



THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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BOD Meeting November 12, 2022

Online, Zoom

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Minutes of the ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

Motions Passes by the ASGS Board of Directors

July 21, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting

Presiding Officer: Ron Legge Recording Secretary: Doni Hatz

Motion to Raise Exhibitor rate for 66th Symposium 2023

Motion Resolution: Motion #0721202201R

Motion to Raise Exhibitors rate for the 66th Symposium in Vancouver, Washington 2023 to \$800 for the first booth and \$600 for sub-sequent booths by the same vendor. Also, create a new addition to exhibits, a literature table at the cost of \$500, for those vendors who cannot attend and want to be represented at the ASGS Symposium.

Motion by: Bob Russell

Seconded by: Andy Gibb

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to Change Bank of American primary signer of bank account

Motion Resolution: Motion #0721202202R

Motion to remove Eric Gustafson as primary signer on all Bank of America bank account signature cards.

Motion by: Andy Gibb

Seconded by: Rick Smith

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to Add a new Treasurer, Bob Singer

Motion Resolution: Motion #0721202203R

Motion to Add New Treasurer Bob Singer as primary signer on all Bank of America bank account signature cards.

Motion by: Rick Smith

Seconded by: Bob Russell

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn meeting

Motion Resolution: Motion #0720202204R

Motion to adjourn the July 20, 2022, Board of Directors meeting held at Lido Beach Resort, Sarasota, FL under President Legge.

Motion by: Rick Smith

Seconded by: Andy Gibb

Motion Passed: Unanimous

President Report

Hello Everyone,

I am looking forward to the BOD meeting this Saturday Nov. 12, 2022. A lot has happened since our last meeting. For one, we were able to successfully have an in-person Symposium in Sarasota, FL since the pandemic started. We did it even with all the obstacles we encountered with the Hotel and Fire Marshal. At the Business meeting, Doni Hatz has become National Secretary and Bob Singer became Treasurer. I would like to thank them both for volunteering their time and efforts to fill these positions.

Ron Bihler, Kevin Teaford, and Doni Hatz have finalized our next Symposium location with their inspected of the hotel in Vancouver, Washington. The Fire Marshall's approval has been received and we can move forward with planning our Symposium Work Shops, Seminars, and Demos. Continuing the momentum from Sarasota, I believe this is going to be a fantastic Symposium. We must also thank Sally Prasch since she has volunteered to manage the website for next year's Symposium.

There have been a lot of Section Meetings this fall that were well attended. This kind of participation is good for the Society as we continue to grow, share information and host demos and technical seminars. I attended the Midwest Section meeting in conjunction with the Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Iowa City, Iowa, hosted by Benjamin Revis at the University of Iowa. It was a fantastic meeting and a pleasure to attend. An amazing accomplishment, Benjamin, it was more like a mini-Symposium.

We do have lots to address and discuss at our next BOD meeting. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank You,

Ron Legge

President

National Office Report | November 2022

To: President Ron Legge and Board of Directors

Respectfully submitted by: Kelley Mazur, National Office Manager

Subj: National Office Report for BOD

Date: November 4, 2022

Business Conducted

The National Office Team, led by Kelley Mazur, has continued operations while attempting to update some processes. Weekly check-in calls have grown to include the full Executive Committee and sometimes the Membership Chair/past National Office, to discuss and receive feedback on various elements of the Society and how the National Office can provide support and improve services.

Since the Summer Board Meeting, a few items of note have occurred.

- The National Office received a threat of lean from the Tax Board of State of California from when the Pacific Northwest Section became incorporated with the Secretary of State (SOS) in order to open a bank account. The SOS claimed that payment with the annual filing had not been made. The National Office communicated with the SOS of California on a number of occasions to have the notice rectified and ultimately sent a letter to the SOS with proof of payment, and a cover letter describing what has occurred.
 - Additionally, the National Office began creation of an online account for the annual filing to be submitted digitally as well as update access for the National Office so deter repeat offenses.
- In July, the National Office received a copyright claim and takedown notice of an image used on the homepage of a section. National Office informed the section and website developer, and the image was removed immediately. Since, there have been two more notices for payment by the Society to pay for damages of up to \$330. Attempts by the National Office have been made to have the fee lowered or withdrawn.
 - A letter was written on behalf of President, Ron Legge, and sent to him for distribution.
- After the Symposium, a bidder from the silent auction informed the National Office that their items were never shipped and requested a refund. After a thorough investigation, the National Office was able to recover one of the missing items and refunded the other. As a reminder, note the following:
 - The National Office is not and will not be responsible for shipping won auction items. Any shipping must be done by the bidder either through the host hotel or other shipping means. The Society does not incur shipping expenses for the silent auction.
 - Bidders must use their own bidding number when bidding on items at the auction. Bidding on items for others to pay will no longer be accepted unless an arrangement is made in advance or circumstances allow, such as partnerships communicating to the National Office at time of checkout.
 - The National Office does not keep unsold items at the conclusion of the auction.

