

ASGS B.O.D. Meeting
June 19 2001
Colorado Springs, CO

Officers and Directors

President	Doni Hatz
President-Elect	Gary Coyne
Secretary	Michael Souza
Treasurer	Sally Prasch

Canadian	Fred Leslie *Mike Palma
Delaware Valley	Dennis Briening *Mike Souza
Great Lakes	Frank Meints
Midwest	Dan Edwards
Northeast	Allan Brown
Ohio Valley	Jeff Babbitt
Pittsburgh Tri-State	Ben Seal *Alan Brown
Rocky Mountain	Hans Rohner
San Francisco Bay	Gary Farlow
Southeastern	Gene Nelson
Southern California	Richard Bock
Southwestern	Bob Singer
Hudson-Mohawk#	
Metropolitan New York #	
New England #	
Niagara Frontier #	
Pacific Northwest#	
Washington D.C. Baltimore#	
Director Emeritus	George Sites*

Administrative Staff

Executive Secretary	Gordon Smith
National Office Manager	Dawn Hodgkin's*
Fusion Editor	Dr. Marylin Brown*
Symposium Coordinator	Jerry Cloninger
Publications Chair	Dave Smart

Guests

Ben-Amram Arie/International Member (Israel); Bruce Harwood/Canadian Section; Steve Anderson, Bob Ponton, Joe Gregar/Midwest Section; Edwin A. Powell/Delaware Valley Section; Charles Chrisman, Dan Wilt/Northeast Section ; Jack Korfhage/Southwest Section

*Not Present Proxy Holder

Inactive Section

President Hatz opened the meeting by reviewing ground rules. She would use a timer for debates and asked that speakers raise their hands to be recognized. The minutes were accepted without revision.

Subject: Minutes

Motion Resolution: To accept the minutes from fall meeting, Nov. 3 & 4th 2000

Motion by: Allan Brown

Second by: Sally Prasch

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

Sally Prasch presented the **Treasurer's Report** and began by reviewing some of the procedures she has put into place in her tenure. She asked officers to use the appropriate line item numbers to explain their reimbursements along with their receipts. Sally explained that bank fees were primarily from credit card fees and was glad to report that the ASGS would be getting some miscellaneous funds from the IRS because she was able to appeal late tax filings from the previous Treasurer.

Treasurer Prasch related that these quarterly statements were running figures. As such, some items have monies due but not in. This was specifically the case with Fusion. Dave Smart explained there was a lapse in the system and the delay went back to two issues of Fusion and he said that he expected an additional \$21k to \$22k would be in soon. This would get us back in line with last year's budget. Sally's overall view of our finances was that membership is down and it's affecting our income. The move to get sections to pay for their Director's travel has been extremely beneficial to cutting our costs. Her worries are that a disastrous Symposium could take away all of our assets. The Board expressed their gratitude to Sally for her work and we're grateful for having so many detailed reports available.

This was to be Sally's last report as the Treasurer. However, after some reconsideration, Sally agreed to extend her term to end at the next BoD Meeting in Nov. 2001. Sally noted that this was a very difficult time to undergo a transition for this office. Primarily, because in the June meetings, Symposia occurs and there are so many transactions ongoing during these events. It seems logical that switching the installation date would make it easier for both the incoming and the outgoing Treasurers. Upon Jerry Cloninger's suggestion, a motion was made to facilitate this action:

Subject: Treasurer Appointment

Motion Resolution: The office of Treasurer shall run from the fall B.O.D. Meeting through one calendar year to the next Fall B.O.D. Meeting

Motion by: Allan B. Brown

Second by: Michael Palme

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

Sally then brought up the issue of the phone bill, which seemed to many, to be very high. It was suggested that we switch over from credit cards to pre-pay cards or cell phones Sally was next nominated and elected to continue as Treasurer till Nov 2001. Her next chore would be to find an Assistant Treasurer who will be ready to step into the Treasurer's job. The Treasurer's Report was officially filed.

President Hatz next moved onto **Officer's Reports**. Executive Secretary Gordon Smith reported an upgrade in our insurance to cover Director's liability at no extra cost. Gordon also noted that he and Doni would be looking into a By-law review from an attorney. If there were any questions or By-laws for considerations, it would be timely to include them into the lawyer's review.

