



American Scientific Glassblower Society Canadian-Section-Canadienne

Subject: December 2006, BOD Report of the ASGS Canadian Section,

This year the Canadian Section held only one section meeting.

The spring meeting was pushed to the summer and was held in St. John's, Newfoundland, The section met on Saturday August 12th and Sunday 13th, hosted by (section a/v chair) Brian Power and Memorial University of Newfoundland, 14 members attended.

The minutes of the previous Section Meeting held on December 3, 2005 were read by Craig Nagami.

The Symposium Chair Report was presented by Vice Chair Craig Nagami.

These were the main points given:

- Holding a symposium has been put on hold
- Possible future dates are 2009/2010, since 2007 and 2008 are taken
- Mark Trent's suggestion is to join up with another glass-blowing society, such as the Glass Art Society
- Exhibitors at California Symposium expressed concern about dwindling attendance
- Proposition: Combine in future symposia with Glass Art, which has the benefit of better dispersion of costs through better attendance, as approximately 2000 people already attend Glass Art symposia

Then followed a lively discussion in which the various arguments for and against possible combined symposia were discussed. It was finally decided to conduct a survey across Canada's section. The survey will be done via a letter to be sent at the same time as the annual dues will be collected.

- Brian Power Suggested to implement a Canadian version of a mentorship program
- Arrange visits between shops to learn new techniques.
- Should be informal and at no cost to host

Our recurring problem which is the enormous distance between the east and west of Canada surfaced again when trying to find a location for the 2007 spring meeting. We should try to make more of an effort to include western members (maybe a video conference) Mac computers have conference capabilities so do universities

- Have a future meeting in the west (possibly Bruce?)
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New members

Philip Legge introduced Devon Murphy to society (Devon is an apprentice of Ron Legge at Scientific Glass Design)

Yves Rambour from Queens University is joining the society as well.

Our Treasury is stable, as November 1, 2006 the Bank Balance was \$ 2,346.53

Sincerely,

Georges Kopp
Canadian Section Director