

# ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

June 2, 2009 . Vancouver, WA

Presiding Officer: Jack Korfhage. Secretary: Daniel Wilt

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Meeting called to order by President Jack Korfhage at 8:34 A.M.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting were reviewed by President Jack Korfhage. Comments by President Jack Korfhage in reference to retired membership where a member who no longer receives the majority of their income as a Scientific Glassblower plus an age issue: Jack Korfhage believes a change was made and we should research this. Retired Membership requirements read by Executive Secretary, Ed Powell. Ed reports that he will look into this.

Minutes Acceptance

**Motion Resolution #09060211R:** *I move we accept the minutes of the November 08 B.O.D. meeting*

Motion by: Curt Sexton

Second by: Doug Navalinsky

Motion Passed: Unanimous

**Treasurer's Report:** See Report. Treasurer Frank Meints reports that we are working with data that does not show the total fiscal year report, June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>. The numbers can look a little funny because the Symposium numbers are not in. The Society's CD interest rates are down at 1% and the AIM Funds are following the stock market. Frank predicts that these numbers should be on the increase sometime soon. AIM funds are up to around \$40,000.00 and may take another year to get back to \$50,000.00. Fusion: Frank suggests that we re-bid this as another process to possibly save money.

Doug Navalinsky asks about a transfer of funds from the Society Savings Account. Frank explains that as Directed by President Jack Korfhage this was done to ensure we were covered under FDIC insured account limits. At the time this was done as a precautionary measure.

**President-Elect's Report:** See Report. President Elect Gene Nelson adds that membership now is at 506. We need to come up with a plan to get previous members to re-join and new members to apply.

**President's Report:** (see report) President Jack Korfhage adds "there are some things I would have liked to accomplish along with accomplishments". Jack also regrets that he was only able to attend two Sectional Meetings. It was just too costly to travel over the past year.

**Executive Secretary:** (see report). Executive Secretary, Ed Powell, adds that the National Office is supplying good service to the membership. Some concerns such as inquiries to the National Office over problems with passwords and user name issues by membership requests. Ed encourages sections to officially install their Officers. Ed also adds that Insurance forms are on the B.O.D. section of the web site that can be edited for use by the sections when having meetings, and Directors' Report forms are also on the B.O.D section of the web site.

**National Office Report:** (see report)

President Elect, Gene Nelson, comments that adding up the numbers we have lost \$56,000.00 (on paper). We have to consider cuts wherever we can.

Deborah Camp: Director of the Exhibitor Section comments that we need to make cuts on bills like everyone else in this economic downfall. We need to make some serious changes if we want the Society to survive.

Gene Nelson adds that we cannot afford to be paying \$1,800.00 for our phone charges at the National Office. This is very important to the survival of the Society.

Executive Secretary: Ed Powell reports that he will be taking notes and consider changes for the National Office.

Northeast Section Director: Patrick DeFlorio asks what the expenditure is for the National Office to attend the Symposium. Ed Powell reports that it is \$1,200.00 and adds that we really need someone from the National Office to attend because of the credit card transactions.

**Section Directors Reports:** See Reports.

Canadian Section report comments by Jack Korfhage. Director George Kopp was unable to attend the B.O.D. meeting and Symposium. Jack added that the Canadian Section is having trouble finding hosts and locations for section meetings. Southwest Section Director Jim Cornell suggests the Canadian Section have one meeting and hold their meeting during the Symposium like the Exhibitor Section does.

Delaware Valley Section Director Katherine Cheetham reports that all officers are helping with section operation and activities. Katherine also adds that Ed Powell has helped with the section formalities.

Exhibitor Section Director Deborah Camp adds that the Section is doing well with sponsorship program from the Exhibitor Section, making funds available to help defray some costs for Symposiums. Membership is steady and dues are \$125.00.

Great Lakes Section director Doug Navalinsky adds that they have a new chairman Philip Legge, they have two meetings each year and their financial situation is fine.

Midwest Section Director Brian Schwandt adds that the Midwest Section is doing well and younger members are getting involved.

Northeast Section Director Patrick DeFlorio adds to his report that he was unable to attend the last section meeting because he was attending the Southeastern/Southwest Section meeting, however the Northeast Section meeting hosted by Sally Prash at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. went very well.