National Office Manager Dawn Hodgkins' report was reviewed without much comment. Allan Brown mentioned that since he has taken over as International Liaison, could he get Dawn to provide special badges to give to International attendees to our Symposia? He felt it would allow us to give the same recognition at our banquets as they customarily give towards their overseas visitors. "It would be a nice a way to reciprocate the formal hospitality" that was extended to him in his visits to Europe at their Symposia.

Gary Coyne has been working with Dawn on some of the problems we're facing with postal service to Canada and other countries. The National Office will mail and Email all dues notices with attached applications at the appropriate time. Although this is not a 100% effective back up it's the best we can do right now. Gary Farlow wanted to know if the mailing list has been updated. He presently receives 2 copies of Fusion. Gary said this was a software problem and is being taken care of. Doni and Sally noted there is wide spread complaints from people at the Glass Art Society who claimed to have never gotten their Fusion or applied for membership and never received a response. Bruce Harwood asked why we did not by-pass much of the mail problems and register online. Gary Coyne said there was a cost factor of about \$150 per form to set-up and it would require board approval. Doni suggested that since we have a new in-coming Chair for this committee (Dave Daenzer) we should allow the chair to review costs and make their evaluation before the board. Personally, Doni felt it would be a good investment. Mike Souza stated, "The mail problem is very wide spread..." During the 1999 Symposia he noted many people called and said they did not get their Symposium Packet. The problem is that you never really can tell how many never get their mail. Follow-up postcards may be the answer. According to Jerry Cloninger, Ron Bihler felt it was quite successful tool for him. Jerry Cloninger also suggested a flyer stuffed into the Fusion in the Feb. or May issue. Mike Souza wondered whether there was a way to "proof the mail" by sending post cards. We no longer send things out 1st Class so we don't know if mail is forwarded or is simply not getting to its destination because there are no returns when we mail by bulk. Dave Smart felt if people aren't getting their Fusion they should call us and he's not heard these complaints. Sally felt the complaints are out there. She is the one getting the folks with canceled checks but no

Fusions calling her. Dave asked that he be notified. Dave also added that mailings of Fusion are not really a National Office issue. They are mailed at a different location.

Allan Brown relayed a message from our **Editor** Dr. Marilyn Brown. She is asking for more contributions, especially for the cover of Fusion.

Dave Smart updated the board on his activities with **Publications**. The ad accounts have been up and down. The economy is tighter but also sponsors feel they are not getting enough return for their ads. This is why it is important to support our vendors and mention Fusion as your ad source. A Supplier's Guide was mentioned as a possible new venue. But there was no consensus of opinion. Doni asked that it be discussed later between the committee chairs. Ads on the web site met a similar fate. However, it was significant information that the ASGS gets nearly 1,000 hits a month. Jerry Cloninger felt now we need to promote that information and use it as a resource. Finally, Dave Smart and Marilyn Brown received the Board's acknowledgement and their thanks for a job well done.

Symposia Coordinator, Jerry Cloninger got the Board up-to-date about this year's Symposia and gave background on how the ASGS negotiates for its room block. We have rates and contracts with hotels up to the years 2004. The year 2005 is still open. The Colorado Symposia had some problems with the drayage company. This was because the original contractor was bought out. Jerry recommended that we give more consideration to larger national type firms. Though they might be a bit more expensive, they will be more reliable. Sally asked that we take into consideration when other conferences are having their meetings. Sally felt we should avoid having conflicting dates. We do not want to run our Symposia at the same time as the GAS Conference. Jerry was asked about a Symposium every 2 years. He was in favor of it but recognized that it will take a lot of work on the board to change the way we do things. "We are now a 600 member organization we have to do something."

