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American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Pacific Northwest Section

Directors Report

ASGS BOD Meeting June 28, 2005

Section Office: ASGS-PNW, PO Box 1589, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924

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Section Profile:

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/04 - 6/30/05: **1**

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/05 - 6/30/06: **2**

Number of meetings since last ASGS board meeting: **1**

Number of National section members: **47**

Average attendance at meetings: **40 (60% Non Members)**

Financial Resources: **Adequate**

Typical section meeting includes:

**Educational Talks, Social Activities, Speakers, Tours, Workshops
 Hands On Training**

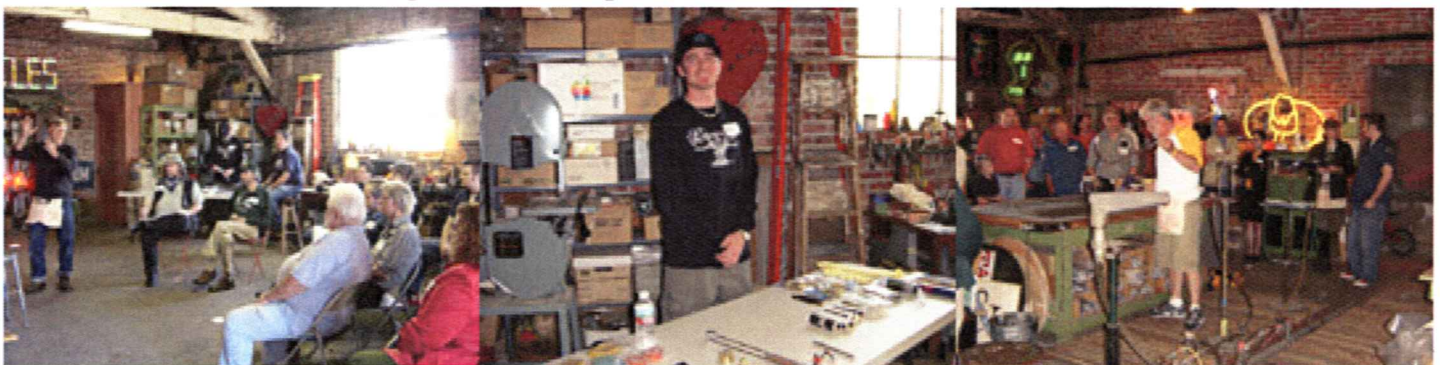
Section Challenges:

- Difficulty in finding meeting locations. *This has been getting better, but is still a problem.*
- Difficulty in organizing a meeting.
- Difficulty in finding workshop presenters.
- Difficulty in getting ASGS members to attend the meetings. *Yes, at times.*
- Difficulty in getting members to pay dues. *Yes, more so now because it is tracted.*
- Difficulty in finding Section officers. **YES! THIS IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM!**
- Difficulty in getting member participation. *Yes, it is the SAME people all the time.*
- Other: *The Fall meeting will be the last one put on by our section if we dont get enough volunteers to help and support the event.*

Summarized section plans, activities and comments:

1. The Spring Meeting was held April 16, 2005 at Aargon Neon in Crockett, California.

National member Bruce Suba stepped forward and organized the event. Section member Bill Concannon opened his shop, Aargon Neon, to the membership. ASGS member Monty Roach, Roach Industries, helped sponsor the event. Several companies donated products to the raffle.



Host: Bill Concannon

Sponsor: Monty Roach

Demonstration: Roger Daniells

2. Due to the cancellation of the Fall meeting in 2004 and reduced funds available, PNW did not present a Junior or Regular Member award for 2005. If the Fall meeting, 1 October 2005, is successful, the Award will be made in the Spring of 2006.

3. PNW participated in the 2005 ACS Conference in San Diego in March 2005. Participation by section members was very disappointing. There were 128 leads generated for glassworking products, supplies and services. The leads were distributed to the major participants, who were Farlows Scientific Glassblowing, Friedrich & Dimmock, and Litton Engineering Laboratories. Advertising support was from Adams & Chittenden Scientific Glass. Participants were approached about doing glassworking workshops at future ACS conferences. Because of the lack of support from the ASGS national and section membership, if we agree to participate in the future it will be as a private group of interested companies. Approximately \$1,640 was saved in expenses by the generous support of Litton Engineering Laboratories, Farlows Scientific Glassblowing and L&M Meetings & Events who allowed PNW to use their booth, literature rack, display stands, folding chairs and a variety of other booth supplies. The PNW does not have the support necessary to participate in the future. This should be a National level responsibility where a larger pool of resources is available. The PNW section has proven that it can be done at a minimal expense to the membership. I want to thank Joe Gregar for sending the National pamphlets.



