

The American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Section Southwest -Directors Report

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Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1
Number of meetings since last BOD meeting: 1
Number of section members: 75
Average attendance at section meetings: 15-50
Financial resources: Adequate
Typical meeting includes: Educational activity, workshop and social

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location No
Difficulty in organizing a meeting No
Difficulty in finding workshop presenters No
Poor attendance at section meetings (Sometimes) -- It varies depending on the area
Difficulty in finding section officers Yes/no --

Additional Comments

Attached

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Southwest Section News

The Southwest Section meeting was held on Friday and Saturday March 30 & 31 at the Ramada Inn in College Station, Texas. Hubert Lange of Lange Glassblowing Co. hosted the meeting. There were 40 people in attendance including the current President of the A.S.G.S. Doni Hatz.

Friday morning we went to Texas A & M University to tour the Cyclotron. Fred Abegglen gave us a personal guided tour. Fred guided us through the many areas of the Cyclotron and explained what we were viewing and answered our questions. One of the many things that we learned is that the Cyclotron was used years ago to give cancer patients radiation therapy. It is no longer used for this purpose. Hospitals now have their own treatment machines.

Friday afternoon we were transported to the Messina Hof Winery. Our tour guide told us that Texas is now the fourth largest producer of wine in the U.S.A. third largest in consumption. We saw how the grapes were squeezed, put into vats to ferment, and bottled. Then came the best part. WE tasted four of the wines that are produced at the winery. A tasting lesson was given and enjoyed by all. Some of us wore our wine well as we tried to cluck and trill.

Saturday morning the section business was held. A.S.G.S. President Doni Hatz spoke about the activities of the National Society. Sue Ramin was elected to serve as the Section Chair and Dannie Bates was elected Vice Chair. Ramin Corporation will host the next meeting.

In the afternoon we met with vendors who sponsored the meeting. Wale Apparatus Co., Lab Glass / Wilmad, Glass Warehouse, and Friedrich & Dimmock had displays. Along with the vendors there were glassblowing demonstrations, both scientific and artistic.

Saturday evening a buffet banquet was held. Music was provided by a disc jockey. We danced the Texas two-step and the Cotton Eye Joe.

Thank you Hubert and Lottie for all your hard work hosting a very successful meeting.

Jack Korfhage
Secretary/Treasurer