President Hatz asked that we skim through the **Section Reports** and asked that Mike Palme update us on the Canadian Section. Mike Palme was pleased to report that the Canadian Section met last week and elected new officers and they have a tentative date for their next meeting in Sept, in 2001. Gary Farlow wanted to inform the board that the San Francisco Bay Section would award \$500 travel vouchers for their members to present a paper or workshop at next year's Symposium in Mobile. Directors were asked by President Hatz to get the dates out for their section meetings ASAP. This will allow the President and President-elect to arrange their travel. Allan Brown relayed information from Ben Seal, Director of the Pittsburgh Section. Basically, a questionnaire was sent out to all of his section's members to ask whether they should go inactive as a section or not. As of yet, there was no resolution and Ben was waiting for replies. When asked, Ben did not know one way or another how the vote would go. But he said he would relay that info to the Officers once he got it. Finally, Frank Meints wanted to thank President Hatz for providing a "State of the State type letter" for the section members, which he was able to read at his section meeting.

President Hatz next moved the meeting into Committee functions. **Awards Chair** Jeff Babbit, said we are in pretty good shape for plaques as of now. Award guidelines have been updated. Jeff requested Directors get their award nominations out early this year since the next year's Symposium is in May. Mike Souza wondered, could the voting process be handled by email? There did not seem to be any problems with this. Jeff also noted it would be a cost effective measure too.

Mike Morris has been very ambitious as **Audio/Visual Chair**. He provided the use of nearly \$7,000 worth of equipment for free. This was due to the generosity of his employer, which loaned the equipment for ASGS use at our Symposium. Mike was looking for some extra money in his budget to cover labeling and some upgrades. The board wanted a little more info. Most felt the money was a minor issue. (\$300). Additionally, President Hatz wanted to have us look at a promotional video for a public TV spot.

Allan Brown wanted to comment on the **By-laws** report, which dealt with his motion to regulate sections. He felt the proposed wording was poor grammar. Allan wanted to also clearly state the objective of his motion was not to close down sections but to make it more equitable for all the sections. Mike Palme wondered how such a motion would affect the Rocky Mtn. Section. They may not meet the criteria to be a valid section under Allan's proposed By-law. Is it fair to close down their section after hosting us to a Symposium? Allan then asked is it fair to have a section with 5 members in it, dictate what is fair to much larger sections? Is that a way to conduct our business? Allan also suggested that the proposed By-law change could be changed once it is brought to the table for discussion, before the vote. Allan noted, "We can always amend it..." This was a process to simply get the issue rolling. Executive Secretary Smith affirmed this strategy by saying, "The motion could have various changes. However, the motion's intent has to remain intact." Gary Farlow said he was for some kind of oversight, but wondered how we were going to police this? Mike Souza said he had a problem with Allan's By-law because it was all stick and no carrot. He wondered if there was a way we could get sections to pool their resources together and suggested he had a motion he would like to propose later, a motion that would provide both the carrot and the stick

to these smaller sections. The motion would not require a By-law, but would require the sections to assume financial responsibility.

Bill Curtis filed his last report for the **Computer Committee**. It was well received. He provided valuable information on the traffic at our web sight and also provided some motions for the board to consider at the appropriate time. In coming President Gary Coyne is confident the transition people in place will keep up the good work.

Education Chair, Dennis Briening gave an update on what was going on at Salem College. Clearly, there is a more positive reception towards the ASGS with the College. The Internship Program (aka Mentor Program) has been dormant. The fund is making money in a CD. But we need more candidates.

Manfred Langer had nothing new to present to the board from the **Election Committee**.

Dan Wilt gave an update on the **Finance Committee** regarding the reinvested money from the old Vanguard Account. We are now diversified into 6 different categories of funds under the AIM Fund Group. The Funds were opened in April. Prior to that, the monies were in CD's. Dan is looking for more people to work in his committee.

Fred Leslie filed his **International Liaison** report. Allan Brown will be taking over. Allan said he would be using his contacts to broaden activity in this committee.

Joe Gregar's Committee and work in the **Jr. Program** continues to run smoothly. In his report, he asked that we pass the Student Membership By-law into effect. Joe also acknowledged the \$100 donations made to the program from the members of the Northeast and the Great Lakes Section.

Jack Korfhage was present for the **Membership** report. Dave Smart asked if there seemed to be a time lag in new members. The number of Fusions he mails out appears higher than the membership numbers that his committee has. The answer to this seems to go back to double issues being mailed. It appears as if those who have 1st class mailings also are getting an edition sent by bulk. Again, this is a software issue. According to Jack, the most reliable number is with Dawn at the National Office and that number appears to be 635.