Left: Victor Gallicchio
Farlows Scientific Glassblowing
Major sponsor & supporter.



Right: Victor Mathews
Director: ASGS-PNW Section
Litton Engineering Laboratories

Not Pictured: Josh Robertson
Farlows Scientific Glassblowing
Shared booth duty.

4. The Fall Meeting will possibly be the last one put on under the ASGS-PNW banner. The burdon has continued to fall on the shoulders of a select few who are getting burned out. The cost in time & materials to put this event on each year by two of the supporting ASGS member companies has become a financial burden. The net profits raised have gone into the section account. We have reserved a building at Condon Park for October 1st for the Fall meeting in Grass Valley. The section members will have to decide how they want to handle future gatherings AND who will be responsible for putting them on. The program will follow the same format as before with demonstrations, exhibitors, BBQ lunch, raffle and section meeting. The program will run from 10 am to 3 pm.



The Glassblowers Gathering ~ Grass Valley, California
Seminars ~ Lampwork ~ Lathe Demo ~ Exhibits
Hands-On ~ BBQ ~ Raffle ~ FUN

5. The MYOB Accounting software program has been installed and became active on January 1, 2005. Invoices were generated by the new system for dues and mailed to the membership.
6. Section members are interested in changing the name of our section to something more representative of the area we now cover. I will be polling the membership for a final decision.
7. Section members would like to have the OPTION to be listed on our section page under "find a glassblower". The listing would be by State, City, Name, Phone Number and email address. Only paid up National members, who are also paid up on section dues, would have the option to be listed.
8. A suggestion was put forth to include a \$10 section fee to the annual dues statement at the national level. Checks would be made out to each section at the end of each month for the fees collected. Members would be required to check a section box each year as to which section they wish to be affiliated with. This takes a tremendous burden off the local section treasurer. The local sections can then concentrate on getting non national members to increase their sections and to convert them into national members.

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SPRING MEETING REMINDER
Pacific Northwest Section
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 (530) 305-3692 ~ Fax: (530) 477-1068
 ASGS-PNW, PO Box 1589, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924
 Aargon Neon, 944 6th Ave, Crockett, CA 94525

AARGON NEON
 April 16, 2005
 Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm
 (\$10) 787-2446
 Host: **BILL CONCANNON**
 Sponsor: **ROACH INDUSTRIES**

Demonstrations - Tour
Raffle - Lunch - Exhibit
\$10 2005 Paid Section Members
\$20 Non Section Members

RAFFLE DONATIONS: MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Donation: Neon Tubing, Electrodes
 EGL (800) 345-9010
 100 Industrial Rd, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922
 www.epl-neon.com

Donation: \$500 Towards Chuck Repair Labor
Roach Industries (866) 927-6224
 12497 Loma Rica Drive #25, Grass Valley, CA 95945
 www.roachindustries.com

Donation: 25 Feet of Twin Hose & "B" Fittings
Liton Engineering Labs (800) 821-8866
 200 Liton Drive, Suite 200, Grass Valley, CA 95945
 www.litonengr.com

Donation: Transformer
West Coast Custom Designs LLC (800) 692-6780
 457 E Windmere Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85048
 www.wccdsusa.com

Donation: Single Electrode Neon Transformer
Tech 22 (800) 748-6644
 1160 Joshua Way, Vista, CA 92081
 www.t2-neonpnw.com

Spring Meeting

Pacific Northwest Section
 American Scientific Glassblowing Society
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Remembering Allan Brown

The ASGS lost another one of its outstanding members, Allan Brown. Allan lost his courageous battle with cancer. Allan was an one man army when it came to the regular member workshop seminar held every year at the national symposium. He was a driving force in its success that helped train hundreds of scientific glassblowers in the past. Allan was also president of the ASGS and contributed time and effort into moving the society forward. He will be missed.

ALLAN BROWN
 ASGS President
 1995 - 1996
 Regular Member
 Seminar Liaison
 Passed Away 11/3/04

NEW ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Our section has a new accounting system. Starting January 1, 2005 section expenses will be tracked using the M.Y.O.B. Accounting software program. Members will be receiving invoices for due's payments using the better tracking of revenues and expenses by providing financial reports. Please pay your invoice upon receipt. The fee is \$10 for ASGS members and \$20 for non-members. We also have a \$30 corporate membership for companies. Contact Vic Mathews if you want to be a member of our Section. (530) 305-3692

ASGS-PNW BOOTH ACS 2004

SPRING MEETING
 Aargon Neon - Crockett, California
 Host: Bill Concannon
 Saturday - April 16, 2005

2004 JUNIOR AWARD WINNER
 Jay Myers-Adams & Chittenden Scientific Glass

PNW Newsletter