

ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

July 16, 2013, Lido Beach Resort, Lido Beach, FL
Presiding Officer: Frank Meints . Secretary: Steve Moder

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Note: The following information was compiled at the BOD meeting by the Secretary via note and digital recording.

The meeting was called to order by President Meints at 8:45am, July 16, 2013.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Moder and a quorum was confirmed.

President Meints called for a review of minutes of the BOD meeting of President Meints at Lido Beach, Florida in November 2012. It was noted that “Meints” and “Mathews” had been spelled wrong.

Minutes Acceptance

Motion Resolution: Motion #07161301R *To accept the minutes from the 11-25-2012 ASGS B.O.D. meeting with corrections noted.*

Motion by: James Cornell

Seconded by: Gary S. Coyne

Motion Passed: Unanimous

President Meints called for the Treasurer’s Report

Vic Mathews: We have a net gain with a slight down turn in advertising and membership. The National Office remains steady with the Pontons being of tremendous service and benefit to the Society.

Discussion was given to getting Steuben Bowls and support from Corning for this. Jerry Cloninger suggested Jim Merritt as the liaison with Corning; the BOD agreed.

Note: Because the Audit Committee report had been given with a finding of “no discrepancies,” the Treasurer’s report could be given and accepted by the BOD.

Treasurer’s Report Acceptance

Motion Resolution: Motion #07161302R *To accept the Treasurer’s Report submitted by Victor Mathews.*

Motion by: James Cornell

Seconded by: Gary S. Coyne

Motion Passed: Unanimous

President's Report: President Meints reported the year had gone well. He talked about finding replacements for Committee Chairs who are taking a break. He then covered IT and problems.

President-Elect Report: James Cornell talked about the Section meetings he attended and the meetings he would like to attend in the coming year. He was impressed with the great programs at the meetings. James also talked about the IT Committee and all Mike Wheeler has accomplished. Discussion was held on the website and computer work bids.

Executive Secretary Report: See Report. Vic Mathews mentioned that Jerry Cloninger receives copies of all emails received by the National Office.

National Office Report: Bob Ponton stated the Office was running smoothly and they were not looking for pay raises this year. Discussion was given on Facebook issues and new customers who were pipe makers. Rick Smith suggested the ASGS take a stand against smoking of any kind. Mike Sousa pointed out the Facebook site has nothing to do with the pipe makers. Bob Ponton talked about investment bonds, and needing a Board decision. Discussion was given to transportation and lodging for the National Office to work at the symposium. Talk was also given to the subject of providing volunteers to assist the National Office at symposia. Jerry Cloninger clarified the volunteer and National Office travel and lodging issue. He pointed out the need to rewrite a paragraph in the Scope of Services of the National Office. The rewrite is as follows:

PGO (Robert Ponton)
Scope of Services
ASGS Annual Symposium

Change to last paragraph page 6

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As currently written:

It is understood that Symposium Chairs may choose to run the registration desk using the Symposium Committees and not invite the National Office to do so. At the discretion of the Symposium Chair, however, PGO would include presence onsite to coordinate registration activities, cash receipts and receipts for the charity auction. PGO would be responsible for transportation of two people as part of this contract and expect the Symposium to provide a room for the night before and after the required activities and volunteers to assist.

Changed to read:

The ASGS would be responsible for transportation of two people as a part of this contract and expect the Symposium to provide a room for the nights before and after the required activities. The Symposium Committee should provide volunteers to assist with registration desk functions. The method of transportation may include air or ground as may be efficient for the location of the National Office and the Symposium site, to be determined by consultation between the Symposium Chair and the National Office managers.

Section Reports:

Canadian Section: See report. Noted their members winning awards to attend the Symposium.

Exhibitor Section: Vic Mathews talked about problems in transitioning from Bonnie Clark to a new Director. Talked about declining membership (about 20 members) and the economy. Vic talked about membership focus, booth fees, and increasing potential customers for next year. Working on getting more art glass folks at the next Symposium.

Delaware Valley Section: See report.

Great Lakes Section: See report.

Midwest Section: See report.

Northeast Section: See report.

Pacific Northwest Section: Held a spring meeting and scheduling a fall meeting. They have good membership with lower attendance.

Southeastern Section: See report. Rick Smith talked about their spring meeting and possible sites for their next meeting. Discussion was held on declining membership.

Southern California Section: See report. Gary Coyne talked about hosting a meeting at his shop.

President Meints asked if Sections were sending out electronic and/or mail notices. The response was mixed with many doing both.

Mike Sousa stated that if he received flyers, he would post the meetings on Facebook. Talked about how this helps with attendance.