Towards the end of Summer, the National Office met with the Symposium Chairs to help build a budget for the 2023 Symposium. Tools have also been shared to help better track roles, responsibilities, and deadlines for the Symposium Committee to use as they wish.

Similar to last year, National Office has designed flyers to be printed to promote the Symposium and are currently designing a more eye-catching flyer to be distributed locally and upon request.

Mentioned at the Summer Board Meeting was the need for the Society to move to an Association Management Software and the National Office is pleased to report that it's been working with an ad hoc committee to help identify options for the Board to review and approve.

Future items to be assessed include the following:

1. ~~Budget for the 2023 Symposium~~
 - a. ~~Tools have been shared with the 2022/23 Symposium Chairs for budgeting and F&B planning.~~
2. Manual of Operating Procedures a.k.a “The Manual” a.k.a the “Black Book”
3. Attempt to regain lost membership through a series of email campaigns
4. Consider an electronic newsletter

Financials/Banking:

Authority to transfer signing authority from Eric Gustafson to Bob Singer has been initiated and is in the process. National Office will continue to monitor day-to-day activities, and work with the Treasurer in forecasting for the Society.

Fusion:

National Office sent out the new advertising contract to past and potential advertisers. Please reach out if you or someone you know are interested in advertising in Fusion.

An update on the outstanding invoices from 2021:

One remaining advertiser is outstanding on their 2021 ad invoices to a total of \$855, which the National Office will continue to work on recovering.

Membership:

The National Office will continue to work closely with the Membership Chair while processing new and old member requests. Currently, the National Office is sending and processing dues renewal notices, and plan to get through the rest of the membership before the holiday.

Old Business:

The 2019 footage from the Symposium was approved to be edited by the original contractor, and the agreement has been fulfilled. Footage has been shared with the Executive Committee for review.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kelley Mazur

Membership Committee Report

Executive Secretary Report

OCT 24, 2022

President Legge and Board of Directors

The National Office has been very busy during the past year. Not only have they been very busy with the daily activities of the National Office, but they have also been very proactive in helping the Society move forward. Thanks for their efforts and the tremendous amount of work they have devoted to the ASGS.

The President- Elect and I currently have weekly Zoom meetings with our account executive Kelley Mazur to ensure we stay on track and fix/repair things that happened by our previous account manager. The President and the Cornell's have also joined this weekly meeting.

The ASGS should consider the purchase of an Association Management Software system to streamline our business functions and help to eliminate input errors in the three/four systems we currently use. Jim Cornell is chairing this committee to review Association Management Software (AMS) for our society. He hopes to have a committee recommendation for this meeting.

The Executive Secretary, as it currently stands, will continue to function as a direct contact between the ASGS and IMI. This should be a topic for discussion to determine if any oversight changes are necessary.

Our books have been audited by an outside firm to ensure that we (The ASGS) meet our obligations to maintain our Not for Profit Organization status (501 (c) (6)). Our 990 forms etc are up to date.

The **new** Symposium dates for 2023 are June 26 -30, 2023. Please disseminate to your sections.

If anyone has any questions or concerns in regard to the Office operation, please forward those to me or the President – Elect to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry A. Cloninger
Executive Secretary

Treasurers Report – FY 1/1/2022 - 11/12/2022

Symposium Chair Report

Symposium Coordinator Report

Date: 10/17/2022

It has been a very interesting year. The Symposium at Lido Beach Florida is completed, we have relearned some lessons from the past and hope not to repeat some again.

Thanks to Phillip for setting up a good event and Bonnie for keeping wraps on the F&B expenses it could have been much worse. Our attendance was very light due to so many factors out of our control.

I have created a symposium ad hoc committee to look at the future. After talking with a few of my group it became obvious we all have very different ideas of what the symposium should look like. What time of the year, days of the week, locations etc. This was a much bigger variety than I had expected. The National Office has helped to create a survey to get some membership input, so the committee has a direction to go. This should be ready to go out shortly and then the real work can start.

We have visited the hotel in Vancouver Washington. This is going to be a great site and the staff has been accommodating to our needs. The hotel is unique as it was made to look like an old Lodge. The size is a great fit for the ASGS, we will occupy most of the meeting spaces, and have the run of the facility. The location is convenient as there are several restaurants and a mall within 1 mile of the Hotel. Downtown Vancouver and Portland is a 20 min drive. The Airport is 14 minutes away from the hotel. Unfortunately, there is no shuttle service to the hotel. Doni did a great job with outreach; we are hoping to have several local vendors distributing information of the symposium and I hope we can get them as exhibitors as well.