Pacific Northwest Section Director Victor Mathews adds to his report that they had a great spring meeting at GM Associates. Collecting dues has been a problem. Possibly a meeting will be scheduled in Grass Valley, CA in September.

Southeastern Section Director Curt Sexton adds to his report that they have a new Director coming into office, Don Woodyard, and they had a great joint meeting with the Southwest Section earlier in the spring. The next section meeting will probably be at Oak Ridge National Labs. Section is doing well and membership is steady.

Southern California Section Director Richard Gerhart adds to his report that their membership is dropping and getting people to come to meetings means having to call people to come.

**A.S.G.S. B.O.D. Administration Assistant Report:** See Report / Mike Palme reports that all is going well.

**Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminar Report:** (see report) Report from Gary Dobos is that they are in good shape at this time. The rate for "Observers Only" will be \$40.00 this year. Gary also reports that they have a great group of teachers this year.

**Audit Committee:** (see report) President Jack Korfhage reports that there are no discrepancies.

**AV Committee:** (see report) President Jack Korfhage comments that he has read this report several times and is not sure what Mike Morris is looking for. Lending Library 4-4a, this has been going on for four to five years but is being taken care of and coming to an end. It is unclear what Mike Morris is looking for. President-Elect Gene Nelson should follow up on his report and suggest how the Society should proceed. Frank Meints suggests that the Society should ask for an inventory of the Society's equipment. Gene Nelson will look into this.

Lending Library: President Jack Korfhage reports that we have a different situation now for lending DVD's or tapes. Jack does not think that the Society should "flip the bill" for lending the DVD's or tapes anymore. The Society has in the past paid shipping one way.

Jack suggests that we initiate a shipping and handling fee and hope that they are returned. The cost to replace the DVD's is normally less than the shipping cost. The fee should be more than normal shipping costs and cost of the DVD. A motion can be brought up under New Business.

**Education Committee:** (see report) Mike Souza

**Elections Committee:** (see report) Tommy Howe

**Finance Committee:** (see report) Mike Souza

**A.S.G.S. Information Technology:** (see report) Mike Palme

**International Liaison:** (see report) Dave Daenzer. We do have two visitors to the 2009 Symposium, one from Mexico and one from Israel.

**Junior Liaison:** (see report) Joe Gregar

**Membership:** (see report) Kevin Teaford / President-Elect Gene Nelson reports about a list of members we lost last year. Gene wants each Director to contact the non-renewing member by phone and try to persuade them to rejoin. Gene will give the names of these people to the respective Director by e-mail. Gene would like to have each vendor come up with a list of twenty five people to pursue as new members. Exhibitor Section Director Deborah Camp would like to know the “break down” of membership and how many are in each class of membership.

**Nominating Committee:** See Report.

**Outreach Committee:** No Report

**Publications:** (see report) President Jack Korfhage reports that both Dave Smart and Marilyn Brown are doing a great job with ways of saving the Society money.

**Editor’s Report:** (see report) President Jack Korfhage reports that Marilyn and Dave are doing a good job for the Society.

**Technical Q&A:** (see report) Tracy Drier

**Reference and Abstracts:** (see report) Gary Coyne has nothing to report. President Jack Korfhage suggests that member Adam Kennedy work with Gary Coyne on this Committee in the future.

**Safety and Hazards:** (see report) Patrick DeFlorio also comments that he receives a lot of requests for recommendations for ventilation in glass shops and vent hoods.

**Bylaws & Steering Committee:** (see report) Bob Singer reports on membership class. Report from Jim Hodgson (see report) Changing the Society’s status from 501C 6 to 501C 3. Doug Navalinsky suggests that we do not change. There are no real benefits. Frank Meints says that for some organizations it works well to be 501C 3. We would have some tax savings but it would be too much of a burden to the National Office. We are qualified to change if we want. We would have to change our charter A.S.G.S.-B, re-submitting a new charter can be a real hassle.

Frank does not think we're ready for a change such as this at this time. Jack comments that we could apply for grants but who would we apply to?

**Symposium Coordinator's Report:** (see report) Jerry Cloninger

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**Symposium 2010:** Symposium Chairman Robert Singer: Contract signed at Omni Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, 8 miles from the River Walk, \$112.00/night room rate. Many good features at this Hotel and the people are very easy to work with.

