

President

I have focused my efforts on trying to bring content to the web site. The officers listed on the site were out of date. Mike Wheeler wanted a spread sheet with contact information so that this could be done once. This was easier said than done because many members do not list their e-mail address. I wanted the information listed to be current and correct. It is presently up to date and I request that directors to send me information if they have made any changes. In the springtime, I want to update everything once again for when Frank Meints assumes office. It is a time consuming process, but it is essential. If sections list officers that are not members, they are not covered by our liability insurance. Section chairs need to be listed so they can be contacted for details about upcoming section meetings. Directors should look at their webpage and customize it. For example, the Great Lakes section has had demonstrations on 50-L flasks. How many meetings do you have a year? Note that you do not need to be a member to attend section meetings. Please include photographs. Matthew McDonald has updated the national officers with photographs from Gary Coyne.

The board of directors decided as a courtesy to contact authors of Fusion and Proceedings after the year 1990 to allow us to post their work on our password-protected site. There is a list of approximately 400 authors, and when I started Mike Wheeler had obtained permission from 75. My daughter Emily McDonald used the roster to locate another 40 names. So far neither Mike Wheeler nor I have been refused the right to reprint. Mr. Wheeler has developed an author permission form which can be located through the website. The preferred arrangement is to do this online as it goes directly to Mike Wheeler, and a copy will be sent the National office.

As we contacted authors, I noted a lot of unfamiliar names. A closer look as we entered articles, authors, and issues in the database showed that many of these are c-authors. Steve Anderson has written several articles at Mayo. In many instances, he cannot locate the doctors that contributed to the article for permission. Tracking down all authors will be impossible. Can we vote to receive permission from the author that is an ASGS member?

There are a couple of issues to remember regarding putting ASGS articles online. Members have not been submitting material for Fusion. Publication chair Dave Smart has scoured other publications to find material to reprint. In some instances, we pay several hundred dollars for the right of written publication only. We cannot receive permission to post from the American Chemical Society and they have been very aggressive in collecting damages for the use of their material without permission.

We invested some time scanning past issues of Fusion. The original idea was to have a team scan Fusions for a good quality scan that we could post online. The scans would be in the format of a searchable PDF. This would also be a smaller file than the present CDs. It turns out that "all-in-one" scanners produce poor quality that cannot be searched. Gary Coyne sent me several pages of instructions which were very valuable. The first step was personally buying an Epson Perfection V500, priced at approximately \$179. Most important, it came with Epson scanning software. Fusion articles were scanned and saved as searchable PDFs and then searched as a measure of quality control. The picture quality is as good as the original which in later issues of Fusion make the final product much better in terms of understanding the articles. It can take a better part of an hour to scan several articles from a single Fusion so we probably do not want to scan cover to cover.

Mike Wheeler has past Fusions loaded onto our server. The hold up now is to make some of the fields in our database consistent. There has been a change to the format for the issue number and this results in articles not showing up in searched. I will use the CDs to try to correct errors in that field.

We have been struggling to update the ASGS-glass.org website. Sally Prasch and Mike Wheeler made a new site for the ISGE for 2012. It could not be linked to our home page. I contacted Christine DeGraff of Web Sketching, the company that created our webpage. The response email reads as follows:

"I made the changes you requested. There is no charge for this as per the contract, I will make changes to portions of the site that were not programmed into the CMS.

Regarding the user account, you should have access to upload pictures and link them, but only within the middle area. The right side was set up to feature the various fusion covers and the next symposium, and I was planning to update that as the info was sent to me. If you do have any problems uploading pictures or linking them, make sure you are using Internet Explorer and have pop-up blocker disabled or give me a call if you are still having a problem.

Regarding access to the menu, I had originally proposed our \$3995 package which included the ability to generate unlimited pages; however, the society went with our \$2695 package, which is up to 15 with additional pages created at a cost of \$100/each. There were actually about 15 pages BEFORE the find a glassblower section was added in, which added about 8 more pages, but we decided to just overlook it and did not bill anything additional.