There is also a glass studio nearby. Depending on the number of seminars we line up, we may investigate using this for a specialized seminar or two. The symposium committee is very energized right now, we are in the process of lining up seminars and demonstrations. The Website is coming along, we would like to have most of the program online mid-December.

For 2024 I have been in contact with Klaus to host a symposium at Salem College, we have many details to work out and I hope to have more information to present at the BOD meeting.

We also need to look at symposiums for 2024 and beyond. Madison WI has reached out as a possible symposium site. We would need a Chair(s) to step up and investigate this area in more detail. This is going to depend on what the society does moving forward.

The cost of hosting the symposium at hotels is high, this is offset with good attendance. This will be a future discussion after the ad-hoc committee has time to discuss.

Best Regards
Ron Bihler

Art Charity Auction Report 2022

October 17, 2022

Dear President Legg and Board of Directors,

The Art for Charity Auction was a great success. We couldn't have had a pulled it off without the help from the large group of volunteers and the assistance of the National Office Kelley Mazur and Mollie Heithoff.

This years' local charity was "Streets of Paradise of Sarasota, Florida" founded by Greg Cruz. Their mission: Fighting homelessness with dignity and grace. We oppose poverty and racism. We advocate for those who suffer from discrimination by empowering them to obtain a better quality of life.

Greg, and the director, Cathy Bryant attended the art auction information table and the banquet the next night. We were happy to present them with the check for \$6750 from sales.

Donations: We're pleased to have 97 donations from our ASGS members and friends of ASGS.

No flames this year: This auction was different this year without live glassblowing demonstrations to tease the would-be buyers of the glass art. We know the loss of fire permit took away the fun of watching glassblowers in action, but the audience was engaged and bidding on the donations.

We plan to have live glassblowing next year at Heathman Lodge, in Vancouver, Washington.

Recap with National Office: We discussed processes and noted details to be included in the Art for Charity Auction role and responsibilities. We learned several details to be included in the guidelines such as, bidding, paying for your pieces, we don't ship anything and don't forget your items purchased.

There is more information to be included with challenges of live glassblowing logistics acquiring torches, gas and oxygen lines, fuel tanks, ovens, and glass donations.

We want to thank "Florida Glass Studio in Orlando" for their last-minute donation of glass. We had members step up to find glass tubing but in turn couldn't use it (no flames) and had to donate to a local studio.

Thank you to National Office Kelley and Mollie, Jeff and Ruth Babbitt (wrap up gifts), Joe Gregar & Michael D'Agostino (for last minute fill in for auctioneer), Bonnie Clark (silent and live table set up), Navalinsky family (walking the pieces around the room). This was just a few of the many people that made this auction move smoothly.

Thank you for participation! I look forward to working with everyone next!

Sincerely,
Doni Hatz

Section Reports

Section: Delaware Valley

The DeIVal section is alive and well. Membership is around 60, with most being student members.

Keeping regular members is still a problem with most students leaving to join other sections and older members retiring.

We held our annual Fall meeting at Salem Com College October 15th.

This meeting usually has our largest attendance and this was no exception with 60+ joining in for demos by Jordan Smith and Mike Raman.

Sponsors included Chemglass Lifesciences, North Jersey Diamond Wheel, Whale, F&D, Ace Glass, Spectracell and Griffin tools.

We had many students sign up for membership in the ASGS, as well as the DeIVal section.

We plan our next meeting in the Spring when we will elect new officers for the next 2 yrs.

Bob Russell

Section: Exhibitor

The exhibitor's group had its first meeting in 3 years on July 19th 2022 and it was well attended.

We currently have 24 members.

Election of officers were held and here are the results:

Director - Dennis Wargo

Alternate director - Dave Surdham

Secretary - Dave Surdham and Bonnie Clark

Treasurer - Dave Surdham and Bonnie Clark

Among topics discussed were the Vancouver Washington Symposium in 2023.

The feedback was positive by the exhibitors present in regards to exhibiting at next year's symposium.

Respectfully,

Dennis Wargo, Director

Exhibitor's group

Section: Great Lakes

Submitted: October 2022

Section Officers

Director: Doni Hatz

Alt. Director: Open

Chair: Jill Korgemagi

Vice Chair: Open

Secretary: Open ___temporarily: Jill, Doni and Tifa filling in

Treasurer: Doug Navalinsky _____ **Section Profile**

Number of section meetings planned for the year: _____ 2 _____

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting July 2022: _____ 0 _____

Number of section members: _____ 25-30 _____

Average attendance at section meetings: _____ 20-30 _____

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational Social Speaker Tour Workshop

Other _____

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings

difficulty in finding section officers

Other (explain) _____

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

Spring meeting held April 2,2022 at Technical Glass Products, Ohio.

