

Canadian Section

The Canadian Section has not had a meeting since the June 2011 BOD meeting. Planning is underway for a Spring 2012 meeting. Details will be released as they become available.

Our current bank balance is quite healthy at this time. This will be reduced somewhat to pay for the Director Reimbursement for the November 2011 ASGS BOD meeting that are not covered by the ASGS National. There are no other issues facing the section at this time.

Sincerely,
Michael Palme
Canadian Section Director

Delaware Valley

Section Officers:

Director: Katherine Cheetham
Alt. Dir.: Kathleen Severence
Chair: Christopher Bock
Vice Chair: David Surdam
Secretary: Kathryn Jones
Treasurer: Dan Walker

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 4
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1
Number of section members:44 Paid members as of September meeting
Average attendance at section meetings:40
Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
Educational Social Speaker Tour
Workshop Other

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location
 Difficulty in organizing a meeting
 Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
 Poor attendance at section meetings

____ Difficulty in finding section officers

____ Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

There were 35 attendees at the September meeting and was attended by more students than regular members. The section has 44 paid members as of the September meeting which will increase with each meeting. The meetings have more of a focus on speakers this year then in past years. The current challenge appears to be re-engaging long standing regular members. The rest of the year's meetings have been planned already and are listed below:

The speaker for November meeting is from NJSBDC. That's the New Jersey small business development center (www.njsbdc.com), they help small business.

November 17,
Big Apple Cafe
528 N. Harding Highway
Vineland, NJ 08360

Feb 4,
Samuel H Jones Glass Center
286 Welchville Road
Salem, NJ 08079

April 19,
Delsea Diner
1701 N 2nd Street
Millville, NJ 08332

Prices are \$22 a meeting.

Exhibitors Section

Section Officers

Director: Bonnie A. Clark

Alt. Director:

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Dave Surdam

Treasurer: Dave Surham

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 0

Number of section members: 20

Average attendance at section meetings: 14

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational Social Speaker Tour

Workshop Other

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings

Difficulty in finding section officers

Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

All is well. Dave will be contacting Dan Wilt for a list of the 2012 exhibitors and reaching out to them to join the group. The group has quite a bit planned for the 2012 Sym, similar to 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie A. Clark

Great Lakes Section

Section Officers

Director: _____ Douglas Navalinsky _____

Alt. Director: ___ Chris Sprague

Chair: ___ Philip Legge

Vice Chair: _____

Secretary: __Frank Meints ____

Treasurer: _____Harold Eberhardt

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: _____2_

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: _____1_____

Number of section members: _____70____

Average attendance at section meetings: _____24_

Financial resources: (x) Adequate () Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

(x) Educational (x) Social (x) Speaker (x) Tour (x) Workshop

() Other _____

Section Challenges

() Difficulty in finding a meeting location

() Difficulty in organizing a meeting

() Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

() Poor attendance at section meetings

() difficulty in finding section officers

(x) Other (explain) _____Great core group of people. Would like to get a few more involved in our section meetings. Someone always steps in to host a meeting. _____

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):__Oct . meeting was at the West Michigan Glass Art Center in Kalamazoo, MI. 18 glassblowers and 6 family members were in attendance. Paper weights and fused glass panels were made. After lunch and the business meeting an auction was held. We have a new junior member who works with Scott Bankroff and we have 2 new artistic members..__

Midwest Section

Section Officers

Director: Art Ramirez

Alt. Director: NA

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Tracy Drier

Secretary: Neil Korfhage

Treasurer: Kyle Meyer

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 2

Number of section members: 17

Average attendance at section meetings: 10-12

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational Social Speaker Tour

Workshop Other

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings

Difficulty in finding section officers

Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

Respectfully Submitted,
Art Ramirez

Northeast Section

Section Officers

Director: Kiva Ford

Alt. Director: Daniel Wilt

Chair: Dan Seme

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Daryl Smith

Treasurer: Wayne Martin

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 30

Average attendance at section meetings: 35

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
Educational Social Speaker Tour
Workshop Other

Section Challenges

- Difficulty in finding a meeting location
 - Difficulty in organizing a meeting
 - Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
 - Poor attendance at section meetings
 - Difficulty in finding section officers
 - Difficulty in collecting Dues
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Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

The Northeast Section has had some excellent meetings with good attendance. Our last meeting was held at Josh Simpson's studio in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. The meeting was a great success with an excellent turn out. Josh was kind enough to present a slide show of his work and also give a demonstration in the hot shop. Many of our officers and members worked together in successfully planning a great meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kiva Ford