Materials and Methods did not file a report.

Nominations Committee submitted the nomination of Edwin Powell to take the Office of President-elect.

Outreach did not file a report. Doni will be assuming the Chair. At this point Mike Palme urged that we start to advertise for chairs in Fusion. Email was another venue to explore.

Ken Owens continues to do a good job in the **Q&A Committee**.

Gary Coyne will continue to work in the **R&A Committee**. He enjoys the work and feels he can do the job.

Allan Brown has been busy building up the resources in the **Regular Member Glassblowing Seminar**. 4 "CC" burners were donated by individuals and were later rebuilt by Carlisle for a nominal fee of \$300. Ben Seal has since, donated two more burners and some hand torches. All the burners that were donated will bear a small brass tag with the name of the person who donated the burner. Allan also noted that two sections (Great Lakes & Northeast) donated \$100 each to the program. This equipment is not only used for the Regular Member Seminar, it is also used by Workshop Demos and for the Artistic Auction.

Mike Wheeler in **Safety & Hazards** made the point in his report that the ASGS should be wary of copyright issues when we publish articles in the M&M or Fusion. We cannot afford to purchase these papers for publication. However, we can rewrite these papers in our own words and then publish them. This will take a lot of time and effort because the task is to essentially to write over 100 research papers.

The **Section Liaison** report was received without comments.

Old Business

The following By-law motions received passage by the Board of Directors in their initial vote. This was the 2nd and final vote to their passage to become new By-laws:

New By-laws

Original By-law:

Article IV, 4.) A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by agreement of a majority of its members. Each Director must be notified by mail at least ten (10) days in advance of all special meetings.

Proposed change:

Article IV, 4.) A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by agreement of a majority of its members.

a.) Each Director must be notified by writing with a dated request at least one month in advance of any formal special meeting.

- b.) In the event of a remote meeting, Directors or their alternates, must respond with written notice of attendance. If in 10 days a quorum is not obtained, the motion must be withdrawn and the meeting is closed.
- c.) Remote meeting can only cover one motion, and then that meeting is completed.
- d.) Motions at remote meetings can only be passed by a majority of the number of the Board, not the majority of the quorum, and must have a written record (not voice) for votes.

Motion by: Mike Souza

Second by: Frank Meints

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

There was no discussion on the matter

Original By-law:

Article V Officers #3.) The President and President-elect shall serve a term of office of one year only. The President - elect shall, having served that term of elected office, automatically succeed to the office of President and serve for one-year term only. The President shall not be eligible for election to any national office for a period of three years after the Presidential term.

Proposed change:

Article V Officers #3) The President and President-elect shall serve a term of office of one year only. The President-elect shall, having served that term of elected office, automatically succeed to the office of President and serve for one-year term only. The President shall not be eligible for election to any national office for a period of one year after the Presidential term.

Motion by: Gary Farlow

Second by: Robert Singer

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

There was no discussion on the matter

Original By-law:

Article III – Membership Section B – Registration - Number 2) Any person whose membership has lapsed or who has resigned from the Society must reapply for membership under rules laid down in Article II, Section 1. of these By-laws. (i.e. they must fill out an application and pay the initiation fee and current dues)

Proposed change:

Any person whose membership has lapsed or has resigned from the Society may rejoin by paying the current dues and verifying with the National Office that their membership classification hasn't changed. Otherwise, the initiation fee will be charged as with any new membership.

Motion by: Michael Palme

Second by: Steve Anderson

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

There was no discussion on the matter

Student Membership

Motion Resolution: By-laws, Article III **Membership <8> 9)** Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing curriculum such as the Salem Community College Program. Only two years of eligibility is allowed.