Next GL Section meeting November 5, 2022, at University of Toledo, to be hosted by Eamon King in Toledo, Ohio. Please join us at the University at 10am, with workshop demos with 3pm business meeting. Contact Jill

Please note we question the Great Lakes Section boundaries shown on the Web Site, they need to be re-defined to include Ohio.

The map doesn't reflect the actual states included in this section. With the central state in the middle, Ohio, shown to belong to the Northeast section which is NOT correct. We share Kentucky, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania with our neighboring sections. We already loose members to the NE, Midwest, and SE sections.

While the GL Section is an active energetic group of scientific glassblowers, we struggle with officer participation. We recycle the people and need new participation. We hope to have more commitment from members at the next section Meeting November 5.

The April meeting at TGP proved we can gather ~50 people together that are passionate about the ASGS future. We had a spirited discussion about national members versus section members. Most people don't realize that section members are also expected to be national members to participate in these meetings. But we don't want to discourage anyone and kick them out of the meeting. We hear the same issue from all ASGS sections.

This upcoming meeting will be located at University of Toledo, Ohio hosted by Eamon King.

We hope there will a lot of interest to attend the meeting at the University. With the beautiful Glass Pavilion at the Toledo Museum of Art across the street from the Toledo Museum of Art.

It boasts: The glass objects at the Toledo Museum of Art comprise one the most comprehensive and historically significant collections dedicated to the medium in the world. Besides museum of ancient glass artifacts and modern art collection it is all under one roof next to the flamework and hot shop glassblowing studio.

We look forward to a great GL section meeting.

Hope to See you there!

Doni Hatz

Section: Pacific Northwest

Section: Rocky Mountain

Date: 10/1/2022

Section: Rocky Mountain

Section Officers

Director: Ron Bihler

Chair: Garret Oaks

Vice Chair:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Pat Smythe

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2 hopefully

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 0 and non-planned

Number of section members: 40?

Average attendance at section meetings:

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational -Social Speaker Tour Workshop

Other

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location –

Difficulty in organizing a meeting –

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters –

Poor attendance at section meetings –

Difficulty in finding section officers -

Difficulty in collecting Dues -

Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

Nothing has changes, hoping to have a joint meeting with the Southwest section early next year. Currently, we are looking for a new Director and other positions. Very busy with Symposium Coordinator duties, hoping to make Vancouver a great symposium.

Ron Bihler

Section: Southeastern

Directors Report

Section: SOUTHEASTERN

Section Officers

Director: RICK SMITH

Alt. Director:

Chair: JEFF BABBIT

Vice Chair:

Secretary: CHANDRA LAMBERTH

Treasurer: KYLE MEYER

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: NONE

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: NONE

Number of section members: ~25

Average attendance at section meetings: ~20

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

Educational Social Speaker Tour

Workshop Other

Section Challenges

- Difficulty in finding a meeting location
- Difficulty in organizing a meeting
- Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
- Poor attendance at section meetings
- Difficulty in finding section officers
- Difficulty in collecting Dues

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Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

HAD A BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SYMPOSIUM
Respectfully Submitted, (ABOUT 11 MEMBERS ATTENDED)

Rick Smith
10/17/22

International Liaison Report

Dear President Legge and Members of the Board of Directors of the ASGS,

This September 2022, the VDG and the BSSG offered a back to back Symposia on two consecutive weekends. The VDG meeting had 250 attendees with quite a few demos, lectures, visits of the nearby glassblowing school, a glassblowing company who uses robots and of course the company of ARNOLD. The BSSG meeting was a smaller one with two demos and one book presentation and not more than 50 attendees.

As mentioned in my last report; because of the war in Ukraine and the extremely rising energy costs lots of small and bigger glassblowing companies are facing hard times. Supply chains (Glass articles and all other types of material) are disrupted (Kavalier, who produces SIMAX shut down one line for Boro tube production), everyone around the globe is facing a situation which asks for new ideas and ways to go. Besides ending wars.

I visited the School (Lycee Dorian) in Paris who offers the Scientific Glass Program in France, I met with their teacher and German and Austrian representatives of Glass schools to discuss the possibility of a student exchange program which should be supported by the Glassblowing Societies and the Rotary Club. Here for I am in the need of contacts to Rotary Club in US.

The Lycee Dorian offers a meeting, because of the year of glass, at December 16th 2022 in Paris where representatives of the VDG (Germany), GVS (Switzerland) and BSSG (UK) will participate.

ALL glassblowing societies are facing the same problems: finding volunteers and members to do the work of an active society. If we are not able to find a way to change this more societies will die. International cooperation should help to encourage more people to work in and for their societies.

