

# American Scientific Glassblowers Society

## Directors Report

**Date: June 2, 2009**

**Section: Exhibitor Section**

### Section Officers

Director: Deborah Camp

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Bonnie Clark

Treasurer: Bonnie Clark

### 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: 23 members in 2008

Average attendance at section meetings: 20+ members and some non-members

Financial resources: Adequate XX Inadequate

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

Educational Social Speaker Tour Workshop

Other Meetings take place during the National Symposium. It is

Primarily a business meeting.

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### Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings XX

Difficulty in finding section officers XX

Difficulty in collecting Dues XX

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### Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

The exhibitor group's section Objectives have been

- 1) To help symposium committee promote the symposium and exhibits  
Using exhibitor resources.
- 2) To keep exhibitors informed as to exhibit logistics before the annual symposium.
- 3) To resolve potential problems in these areas.

We have since our charter added a Jr. Member scholarship which has been awarded annually in the amount of \$1000.00. This year we awarded the scholarship to Kathryn Jones of Salem Community College.

The exhibitor group has always heard the pros and con's of the symposium format as well as the exhibit hall functions and schedules. We have been able to work with the Symposium committee to provide the exhibitors preferred schedule in response to these suggestions made at the Exhibitor group meetings. It is my belief that the Exhibitors are quite happy with the current schedule and format for the symposium for the past few years. The exhibitor group has always made a contribution to the symposium committee to hold special events/receptions in the exhibit hall which has been received with great success.

The current economic crisis has hit our membership hard. We are looking at record low turnout for exhibitors this year and it will be hard to get those who passed this year to come back. Our membership in the exhibitor group will suffer also as people will link membership in our section to the very act of exhibiting. The thought will be “why join the exhibitor group if we are not having a booth at the symposium.”

Our E-group website is our main communication vehicle for our group. We use this method of communication when necessary to get our group information or feedback about a specific issue.

I hope that some of the vendors who decided not to come to the 2009 Symposium will return next year in San Antonio.