In order to provide admin level access, I respectfully request that the board agree to pay Websketching the difference ($\$3995 - \$2695 = \$1300$) and we will include adding the right column to the RTE so you can edit that as well. I believe that would give you access to everything except the rotating photos at the top, which I am not able to program into my CMS and had to do in the code. As an added incentive, I will throw in a 3 page mobile site that you will be able to update via the CMS as well. (I am working on building our portfolio.)

Please let me know if you have any other changes before your meeting and I will get them completed immediately.

Thanks,

Christine DeGraff

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Mike Wheeler's e-mails to her were misdirected to her Spam folder so there was some loss of time. I contacted her father Larry Warwick at lwarwick@websketching.com and he had Christine contact me. Christine was able to make the changes Mike Wheeler wanted without upgrading but I have included this information in case we want to make changes in the future. Additional contact information for the company is:

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I attended the Delaware Section meeting on September 21, 2011 held at Carlisle Machine. The turnout was good with a lot of Salem students. There is a misunderstanding between being a sectional and a national member, despite the best efforts of Instructor Dennis Briening and Director Katherine Cheetam. The Delaware section sponsors a Junior member to the Symposium and part of the requirement is to submit documentation and give a report at the section meeting. Jordon Smith, a student at Salem Community College, was the winner of the 2011 award. Jordan gave an excellent presentation to the students emphasizing the fact that he would not be eligible were he not an ASGS member. I sat at the annual banquet with Jordan and found him to be a very articulate young man with great glassblowing skills. Dennis Briening will work on a poster to put on the wall at Salem telling students the requirements and deadlines for the award.

The Northeast Section meeting was held September 24 at Josh Simpson's studio in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts. It was quite a treat with the scenic location and the ability to see Josh and his team work close-up. Sally Prash is a personal friend of Josh's and she arranged for access that is not usually available. We had members from the Delaware Section along with the National office. Mike Souza gave a presentation about the ISGE followed by me showing off features of the Society's website. It was a special meeting for me with family members, including my new grandson, Samuel, and my aunt who is a volunteer at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She was thrilled to have a chance to watch Josh and talk to him after the meeting. We did have Salem students at the meeting along with Instructor Dennis Briening. Northeast Section member Adolph Gunther suggested that we total up the amount of charitable funds raised by the ASGS Artistic Auction. Turn out at the meeting may have been over 40 people.

The Southern California Section meeting was held October 8 at QB Instruments in Monrovia, CA. Gary Coyne provided transportation for me and my sister Kathleen along with a wonderful meal later that day. There was a great turnout and some excellent demonstrations. Gary Coyne demonstrated flame annealing. There were many attendees who were not ASGS members. We encouraged them to join and showed the advantages through a recent copy of Fusion and CDs. The date turned out to conflict with several local section members but everyone that attended had a great time.

The Midwest Section meeting was held October 15 at the Mayo Clinic Engineering department. It was a full day of demonstrations and lectures, including the manager of the Engineering department showing how glass advances medical care. Arturo Ramirez and Tracy Drier gave lectures on avoiding hand injuries and glassblowing in Belgium respectively. Don Lilly gave a lecture on the crystal palace. Kyle Meyer gave a demonstration of fabrication of a penny head stopper. Steve Anderson demonstrated the making of a jacketed column. During the tour, Brad Guth showed his fixtures for a Sun and Planet chuck. The turnout was over 20 people. After the meeting we were invited to Gordon Smith's house for refreshments. Gordon and Linda were generous hosts and we had a wonderful time.

I have not updated the budget, but I will get to it when possible.

With best wishes

Patrick DeFlorio

President

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Secretary

Minutes of the ASGS Annual Membership Meeting

July 2, 2011 . Alexandria, VA

Presiding Officer: Curt Sexton . Secretary: Steve Moder

On July 2, 2011 President Curt Sexton asked Secretary Steve Moder to confirm a quorum. Secretary Steve Moder confirmed a quorum with 48 members in attendance.

Minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting were reviewed; Katherine Cheetham requested that her name be spelled correctly: Katherine Cheetham

Minutes

Motion #11070210 To accept the minutes of the July 2010 Annual Membership meeting. as corrected.