Another option will be the stronger cooperation with the youth in the ASGS, we just motivated at the Delaware Section meeting a lot of students at SCC to become a member in the ASGS and a few are interested to offer the workforce to support the ASGS (here: website and social media)

2023 has to become a better year. Challenges could lead to new ways.

As offered before I am looking forward to support the ASGS for another year in this position if nobody else is willing to replace me.

Respectfully submitted

Klaus Paris

International Liaison Officer ASGS

Awards Committee BOD Report Fall 2022

The 2022 Symposium Award Winners from the 65th Annual Symposium in Sarasota, Florida are:

John J. Hauer Award presented by GM-Quartz for best technical paper: Jill Korgemagi-Clarke “Technically Technical Drawings”

Wale Award presented by Wale Apparatus for best technical poster: Tracy Drier, Shane Foye, Christelle Duédot “Y-tube Olfactometer for Entomology Research”

Wilt Award presented by Wilt Industries for best technical demonstrations: Corina Guerra “Dish within a Dish”

These Symposium Awards will be presented at the 2023 Awards Banquet in Vancouver, Washington.

I would like to thank the following members for their participation as judges during the technical papers, posters and demonstrations: Bob Russel, David Andrews, Michael D’Acquisto II, Aaron Kirchhoff, Kathryn Jones, Tracy Drier, Andy Gibbs, Lee Mulholland, Jordon Smith, Joe Gregar, Corina Guerra, Max Wolowitz, and Kevin Moeller.

The following Sectional Awards were presented at the Annual Business Meeting at the 65th Annual Symposium:

Midwest Section Award presented by the Midwest Section to Michael D. Acquisto II for his many contributions to the Midwest Section of the ASGS.

Art Dolenga Award presented by the Great Lakes Section to Jerry Cloninger for his administrative, technical or fraternal contributions to the Society.

Dana Sampson Award presented by the Southeastern section to Jim Hodgson for best Lamp Shop Hint published in 2020 & 2021 in Fusion.

Exhibitors Award presented by the Exhibitors to sponsor a Junior Member’s attendance to the National Symposium. Devin Shields was presented this Award

Delaware Valley Award presented by the Delaware Valley Section to sponsor a Junior Member’s Attendance to the National Symposium. Max Wolowitz was presented this award.

The deadline for National Award nominations is February 15th, 2023.

Candidates can be nominated by submitting an Award Nomination Form found on the ASGS website. Each award has its own form. The form will need a minimum of 10 supporting signatures from current Regular members in good standing of the ASGS. Please include a letter of support with the signatures that highlights the ways this Member deserves to win the award. **Nominations submitted without a letter of support will not be considered for the award.** In this letter, please include educational background, awards, positions held (Society and Business), papers and/or demos presented, Fusion articles and/or efforts to promote the ASGS and scientific glassblowing.

If you are unable to download the nomination forms, contact the Awards Committee at ASGS.Awards@gmail.com

Nominations must be emailed to ASGS.Awards@gmail.com by the February 15th deadline.

The descriptions for the National Awards are as follows:

J. Allen Alexander Award: Presented to a member to recognize their outstanding contributions in furthering the aims and ideals of the ASGS. The Award recipient receives a plaque and \$300 cash/check

Helmut E. Drechsel Award: Presented to a member in recognition of their tireless efforts promoting and promulgating the ASGS and the field of Scientific Glassblowing. The Award recipient receives a plaque and \$200 cash/check.

The Memorial Award: This Award has been named in honor of our deceased members who are listed on the Memorial Scroll of Honor. The Award is presented to a Junior Member who shows early interest in participating in ASGS activities. The purpose of this award is to stimulate and encourage active and continued participation in the field of Scientific Glassblowing by outstanding Junior Members. The Award recipient receives a plaque at the Awards Banquet, a spot in the Joseph Gregar Junior Member Workshop and an expense paid trip (up to \$1500) to the Annual ASGS Symposium. The Memorial Award covers the following items but cannot exceed the Award limit: Travel – plane or vehicle (mileage rate per IRS guidelines); lodging to attend Symposia (not additional days before or after); registration fees (including banquet fee), transportation fees to/from airport (taxi, Uber/Lyft or bus); parking fees at the airport or hotel.

Memorial Scroll: Please remember to contact the National Office with the names of the deceased members. The Memorial Scroll of Honor is displayed at the annual Symposium to commemorate those individuals who have contributed to the advancement of scientific glassblowing and the ASGS.

