

## GREAT LAKES SECTION DIRECTORS REPORT

### Section officers:

Director: Frank Meints  
Chirman: Michael Morris  
Treasurer: Harold Eberhart  
Secretary: Harold Eberhart

### Profile

We planned and had two meetings this year, one of these on September 29 at Wyse Glass.

Our section has 42 members. The average attendance at section meetings is 20.

Our meetings are planned to be educational through workshops, demonstrations sponsor displays and tours. We usually have a lunch and dinner as part of the program. At the last meeting, Tracie Dryer presented a paper to the section that he gave at the Colorado Symposium. This is a good idea. We also had a good number of demonstrations.

### Section Challenges:

It is always a challenge to make meetings interesting to attract section members. It takes some effort but we have a solid core group that is willing to pitch in and make it work. We try to rotate our meeting locations around to make it fair travel wise.

At the last section meeting, it was voted to grant the director up to \$400 toward attending the fall BOD meeting. Art Dolenge, ASGS charter member and past president, stated that the original intent of paying for directors Fall BOD meeting was to help those who could not attend because of financial reasons. Most directors at that time were in positions that their employer paid for their trip.

Submitted by Frank Meints

**MORRIS, MICHAEL S [SC/0216]**

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**Subject:** RE: Great Lakes Section important

I concur with your findings Mr. Director.

It is my contention not to merely vote down the associate member by-law change and in so doing put factions of our associate and regular membership into separate camps in negative ways.

Instead I believe that we should take this opportunity to proceed in a more thought out route which serves to unite us by not only honoring these members but in celebrating them. Therefore I propose that the current by-law amendment be defeated and a motion put to the board not requiring by-law changes that can be approved much more easily. I feel that there should be an award established for associate members who have contributed to the society and perform at high levels of service which would constitute a plaque and a monetary award to be determined and equal to the dollar value traditionally given to regular members for the other national awards we bestow annually.

A suitable name for this award should be determined and could become a Fusion Article and contest with entries sent to the home office for collection and a BOD decision.

The following would be achieved by this:

1. Gives us a positive approach to the associate/regular member resolution.
2. Provides for long overdue formal recognition for associate member contributions.
3. Provides us with at least two new FUSION articles of interest to all members.
4. Defuses a significant number of the membership who feel strongly either way.

On the Regular Member approval of Dan Wilt and Vic Matthews:

Article III Section 7 provides for this so it is merely a yes or no two consecutive BOD meeting approval or rejection issue.

A motion for a by-laws change to Article III Section 7 might reflect that there be two categories established.

1. **Honorary Regular Member Status** given for outstanding society contributions and service recognition.
  2. **Full Member Status** only to be awarded in times of dire need to the society.
- An Honorary Member would be like an Honorary Degree given rarely for exceptional long term service and contribution recognition and would have the same stipulations as Section C - Dues & Benefits, Article 4 part C. This would effectively remove them from eligibility as Director, Alternate Director or other ASGS National Offices requiring regular member status.

Full Member Status would carry the Section C, Article 4, part a stipulations - to be revoked upon closure of the circumstances constituting dire need as determined by the board with status reverting to Honorary Regular Member Status. In this way we maintain flexibility while being able to move relatively quickly to address Society need.

If Dan and Vic are voted in at the upcoming BOD meeting as regular members this motion for a by-laws change could still be made with their regular member status becoming honorary if passed at a later date.

We also need to develop our newly established Vendor Board to create real avenues of improvement toward ASGS marketing and vendor considerations and benefit so that they are a true partnership and feel empowered not as a political stopgap but as a real contributing team member. I think it would be appropriate to set up a national Vendor recognition Award to be handed out at the national symposium banquet with a plaque and monetary award as well which could be funded out of the Vendor Board funds and voted on by BOD members with input by the Vendor Board. That idea needs to be developed and I have brought it up at the Midwest and Great Lakes Section meetings on more than one occasion. Maybe a 2003 item for Great Lakes inception. Several component considerations and political issues to be weighed and included here for best comprehensive approach.