerned that this whole project may not be completed even with the requested money. President Gene Nelson notes that Mike was originally asking for \$7,900.00. Gene notes that this will be tabled until Pat DeFlorio can contact Mike Morris by phone during the next break of the BOD meeting.

DVD Rental/Sales File# 09110219R

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110219R *To revoke motion # 09060212 dated June 2, 2009*

Motion by: Gary Coyne

2nd by: Skip Huckaby

Motion passed: Unanimous

Jerry Cloninger asks if five years down the road, will the directors understand this motion?.

DVD Rental/Sales

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110220R *Proposal to lend individual DVD's of technical Demonstrations from Annual Symposium for a fee of \$15.00 each plus shipping & handling to ASGS current members. Rental terms are for a 1 month period. Members are responsible for return shipping. Members may purchase a DVD for a fee of \$25.00. These fees can be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Skip Huckaby

Motion passed: Unanimous

4-5 Awards Committee: Steve Anderson / (See Report). President Gene Nelson adds that the costs shown for the plaques on this report is already budgeted.

4-6 Education Committee: See Report. Michael Souza

4-7 Election Committee: President Gene Nelson reports that there are no elections at this time.

4-8 Finance Committee: See Report.

4-9 ASGS Information Technology Committee: Mike Palme (See Report)

4-10 International Liaison: (See Report).

4-11 Junior Liaison: Joe Gregar (See Report) President Gene Nelson adds that there will be a Vacuum Seminar at the 2010 Symposium in San Antonio. Joe Gregar reports that this will be a free seminar for the Junior Members and is willing to donate some funds from the Junior Seminar program to help defray some of the cost for Mike Wheeler to do this Seminar for the Junior Members. Jerry Cloninger reports that some other costs for this Seminar incurred by Mike Wheeler may be defrayed by Symposium funds.

4-12 Membership: Kevin Teaford (See Report). President Gene Nelson reports that this report needs to be brought up-to-date. The actual numbers are: 309 Regular Members, 85 Associate Members, 26 Junior Members, 57 Retired Members, 11 Student Members, 2 Artistic Members, and 9 Lifetime Members.

4-13 Nominating Committee: Patrick DeFlorio comments that he is running for the President Elect position. Mike Palme suggests that we do an email to the membership to see if anyone is willing to run.

4-14 Outreach Committee: Jason Craig (See Report) Treasurer Victor Mathews suggests that we change the name of this committee to Marketing/Outreach Committee because this position does include marketing our Society.

4-15 Publications: See Report Dave Smart. Jerry Cloninger will follow up with Dave Smart about his cost/cost savings. This is unclear to the BOD as to cost savings due to losing some multi-color ads.

4-16 Editors Report: See Report. Marilyn Brown. President Gene Nelson comments on how professional Marilyn Brown is at this position and that she is a great asset to our Society.

4-17 Technical Q&A: See Report Tracy Drier

4-18 Reference and Abstracts: See Report. Gary Coyne

4-19 Safety Committee: See Report. Patrick DeFlorio

4-20 Bylaws Committee: See Report. Jack Korfhage

5-1 Symposium Coordinators Report: See Report. Jerry Cloninger

5-2 Symposium 2010 Report: See Report. Symposium Co-Chairman Bob Singer adds that Seminars are coming in from Mike Souza, Chairman of Seminars. Other aspects of the Symposium are going smoothly at this time. Both Bob Singer and Jack Korfhage, Co- chairman of this 2010 Symposium in San Antonio mention that they are open to any help they can get from the Board of Directors to ensure a smooth and interesting Symposium. The BOD meeting will be on Tuesday proceeding the Symposium.

5-3 Symposium 2011 Report: See Report. Don Woodyard

Old Business: none

New Business: President Gene Nelson mentions a report given by Mike Souza in reference to Facebook (See Report)

Mike Palme proposes three different Motions set forth from the Canadian Section, although at this time feels that the motions are not relevant because the proposed amounts of dues increase for membership is not sufficient. President Gene Nelson recommends a dues increase up to \$25.00 for regular membership. Gene also notes that it is the vote of the general membership at the annual meeting to decide the cost of membership.