Respectfully submitted,
Awards Committee Co-Chairs

Corina Guerra and Steven M. Anderson

**Bylaws of the
American Scientific Glassblowers Society**

November, 2019

Revised: July, 2022

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Corporation shall be named The American Scientific Glassblowers Society (hereinafter referred to as the Society or the ASGS), a Corporation in the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects and purposes of this Society shall be the same as set out in the Certificate of Incorporation thereof.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualifications

- (a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime classes as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)
- (b) **Regular** membership may be granted to those persons who have for five consecutive years and currently gain the major portion of their income as a scientific glassblower. (June '89)
- (c) **Junior** membership may be granted to those persons who are actively engaged in the art of scientific glassblowing with less than five years' experience.
- (d) **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. (June '01)
- (e) **International** membership may be granted to those persons residing in areas not represented by the Board of Directors and are outside the continental United States and Canada. (November '99)
- (f) **Artistic** membership may be granted to those persons who actively participate in the art of Artistic glassworking. (June '09)
- (g) **Associate** membership may be granted to those persons who have a close association with, or interest in, the glassblowing field.
- (h) **Retired** membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years. (November '09)
- (i) **Lifetime** membership: The Board of Directors may bestow Lifetime membership upon that person who has been an active member of the Society and who has performed outstanding service to the Society or has made significant contributions to the art of

scientific glassblowing. No more than three Lifetime memberships may be bestowed in anyone-year. All nominations for Lifetime membership should include a biographical sketch outlining such service contributions.

- (j) 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 vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least (4) months. (November '87)
- (k) The Board of Directors can add or subtract membership classes with a bylaw change.

Section 2 – Requirements

- (a) An initiation fee, determined by the Board of Directors, plus dues for the current year may accompany each application for membership. This money shall be returned if the application is denied by the Membership Committee (payable in U.S. Dollars). (June '01)
- (b) No initiation fee will be required for Junior membership but, upon completion of five years of glassblowing experience, Junior members who choose to continue their membership with the ASGS must apply for Regular membership; such applications are to be accompanied by required initiation fees. (June '01)

Section 3 - Dues

- (a) Dues are due and payable on January 1. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid by January 1.
- (b) The amounts paid for membership dues are voted on by members of the ASGS, who are eligible to vote, at the annual business meeting. (June '12)

Section 4 - Benefits

- a) Each class of membership shall carry specified benefits:
 1. **Regular** membership carries benefits of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, voting privileges in the Section and the National, right to hold elective or appointive office, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership.
 2. **Junior** membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, voting privileges in the Section and the National, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership. After three years of Section membership as a Junior member, said member may serve as a Director or Alternate Director (and such election does not conflict with said bylaws) May 2016
 3. **Student** membership carries the benefit to be a member of a chartered Section and a member of the National. The dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of

Directors. Student Members will receive a one-year subscription to Fusion. Time enrolled as a Student Member is reduced from the 5 year eligibility as a Junior Member. (June '01)

4. **International** membership carries the benefit of being entitled the right to hold an appointed office and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership, and to hold elected office in Associate Sections. (November '96)
5. **Artistic** membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected 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 '09)
6. **Associate** membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected office in the Section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director (see Article IV Sections a & b) and other National offices, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the Membership. (June '89)
7. **Retired** members are entitled to all benefits of the class of membership to which they belonged at the time that they retired. (June '86)
8. **Lifetime** membership carries benefits of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, voting privileges in the Section and the National, right to hold appointed office, exempt from all dues, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership
9. The Board of Directors has the right to add, subtract, or alter member benefits as it determines necessary.

Section 5 – Resignations

- (a) Any member, upon relinquishing membership in the Society, either voluntarily or involuntarily, immediately forfeits all rights and claims to any interests or assets of the Society.
- (b) 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.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, one Director from each Section of the Society and one Director at Large chosen from the Exhibitor's Section. (June '02,'03)
- (b) The Director at Large must be a National member of the ASGS and an exhibitor at the annual ASGS Symposium for a minimum of 3 years. (June '02,'03)
- (c) The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of the Society and shall be vested with the full power and authority to put into effect the laws, resolutions and decisions of the Society. Upon a review from its Bylaw Committee and with a three fourth (3/4) majority vote at two consecutive Board of Directors meetings, (separated by at least 4 months) the Board of Directors may make alter or amend by laws not in conflict with the law for its own governance or that of the Society: delegate to any Executive Committee the full powers of the Board of Directors when the board is not in session: fill all offices for the unexpired term thereof, exercise general supervision over receipts and expenditures of the Society: appoint employees and other agents of the Society, define their duties, and define the duties of officers other than defined herein; fix compensation of employees and agents of the Society and do all other acts which it may deem to be in the best interest of the Society. (June '02)
- (d) The presence in person or by proxy of the majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at Board of Directors meetings and, except as otherwise provided, actions taken by the Board of Directors duly assembled shall be by majority vote of the Directors present in person or by proxy shall be valid for that one meeting
- (e) A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by agreement of a majority of the Board members.
 - 1. Each Director must be notified by writing with the dated request at least one month in advance of any formal special meeting.
 - 2. In the event of a virtual meeting, Directors or their alternates must respond with written notice of attendance. If in 10 days a quorum is not obtained, the meeting must be rescheduled. (Nov. '21)
 - 3. Virtual meetings may conduct Board governance as needed for the operation of the Society. (Nov. '21)
 - 4. Motions at a remote meeting can only be passed by a majority of the Board, not the majority of the quorum, and must have a written record (not voice) for votes.
- (f) No one member shall have more than one vote during any meeting of the Board of Directors.
- (g) Each Section shall elect an Alternate Director who may serve in place of the elected Sectional Director at Board Meetings. When necessary, the elected Sectional Director for a given Section will assign a proxy to the elected Alternate Director of that Section, first. If the Alternate Director is unable to attend, the proxy may be assigned to any other Board member. In either case, the proxy shall carry full voting privileges. A nationally elected officer may assign a proxy at Board meetings only to another nationally elected officer. (November¹ 87)