Motion by: Joseph S. Gregar

Second by: Robert Singer

Decision: Unanimous consent for the revised motion

Motion Resolution: By-laws, Article III **Membership, Section C Dues & Benefits 4)** Each class of membership shall carry specified benefits: 4) ~~<e>~~ h) Student membership carries the benefit to be a members of a Chartered Section ~~<Dues would be at a reduced rate determined by the Board of Directors. They would receive 4 issues of Fusion per year <and be eligible for Symposium registration and participation in the Junior Member Seminar Program. Student membership would not carry voting privileges. Time as a student would be reduced from junior eligibility>~~ and as a member of the National. Their dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive 4 issues of Fusion per year. Time enrolled as a student member is reduced from the 5 years of eligibility as a Junior Members

Motion by: Joseph S. Gregar

Second by: Robert Singer

Decision: Unanimous consent for the revised motion

The above motions were revised according to Robert's Rules. The bracketed strikethrough text contains the language that was removed from the original motion. In a revised motion, a motion or By-law that had previously been before the board maybe revised to correct the record, providing that the "intent of the motion does not change." This procedure requires the consent of the parties who made the motion and a unanimous vote by the BoD.

There were two reasons the board undertook this action. The first was that the sections of the By-laws to which these changes were to be attached were incorrect. Secondly, some felt that the original wording was in conflict with the way the present section was written.

New Business

Under a consensus from the board the following motion was put to its initial vote as a By-law change. It must still be sent to the By-law Committee for review.

Original By-law: Article III – B- Requirements 1.) An initiation fee determined by the Board of Directors plus dues for the current year ~~must~~ accompany each application for membership. This money shall be returned if the application is denied by the Membership Committee (payable in U.S. Dollars)
(November '96)

Proposed Change: **Article III – B- Requirements 1.)** An initiation fee determined by the Board of Directors plus dues for the current year ^{must} ~~must~~ accompany each application for membership. This money shall be returned if the application is denied by the Membership Committee (payable in U.S. Dollars)
(November '96)

Motion by: Bob Singer

Second by: Gary Farlow

Decision: Unanimous consent

Subject: Members Fee - Students:

That the Student Membership fee be \$20 per year

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Allan B. Brown

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

Subject: Computer Committee:

I move that the Members Register page of the website include full contact information, including web links where applicable.

Motion by: Daniel B. Edwards

Second by: Mike Palme

Decision: Unanimous against the motion

The board felt the motion was too broad. There would be a problem policing the sites and the issue of generating revenue for links is still not resolved.

Subject: Computer Committee:

I move that poster presentation given at symposia, that are not scheduled for publication in the Proceedings or in Fusion be made available for the ASGS web page.

Motion by: Daniel B. Edwards

Second by: Sally Prasch

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

Subject: Wave Initiation Fees

A Motion to wave all initiation fees from June 19, 2001 until December 31 2002

Motion by: Robert Singer

Second by: Gary Farlow

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

Jerry Cloninger asked could this be monitored to see if this was a cost effective measure? Committee Chair Korfhage replied that the reason initiation fees were so high in the first place was because it use to cost us that much. Now the cost is under \$5 since we no longer send Methods & Material.

Subject: Computer Committee:

I move that the Computer Committee be free to nominate web links that provide information content that is in the best interests of the ASGS. These sites may then be posted to the web with the approval of the BoD. Sites may also be removed by a majority vote from the BoD

Motion by: Daniel B. Edwards

Second by: Mike Souza

Decision: 14 for 1 against

Mike Palme felt we should stick with our policy of non-commercial sites otherwise we are trying to sell links and you can't have it both ways. Mike Souza said for informational links it would be brought to the board and be decided on a case-by-case basis. Dave Smart asked the President-elect, who his choice for Computer Committee Chair would be. Gary Coyne said it would be Dave Daenzer. Dave Smart then explained that Publications was presently working on selling big ads with a link to the web. "Isn't this then related to what we're trying to do?" In Gary's mind the answer was no. This was, "because the sites that we referred to provide information and benefits to members, such as the VWR MSDS page." The 3 examples from Bill Curtis were given to the board: VWR's MSDS catalog sheet, The Corning Museum of Glass and Joe Walas' web site at the University of East Carolina. Dave wanted to know, "Would this be voted once a year? At each board meeting, when?" Gary said, "Anytime the board meets, including electronic meetings..." Mike Palme felt we should still stick with our general guideline, that these should be strict non-commercial sites. Gene Nelson pointed out that, "All the motion says is that the board can make the decision on a case-by-case basis. If it is too commercial, then we can vote it down."