Motion by: Bob Singer

Second by: Gene Nelson

Motion passed: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: ASGS Treasurer Vic Mathews reported on the ASGS financials as of July 2011. He pointed out the increase in funding and a decrease in spending. He talked about concerns for Fusion costs versus revenue. Vic is also looking at the symposium and accounting methods. Symposiums in general have been running at a profit and have been helping the Society. Vic talked about the new line item with DVD sales; the Audit Committee is a great help with checks and balances. The National Office is doing a great job. Gary Coyne thanked the members for providing a desperately needed dues increase. Doug Navalinsky pointed out the decreasing production costs for Fusion and that the problem was income (ad revenues).

Treasurer's Report

Motion #11070211 To accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion by: Joe Gregar

Second by: Gary Coyne

Motion Passed: Unanimous

President Sexton talked about the need for new members. He gave a brief review of ongoing plans and activities. Mention was made that membership dues were prorated as voted on at last year's annual

meeting. Bonding was discussed and the cost of being bonded considering Society history. Bonding will be revisited this year.

Old Business:

President Sexton talked about the ASGS credit card that will be held by the Executive Secretary. Vic explained the check and balances on the credit card and the need issues surrounding the card; the symposium and solving PayPal issues made the credit card necessary. Bob Ponton gave a review of the Pay Pal issue and advantages of PayPal. The limits and alerts on the card were talked about. Patrick DeFlorio talked about gas purchases for the symposium and the resulting liability.

Bob Singer talked about past symposium issues. Vic Mathews went over the parameters that are being reviewed. The need is there to reassess the symposium as trends are monitored and changes occur.

New Business:

Gary Coyne talked about the new and exciting changes with the website, emphasizing the resource value of the website. President Sexton mentioned that Mike Wheeler should be contacted if passwords were needed; there is a lag time between joining the Society and receiving a password.

Joe Gregar talked about the budget and Presidential rings not being given out. President Sexton mentioned that this was a personal choice of the individual; the choice was made because the individual does not wear rings. Lapel pins were talked about as an option the BOD should look at as an alternative.

Jim Cornell mentioned the Computer Committee is in need of volunteers.

President Sexton recognized Patrick DeFlorio as the incoming President. President DeFlorio noted that his budget would be the same as that of the previous year and that Committee Chairs would remain the same except for Audio Visual. He also talked about the financial advances of the Society in recent years. He appreciated the hard work of Presidents Nelson and Sexton.

Adjourn

Motion #11070212 To adjourn the July 2011 Annual Business Meeting.

Motion by: Bob Singer

Second by: Ariel Rom

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Treasurer

Subject: Treasurer's Report

BOD Members:

I am using the attached Profit & Loss report for my analysis. The period covered is from October 2010 – September 2011, comparing it to the prior year 2009 – 2010.

GREAT NEWS! On page four you will see that Net Income has increased over \$45,000 to the year prior! Here are the highlights:

40000: National Office Receipts remain steady, BUT that is due to the offset of membership increases to advertising decreases. I am still concerned about Fusion long term.

41000: Symposium Receipts increased over \$28,000 compared to the prior year. I should note that a large portion of the receipts may be from 2012 exhibitor booth receipts.

60000: Symposium Expenses were only slightly higher by \$5,000.

70000: National Office expenses were DOWN more than \$21,000 over the same period the prior year!

What does that all mean? The BOD has been taking the proper steps needed to get our fiscal house in order while being blessed with strong returns from our symposiums.

Fund Balances:

MONTH Unrestricted Restricted

June \$79,632 \$128,172

July \$62,657 \$128,172

August \$55,223 \$128,172

Available cash has decreased by \$24,409 since June. Cash will continue to dwindle until membership dues come in. I have also reviewed the reconciliation reports and do not find any irregularities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor Mathews - ASGS Treasurer

Executive Secretary

OCT 14, 2011

President DeFlorio and Board of Directors

The National Office, from my observations, is running like a well-oiled machine. No issues have been brought to my attention and all is proceeding as we would expect it to.

I see all E-mail traffic in and out of the National Office and from what I see, everything is being processed and being taken care of in a very efficient manner. They make my job very easy.

Bob and Lynn were a tremendous help during the Symposium and the registration desk went very smoothly. They also work very well with Marilyn Brown and the Publication Committee in the preparation of Fusion and invoicing associated with the publication.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry A. Cloninger

Executive Secretary