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- (a) There shall be four officers: President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (b) Each candidate for election to a National Office shall have been a Regular member in good standing of the Society for at least three years immediately prior to nomination. A person who has been a Junior member in good standing for the three (3) consecutive years previous to requesting Regular membership status will be eligible to hold any elected office within the Society after being approved to the rank of Regular member.
- (c) The President and President-elect shall serve a term of office of two years only. The President-elect shall, having served that term of elected office, automatically succeed to the office of President and serve for a two-year term only. The President shall not be eligible for election to any national office for a period of two years after completion of the Presidential term. (Nov '19)
- (d) The Secretary shall serve a term of two years and is eligible for election to two consecutive terms. The Secretary shall not, following two consecutive terms, be eligible for election to the same office for a period of two years.
- (e) The Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. If needed, the ASGS shall provide financial reimbursement to the Treasurer or the Treasurer's representative who attends the Board of Directors meetings. The transition of the Treasurer at the November Board of Directors meeting may require the ASGS to offer financial reimbursement to both the present Treasurer and the Treasurer-elect. The Treasurer should be a member in good standing for a period of three (3) years prior to shall have being elected. The Treasurer shall be elected yearly. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, has the right to remove the Treasurer at any time. (May '02)
- (f) The Assistant Treasurer shall be selected by the Treasurer. The Board of Directors must approve the selection with a majority vote. The Assistant Treasurer shall have no vote on the Board of Directors and shall be provided no financial reimbursement to the Board of Directors meetings unless the Assistant Treasurer is representing the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall have been a Regular member in good standing for three (3) years. The Assistant Treasurer shall be selected (or reselected annually) by the Treasurer and the selection shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the right to remove the Assistant Treasurer by a majority vote at any time. (May '02)
- (g) The term of office of Sectional Directors shall be a maximum of four consecutive years, (A two-year term for two consecutive terms or one-year terms for four consecutive terms, etc.) They shall not, following four consecutive years, be eligible for election to the same office for a period of two years without the consent of the President.
- (h) Each Officer and Sectional Director shall serve a full term of office or shall serve until a successor has been installed.
- (i) The title of Emeritus may be granted to an officer for long and distinguished service to the Society. This title shall be assigned for life and shall be granted to only one officer at a time in each of the authorized Emeritus positions. The position may be filled only upon a resolution of the Board of Directors and ratified by the members present at the Annual

Business Meeting of the Society. The Board of Directors will determine the minimum requirements of eligibility and privileges of each Emeritus position.

(j) In the event of an Officers death, resignation or the Board of Directors' determination by 2/3 vote that an officer's ability to perform the duties of that office have been adversely affected, the following succession shall take place:

1. Treasurer or Secretary - The President shall immediately appoint a successor. The President will mail a notice of same to each member of the Board of Directors asking for approval. The receipt of a majority of the Board members' favorable responses confirms the appointee as Treasurer or Secretary for the time remaining in the term of office. If confirmation of the President's appointee is unsuccessful, the President must select another person and submit that appointee for confirmation.

2. President - The President-elect shall automatically assume the office of President, serving that which remains of the uncompleted term of the previous President, and the President-elect - The President shall, upon completion of a term, remain in office until a successor is elected through the regular election process.

3. The Executive Secretary, by parliamentary law, is an appointive position. Appointment is made by the President with concurrence of the President-elect and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The position is of non- voting status and shall be for two (2) years with the right of the Board of Directors to ask for a resignation with a two-thirds vote. Duties are as to be described under Duties of the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

(a) The Executive Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Society and shall be composed of the President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer; and the Executive Secretary is an ex-officio member, without vote. This committee shall not have the power to overturn Board of Directors' intentions.

(b) The Bylaws Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Society and shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) persons. When possible, this committee shall be composed of the immediate past President as Chair, the President and no more than seven (7) and no less than five (5) of all able Past Presidents. The President-elect will serve as Secretary of the Committee without vote.