Subject: Bookkeeping Plus

Motion Resolution: To agree to the terms attached for Amy Collins' bookkeeping services

Motion by: Sally Prasch

Second by: Michael Palme

Decision: Unanimous for the motion

Prior to this vote Executive Secretary Smith read aloud the contract to the board. Treasurer Sally Prasch gave a strong recommendation towards Amy Collins, "She is very committed to us."

Under a consensus from the board, the following motion was put to its initial vote as a By-law change. It must still be sent to the By-law Committee for review.

Original By-law: Article IX - Meeting 3.) A quorum of any general meeting of the Society shall consist of fifty (50) members in good standing. No proxies will be stipulated or accepted in lieu of attendance except that proxies may be stipulated in the case of members of the Board of Directors

Proposed Change: Article IX - Meeting 3.) A quorum of any general meeting of the Society shall consist of ~~fifty~~ (20) twenty (20) members in good standing. No proxies will be stipulated or accepted in lieu of attendance except that proxies may be stipulated in the case of members of the Board of Directors

Motion by: Mike Souza

Second by: Gene Nelson

Decision: Unanimous

Subject: Directors

Travel reimbursements to Directors and their Alternate must be provided equally to all Sections, either by percentage or by room accommodations.

Motion by: Mike Souza

Second by: Gary Farlow

Decision: 11 for 4 against

Mike Souza explained this motion, saying that, should the President decide to reimburse travel, he or she must do so in a non-partisan manner. If room accommodations are given to one section then all must be given

rooms. In the case of money, it should be done on a percentage basis. Gene Nelson asked if each section wants to pay more they could? The answer was absolutely, but the President could also ask the sections to provide 100%. Hans Rohner wanted clarification from Souza on the percentage issue. What that meant was the President could not give a flat fee of say \$300 to all sections for their travel. Because locations are never equal. So the President could say the National will pay half the cost or 20% - whatever, just so long as each section got the same percentage of reimbursement.

Mike Palme was concerned that smaller sections are turning into bigger sections. What will end up happening is they (smaller sections) will lose their voice. Someone will say they can proxy their voice but it's not the same. Besides it's in our By-laws, "A Director or Alternate Director, is eligible for reimbursement, as long as the section represented holds a valid charter recognized by the Board of Directors." Mike Souza pointed out that the passage said a Director is simply eligible. "There's nothing in the By-laws to suggest that travel reimbursement to a section is a fundamental right. At what point do we determine whether a section is valid? We have in the case of Canada, a section that didn't meet for two years. In the case of Pittsburgh, for all we know (they) may only have one or two members in its entire section. What is the threshold? How far do we carry these sections if it means the demise of the National? Because right now a majority of our membership is vastly under represented. That's what we're facing because right now we have much smaller sections having far more votes than the bigger sections"

Jack Korfhage was recognized and said, "That by using this motion we would also get money from members who belong to a section but are not part of the National. Those folks who choose not to join the National are benefiting from getting representation. They have a voice that they're not paying for so in a way, this contributes something towards the National."

Mike Palme said, "All the members of his section were national members. This could bankrupt our section. Our section runs from coast-to-coast. Plus our costs are easily going to be \$1,000 a year."

Hans Rohner spoke in favor of this motion. Lots of boards charge money to sit on them. We don't, sometimes you just have to underwrite yourself. Mike Souza also wanted to point out there would be a side benefit by making the sections more active. "It's clear we need a carrot and stick to make sure a level of activity is taking place. That's what this motion is really intended to do." Bob Singer was concerned that, "If we lose struggling sections, members will have to travel farther and farther to get to a section meeting. Plus the people who live closest to where we have the meeting will benefit more than those living farthest." Mike Souza didn't see that as a problem. "Because those living closest to the meeting are also doing the Symposia. They should be given a break and over time things will even out."

New By-laws

The following motions had been brought to the By-laws Committee for review.