**Symposium 2011:** Possibly in Washington DC area. Don Woodyard as Chairman is looking into details at this time.

**Old Business:** Doug Navalinsky reports on a proposal to have the A.S.G.S. web site done and maintained by a professional firm. Doug supplied a quotation (see quoted added) from Creative Answers. Doug contacted other companies for quotes but only received the one. REG-ON-LINE was discussed but not part of the quotation. Victor Mathews commented that he was to initiate REG-ON-LINE but he was unable to get to it in time. REG-ON-LINE is a way to pay dues, Symposium Registration, and other fees on line. Doug is directed to check with the National Office on what it would take to implement this and look into costs involved.

Director of the Delaware Valley Section, Katherine Cheetham asks question in regard to the Allan Brown Glassblowing Seminar. Should the hands-on participants be filled before the spectator participants can attend? Jack Korfhage reports that it is the intention to fill the hands-on first. It has not been anticipated that we would not fill the hands-on.

**New Business:**

DVD Rental

**Motion Resolution # 09060212R:** *Proposal to lend individual DVD's of Technical Demonstrations from Annual Symposiums for a fee of \$15.00 each shipping and handling to A.S.G.S. current members. Rental term is for a 1 month period. Members are responsible for return shipping. Members may purchase a DVD for a fee of \$25.00, \$50.00 each for non-members. These fees can be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

Motion by: Patrick DeFlorio

Second by: Kathrine Cheetham

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Exhibit Booth Rates for 2010 Symposium

**Motion Resolution # 09060213R:** *Motion to set the booth rates for exhibitors at the 2010 Symposium in San Antonio, TX at \$825.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> booth and additional booths at \$625.00.*

Motion by: James Cornell

Second by: Brian Schwandt

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion for 2011 Symposium Chair

**Motion Resolution # 09060214R:** *Don Woodyard be appointed Symposium Chair for the 2011 National Symposium and with this appointment the \$1,000.00 start-up be granted upon request.*

Motion by: Curt Sexton

Second by: Douglas Navalinsky

Motion Passed: Unanimous

Southwest Section Director, James Cornell asks if we should consider saving all the name tags handed out to attendees at the Symposium to help save the Society money. Symposium Chair, Victor Mathews reports that these are very cheap.

Additional Membership Class ( 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on this Motion)

**Motion Resolution #08110808B1:** *I make a motion that the following paragraph be added and or changed to the bylaws under the following sections:*

*Article 3 Membership, Section 1-qualifications K- Artistic Membership may be granted to those persons who actively participate in the art of artistic glassworking. Section 4. Benefits A-3 modify to add the following after associate "or artistic member".*

Motion by: Gene Nelson

Second by: Victor Mathews

Motion Passed: 15 in favor / 0 abstention / 0 against

Motion to Adjourn

**Motion Resolution #09060215R:** *To adjourn the meeting of A.S.G.S. Board of Directors led by President, Jack Korfhage.*

Motion by: Frank Meints

Second by: Jim Cornell

Motion Passed-Unanimous

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Meeting called to order by President Gene Nelson at 3:55 P.M.

Gene Nelson reports that the first order of Business is to go over his proposed budget. Gene explains that we are starting the year in a deficit. We cannot continue to run our Society like this. Spending cuts as proposed add up to \$12,300.00 but we still have a deficit of \$18,556.00. Our membership dues are not covering the National Office expense. Northeast Section Director, Patrick DeFlorio, asks about exhibitors and advertising income. Gene explains that we need more advertisers to help cover the cost of *Fusion*.

Executive Secretary, Ed Powell asks that we have a motion to approve proposed budget.

Budget

**Motion Resolution #09060216R:** *Motion to accept 2009/2010 year budget as proposed by President Nelson*

Motion by: Don Woodyard

Second by: Victor Mathews

Motion Passed: Unanimous

President Gene Nelson read the list of Committee Chairs: See Report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Motion to Adjourn

**Motion Resolution #09060217R:** *I motion to adjourn the June 2009 Board of Directors meeting under the presidency of Gene Nelson on June 2, 2009.*

Motion by: James Cornell

Second by: Brian Schwandt

Motion Passed-Unanimous