Pacific Northwest Section

Section Officers

Director: Skip Huckaby
Alt. Director: _____
Chair: Bruce Suba
Vice Chair: _____
Secretary: Victor Matthews
Treasurer: Victor Matthews

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 3
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1
Number of section members: 51 regular 33, associate 13, retired/junior 5
Average attendance at section meetings: regular 36, visitors 20

Financial resources: low

How would you describe your typical section meeting: last section meeting included lively debate, demonstrations, lunch, raffle, tour of facilities

Section Challenges

Difficulty finding meeting places, Bruce continues to do a great job organizing meetings, difficulty finding workshop presenters, with members spread over northern CA, OR, WA, ID

getting them to attend meetings is tough, getting members to pay dues, finding section officers is also difficult. Thank you to Bruce, Vic, and Skip.

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

Summary of section plans: to hold meetings in different locations so members have an opportunity to attend. Three meetings are planned for this year 2012 in the Spring, a summer picnic, and a fall meeting. Thank you to Litton Engineering for hosting the fall 2011 meeting. The membership drive is still going on. We have a complement of officers for our section. We had a very lively and successful Fall meeting. A section election is underway and results will be forwarded to the home office and president as soon as it is completed. Thank you to Litton Engineering, GM associates for their long and loyal support for our section.

Submitted by: _____Skip Huckaby PNW-Director_____

Southeastern Section

Section Officers

Director: Don Woodyard

Chair: Jason Craig

Vice Chair: Larry McCollum

Secretary: Ali VandeGrift

Treasurer: Jerry Cloninger

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 53

Average attendance at section meetings: 15-25 (Business Meeting attendance)

Financial resources: X Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational X Social X Speaker Tour X Workshop X

___ Other

Section Challenges

X Difficulty in finding a meeting location

_Difficulty in organizing a meeting

X_ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

_Poor attendance at section meetings

X_ Difficulty in finding section officers

X Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

The ASGS-56th Annual Symposium & Exposition was a financial success.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald E. Woodyard

Chairman Southeastern Section

Southern California

Section Officers

Director: _____ Gary Coyne _____

Alt. Director: Rich Gerhart _____

Chair: _____ Rich Gerhart _____

Vice Chair: _____

Secretary: _____ Rich Gerhart _____

Treasurer: _____ Jim Merritt _____

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 30

Average attendance at section meetings: 25

Financial resources: () Adequate () Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

() Educational () Social () Speaker () Tour () Workshop

() Other _____

Section Challenges

() Difficulty in finding a meeting location

() Difficulty in organizing a meeting

() Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

() Poor attendance at section meetings

() difficulty in finding section officers

() Other (explain) _____

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

 We had a very successful meeting this year on Oct. 8 with President DeFlorio presiding. What was interesting for us at this meeting is that there were a number of new faces and generally they seemed to have enjoyed the meeting. We had several nice demonstrations, good food, and good ambiance all around. There was interest in more meetings (but no mention as to who was going to hose them).

Submitted by: _____ Gary Coyne _____

Date: 10-18-2011

Southwest Section

Section Officers:

Director: Jim Cornell **Alternate Director:** Bill Merka
Chair: Open **Alternate Chair:** Open
Secretary: Adam Kennedy **Treasurer:** Bob Singer

Section Profile:

Number of meeting planned for the year: **1**
Number of meeting since last Board of director's meeting: **0**
Attendance at last section meeting: **12 Glassblowers, 4 Vendors**
Financial resources: **Adequate**
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
Educational Social
Speaker Workshop
Tour
Other (explain): **This years meeting was held at the University of Texas Glassblowing Shop in Austin, TX on May 14, 2011.**

Section Challenges:

Difficulty in finding a meeting location? Yes _____ No
Difficulty in organizing a meeting? Yes _____ No
Difficulty in finding workshop presenters? Yes _____ No
Poor attendance at section meetings? Yes No _____
Difficulty in finding section officers? Yes _____ No

Other (explain): Reluctance of previous members to renew membership or join the section.

Section Activities/Comments: There were 15 people in attendance at this year's meeting, which included 12 members and 4 vendor/sponsors. Meeting comments were reported in June.

A tentative date for next year's combined meeting with the Southeast Section has been set for April 27th and 28th at Technical Glass Products in Gonzales, LA. Mmmmm... CRAWFISH!

Due to time constraints, my goal of contacting members on our mailing list and getting our membership list up to date has not been realized. Also, our Chairman and Alternate Chair decided not to renew their Sectional and National membership this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cornell
October 15, 2011