Recommended Dues Increase

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110232R *The BOD recommends that dues for membership be raised to the following rates:*

Regular, Associate, and Artistic Membership \$100.00

International Membership \$125.00

Junior \$ 75.00

Student \$ 30.00

Retired \$ 50.00

Motion by: Curt Sexton

Second by: Michael Palme

Motion Passed 14 in favor / 1 against

Memorial Scroll addition

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110221R *I make a motion to add Rudolf Schlott to the A.S.G.S. Memorial Scroll.*

Motion by: Patrick DeFlorio

Second by: Daniel Wilt

Motion passed: Unanimous

Vic Mathews discusses the subject of a two year Presidential term. Vic says the root is continuity. We must keep a routine of President Elect, President, to Past President. We need to reinstate the Past President's position. Jerry Cloninger reports that the Past President's position was eliminated because there were no duties to justify the Past President attending the B.O.D. meeting and getting reimbursement. Ed Powell suggests a five year plan / Steering Committee. The President assigns the duties to positions.

By-law Change, Retired Members

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110234B *Replace Article 111-Membership; Section 1-Qualifications (e)*

From; Retired membership may be granted upon application from any member who is no longer able to perform glassblowing duties due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a regular member in good standing for a period which is at least the difference between the member's age and 70 years."

To; "Retired Membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years

Motion by: Curt Sexton

Second by: Don Woodyard

Motion passed: Unanimous

Article V111-Sections

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110235B

(C) Each Section shall be represented in the Society by having one Sectional Director seated on the Board of Directors. Said Sectional Director shall have been elected by eligible voting members of the section represented at some time prior to the first day of June. It is recommended that a Director be elected by mail ballot, but whatever method is chosen, must be elected by a majority of all members in good standing. If only one candidate is running for an office, the secretary of the section can be instructed to cast one vote for said candidate.

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The proposed by-law change would delete: A Director must be elected by mail ballot.

Motion by: Curt Sexton

Second by: Don Woodyard

Motion passed: Unanimous

Waiving of Symposium Fees

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110236R *Motion to waive fees associated with the annual Symposium incurred by the President and his or her spouse. These fees would include Registration, Seminars, Banquet. Not to include travel or any other expenses.*

Motion by: James Cornell

Second by: Daniel Wilt

Motion passed: 14 in favor / 1 absent for vote

National Office Contract: (See Report) President Gene Nelson asks how the Board of Directors would like to proceed. Victor Mathews suggests that we approve the contract.

National Office Contract

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110237R *I make a motion to approve the National Office contract with Bookkeeping Plus for a period of one year effective August 1st, 2010*

Motion by: Katherine Cheetham

Second by: Skip Huckaby

Motion passed: 14 in favor / 1 absent for vote

Executive Secretary Ed Powell reports that by 2020, at the membership trend we will be at about 250 members. We need to some more or different marketing. Ed proposes another web page to promote membership linked to our ASGS home page. Ed has found a company in New Jersey “Web Sketching”. Ed would like to have the following listed on this site:

- Promoting the Society
- How to Join
- Applications for Credit Card information to join easily
- Section information so people can pick their local section
- Registration information for Symposiums
- Vendor and Supplier information

The Company has two locations and two partners. The cost to develop this would be \$2,695.00. plus \$39.95 per year.

Mike Palme reports that he feels our main page should not be a marketing page. This should be a page on our present site to click to. Ed says that this is just a starting point but most importantly we need to advertise ourselves. Deborah Camp asks if we have Credit Card information and applications for membership on our web site will this save us money by creating less work for the National Office?. Ed Powell says this will save us money but most importantly, we need marketing help. Gary Coyne asks will they provide the page template?, Mike Palme can add this to our current web site. Ed Powell says he doesn't think so. Vic Mathews says we need a more attractive web site to attract new members. Katherine Cheetham says it is a good idea to pursue the Credit Card application format to make it easier for people to join. President Gene Nelson suggests that we have Ed Powell pursue this.

AV Funds

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110239R *I make a resolution to fund the remaining tapes being transferred to the DVD for sale and rental to ASGS members only. The maximum amount to be paid not to exceed \$2,522.00. Work to be completed by March 1st, 2010.*

Motion by: Patrick DeFlorio

Second by: Skip Huckaby

Motion passed: Unanimous

Web Sketching Contract

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110240R *I make a motion to accept contract from the company WebSketching to create marketing web page.*

Motion by: Skip Huckaby

Second by: Douglas Navelinsky

Motion passed: 14 in favor / 1 against

Email

Motion Resolution: Motion # 0911241R *That the Society uses Constant Contact for email announcements and news letter.*

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Don Woodyard

Motion passed: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Resolution: Motion # 09110242R *Motion to adjourn the November 7/09 BOD meeting at the San Antonio Omni Hotel at the Colonade.*

Motion by: Mike Palme

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