(c) The Nominating Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Society composed of the President acting as Chair, the President-elect, and the Sectional Directors.

(d) The Membership Committee shall process the membership applications of potential members, verify the accuracy of the application, and advice the Board of Directors on issues of member classes, fees, dues, and other aspects of memberships

(e) The Audit Committee shall be a permanent standing committee and shall be composed of no less than three qualified members of experience and integrity elected by the membership annually at the annual Business Meeting. The Audit Committee is charged with reviewing the Treasurer's report and recommending changes to any discrepancies

found in the report. No existing Executive Committee member shall be eligible to serve on the Audit Committee. (Nov '04)

(f) The President may appoint any other committees at any time.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

- (a) The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating only qualified members of experience and integrity who have actively participated in the work of the Society and are willing to work for its purposes.
- (b) The Nominating Committee will proceed with its duties in such a manner and at such a time that it is able to present a slate of one or more eligible nominees for each office on the ballot on or before the first day of January immediately preceding the date set for the elections. The Nominating Committee will deliver to the Secretary the names of the nominees and written agreements to serve if elected for communication to the membership.
- (c) Nomination for election may also be made by petition. Nominating positions must be signed by no fewer than fifteen voting members in good standing and must be accompanied by the name of the nominee and written agreement to serve if elected. These documents must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the first day of February immediately preceding the date set for elections. (June '89)
- (d) The Secretary will submit the names of the nominees to the Elections Committee in good and sufficient time for the Elections Committee to perform its duties. The Secretary will retain for the Society record the written agreement to serve if elected of each nominee.
- (e) The Elections Committee, upon receipt of the nominations from the Secretary, shall form and mail a ballot to each member who is eligible to vote.
- (f) The Elections Committee shall provide each voter with one ballot and two envelopes. The smaller envelope shall be printed with the instructions for the balloting procedure that is to be followed. The larger envelope shall be pre- addressed to the Elections Committee. (June'86)
- (g) The Chair of the Election Committee, together with at least two of the other members of this Committee, shall open, validate and count all the ballots that are properly completed.
- (h) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared the winner. If said candidate cannot ascend to the office then that candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall succeed to that office by approval of a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.
- (i) All duly elected officers shall be installed during the next Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – SECTIONS

- (a) For the purpose of furthering the better interest of the Society and its members, the Board of Directors may, upon receiving formal application from at least twenty Regular members, create a Section of the Society.

- (b) Each Section shall be self-governing to the extent that it does not conflict with the Charter and Bylaws of the Society.
- (c) Each Section shall be represented in the Society by having one Sectional Director seated on the Board of Directors. Said Sectional Directors shall have been elected by eligible voting members of the Section represented at some time prior to the first day of June. It is recommended that a Director be elected by a mail ballot, but whatever method is chosen, must be elected by a majority of all members in good standing. If only one candidate is running for an office, the Secretary of the Section can be instructed to cast one vote for said candidate.
- (d) In special instances, the Board of Directors of the Society may waive the minimum requirements for the formation of a Section. (November '91)
- (e) 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.
- (f) The Sections will exercise all necessary precautions that any person not having voting privileges within the Society shall not have a vote within the Section elections that will have a direct or indirect bearing on the election of the members to sit on the Society Board of Directors, or to have a voice on Section or Society matters that will directly or indirectly bear upon Society policy. A member may, as a matter of choice, choose to pay dues in more than one section; however, that member must declare only one Section as the "Section of Record" for all voting purposes pertaining to National policy.
- (g) A Director or Alternate Director will be eligible for reimbursement as long as the Section represented holds a valid charter that is recognized by the Board of Directors. Results from the Election Committee must be presented to the President. (July '10)
- (h) Associate Sections: Sections may be formed outside the United States and Canada. They will be known as Associate Sections without vote or travel reimbursement. (November '96)

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

- (a) There shall be such general meetings of the Society as the Board of Directors shall determine is necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the Society. At least two weeks written notice shall be given for such meetings.
- (b) The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting for the purpose of receiving reports of the officers of the Board of Directors and the Committees of the Society; for the installation of Officers and Sectional Directors: for setting of dues and for any other business that may arise.
- (c) A quorum for the general business meeting before the members of the Society shall consist of no less than 10% of the voting members. 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. (November '07)

ARTICLE X – FINANCE

- (a) For business purposes, the fiscal year shall begin on January 1 of each year. (Nov '19)

(b) An audit of the books of the Society shall be made at least once yearly and a report made at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI – PUBLICATIONS

FUSION shall be the name of the official Society publication.

ARTICLE XII – CONSTITUTIONAL

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with the Charter, Bylaws, Rules of Order or Standing Rules of the Society.