Subject: Sections

Motion Resolution: A section in good standing shall consist of a minimum of twenty (20) national ASGS members. Of these twenty members, the regular and junior members must exceed the associate members. If the membership of a section falls below this minimum number, the section will be placed on probation for a maximum number of one (1) year. If, after a year, the section does not have the required minimum number of National Members, the section shall become inactive. Section members shall be notified and sent a form requesting a change of section. If a member does not respond within sixty (60) days from the date of notification, ~~they will become 'members-at-large' at the national level with no section affiliation.~~ the members will be assigned to the section in which they live the closest.

Motion by: Allan Brown

Second by: Frank Meints

Decision: 3 for 12 against (By-law is defeated)

The motion was brought to table and revised prior to vote. This change came as a recommendation from the By-law Committee to switch the strike- thru section so that all members would be assigned a section based on their geographic location. Hans Rohner wondered whether the threshold from 20 could be changed to a lesser number such as 12? Alan said he didn't think this option was available to him, given the mandate from the members of the section he represents. Mike Souza acknowledged the Northeast's Section's voice on the matter, but personally was not for this motion. His concerns were: How do you police this? What do you do for a section on a fringe? It seemed too punitive. He felt the prior motion on reimbursements, which in effect required sections to undertake financing their representation, was a more effective way to address this issue. Bob Singer spoke against the motion. His section has a huge geographic area. He feels members should still meet face-to-face. Gary Coyne spoke against the motion. He thought it comes at the wrong time. He also felt the previous motion would be just as effective in weeding out sections without enough members and would also cover sections that are not meeting like they should.

By-law Change

Subject: By-law Associate Members

Original By-law:

Article III –Section B, 4) c : Associate membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered section, right to hold appointive office, right to hold elective office in the section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director and other National offices, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership. (June '89)

Proposed change:

Article III –Section B, 4) c : Associate membership carries all rights and benefits as regular membership. No special rights to Associate Members in Associate sections will be granted

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Hans Rohner

Decision: 12 votes for the motion 3 votes against (Motion is carried to the November BoD Meeting)

Gary Coyne explained this motion to the board by saying he knew Dan Wilt would be having his name brought forth to be instated as a Regular Member. The issue has gone back and forth at the past BoD and now this one. And as he understands the By-law, it was meant to create a Regular Member when it was vital to a section, or in that nature, as opposed to a reward for a job well done. He agrees with that concept but has a problem with limiting the opportunities for Associate Members to be a part of the organization. He did not think we would be overrun with associates trying to run for office. But with dwindling membership and the problems of getting people to help run various parts of our functions, now is the time to get their involvement.

Bob Ponton was recognized and spoke against the By-law change. He reminded the board about how he felt last year on the matter and his opinion was still unchanged. There are membership classifications within all organizations and there is good reason for that. He is active in the ACS but cannot serve on their BoD because he is a glassblower. "The people who started this organization had a very clear idea on where this organization should go. And allowing salesmen to sit at this table – two of which are very good friends of mine – is wrong. It's going to come back to bite us."

Original By-law:

Article III –Section A, 7: The Board of Directors may, in the best interest of the Society, elect persons other than glassblowers to Regular Membership in the Society. An appeal to elect a non-glassblower to Regular Membership must be made by a regular member to the Board of Directors. To be a valid request, it must be accompanied with a 3/4 vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least four (4) months. (November '87)

Proposed change: Delete this By-law

(Current: Article III Section A, B International memberships may be granted to those persons residing in areas not represented by the Board of Directors, outside the continental United States and Canada. (November '87)

Motion by: Gary Coyne

Second by: Hans Rohner

Decision: (motion was withdrawn)

During discussion Gene Nelson pointed out this was too early to change this By-law. We could have an instance where the Associate Member By-law change does not get passed. This, despite a majority for the change and we could be stuck with having no way at all for an Associate Member to get the right to vote.

The floor found that there were no more motions. Mike Palme spoke on behalf of the entire Board to thank President Hatz for her hard work and service. At which time, the board gave a round of applause to affirm their gratitude. Afterwards, President-elect Coyne was sworn into office by outgoing President Hatz and the meeting was moved to adjournment.

Subject: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting under President Doni Hatz in Colorado Springs, CO June 19, 2001

Motion by: Hans Rohner

Second by: Allan Brown

Decision: Unanimous for the motion