

**AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE REPORT
EXHIBITOR GROUP**

The Exhibitor Group has been hard at work the last couple of months establishing basic guidelines by which to govern itself. First order of business was the ability to vote electronically on all issues facing the Group. Motion was made and carried, which has allowed us to rapidly move forward on several issues.

First issue undertaken by the group was what to call ourselves. After much discussion, and a lot of good natured fun, the name "Exhibitor Group" was adopted. Next order of business was junior member sponsorship. An Ad-Hoc committee, chaired by Dan Wilt, drew up comprehensive guidelines and presented them to the group. Our intent is to annually sponsor a junior member to attend the Symposium. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

It was then brought to our attention by Ed Powell that we needed to elect an Alternative Director. LuAnn Cossaban of Carlisle volunteered for the position; motion was made and carried unanimously. As such, unique to the Exhibitor's Group is a slate of all female officers. Last issues on the table, basic to the formation of the group, is the setting of the annual dues, drafting of a membership application, the composition of a mission statement and the establishment of the Group's presence on the ASGS web site.

The setting of the annual dues presented several items to be taken into consideration. First, the number of potential members is limited. Second, how many of the potential members will actually get on board and join the group. And third, what do we anticipate our annual budget to be.

In order to gauge the number of committed exhibitors all qualifying vendors were canvassed and as of today, 14 out of a potential group of 25 have committed to join. To quantify some budget numbers, a core group of exhibitors compiled a list of anticipated annual expenses, while at the same time soliciting feedback from the group as to what our goals should be. An amount of \$125 was agreed upon; motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Since we have set our dues at a rate higher than the National dues, I learned in conversation with Mike Souza that a motion to the board would be required. As such, we will be presenting a motion to the Board of Directors requesting approval as outlined under **Sections Article VIII #5) *The dues of any Section may not exceed the dues of the Society for the same period or part thereof without approval of the Board of Directors of the Society.***

The membership application is underway and a first draft has been presented to the Group and is currently being reviewed. It should be finalized within the coming week.

An Ad-Hoc committee, chaired by Deborah Camp, has recently been established to tackle the Group's mission statement. Supporting her in this endeavor is myself and Dan Wilt.

Lastly, we will be enlisting the help of Gary Coyne in establishing our presence on the ASGS web site and hope to complete such by the first of the year.

As a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those exhibitors who have shown a commitment to the group and have actively expressed, at times passionately, their thoughts, opinions and concerns in regards to the formation of The Exhibitor's Group. Without them, the Exhibitor Group would not exist.

Respectfully submitted,
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Exhibitor Group