Southwest Section: See report. Talked about the absence of Junior members in their Section. Much discussion was given to the labor pool and what the Society can teach. Discussion was given to basic glassblowing methods and the internet from possible new members in these areas.

Committee Reports:

Allan B. Brown Glassblowing Seminars: See report. Discussion on getting feedback from glassblowers on what they are interested in.

Audio Visual Committee: See report. Discussion was given to how fast we are recovering the cost of new equipment. Gary Coyne talked about equipment rental vs. buying equipment and specific functional requirements.

Awards Committee Report: See report. Jerry Cloninger talked about the need to have a standard timeline for the awards. Discussion was given to International members and awards. The Schott Award was discussed.

Facebook Report: Mike Sousa talked about posting on the ASGS Facebook site. He explained briefly how this is valuable tool for the Society. Much discussion was held on Facebook benefits. Gary Coyne questioned punctuation and Sousa will correct it. Jerry Cloninger noted that the nonprofit statement needs to be changed to not for profit. President Meints talked about leaving some things out and suggested a safety disclaimer. Gary Coyne stated that having fragment videos would be counterproductive to what the market is doing. He concluded that what Mike Sousa is doing, from a market perspective, is what needs to be done.

IT Committee Report: See report. Much discussion was held on the new website, all the work Mike Wheeler has done, and what remains to be done. Discussion was given to the current web program, and problems with it. President Meints directed that a Committee under James Cornell should do a review of the website issues and come up with a direction and future steps for the website. Talked about time limits to solutions.

Junior Liaison Report: See report. Joe Gregar is currently splitting some work off to Mike Sousa. Need to replace Joe Gregar as he is retiring from the Junior Liaison.

Membership Committee Report: See report.

Publications Committee: See report. Marilyn Brown and Dave Smart are looking for material for *Fusion*, the more technical the better. Mike Sousa asked that Patrick DeFlorio be recognized. Patrick talked about how good Marilyn Brown and Dave Smart are at their positions. This was well recognized.

Nominations:

President-Elect

Motion Resolution: Motion # 07161303R *I nominate Steve Moder for the position of President-Elect of the ASGS beginning 7-15-2013.*

Motion by: Frank Meints

Seconded by: James Cornell

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Close nomination for President-Elect

Motion Resolution: Motion #07161303AR *Move to close nomination for President-Elect*

Motion by: Richard Smith

Seconded by: Adam Kennedy

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Motion to accept nomination of Treasurer

Motion Resolution: Motion# 07161304R *Motion to accept nomination of Victor Mathews as Treasurer of the ASGS for 2013-2014*

Motion by: James Cornell

Seconded by: Gary Coyne

Motion Passed: Unanimously

To accept the nomination for Secretary

Motion Resolution: Motion# 07161305R *I nominate Philip Legge for the position of Secretary of the ASGS for a term of two years beginning 8-1-2013*

Motion by: Frank Meints

Seconded by: James Cornell

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Outreach Committee Report: See report.

Technical Questions and Answers Report: See report.

Bylaw Committee: no actions on Bylaws

Symposium Chairman's Report: Scott Bankroff presented Eugene, Oregon as the site of the 2014 Symposium. Vic Mathews closed the deal; room rates will be \$99/night. They are developing a stay and play plan and have activities already lined up. Some of the activities include wine tasting in the lobby, hotel chef will do a cooking class. Portland is the closest major airport with shuttles going in and out of Eugene. Arturo Ramirez and Scott Myer have volunteered to Co-chair the 2015 Symposium.

Old Business: The website and roster were discussed. Jerry Cloninger talked about the need to get the roster up on the site. More discussion was given to this topic; the BOD concluded this must be expedited.

New Business: Jerry Cloninger will rewrite the last paragraph on page 6 of the Scope of Contract for the National Office. This was included earlier in the minutes. This will be approved by the BOD.

Victor Mathews talked about the need to determine exhibitor rates and Symposium registration fees. There was much discussion on these topics.

2014 Symposium Exhibitor Rates

Motion Resolution: Motion #07161306R *To set a not-to-exceed limit for exhibitor Symposium space, not to exceed current 2013 rates. (\$825)*

Motion by: Victor Mathews
Seconded by: Scott Bankroff
Motion Passed: Unanimously

2014 Symposium Registration Fees

Motion Resolution: Motion #071613 7R *To establish a not-to-exceed limit of \$150 for members and \$200 for non-members for 2014 registration fees.*

Motion by: Victor Mathews
Seconded by: Scott Bankroff
Motion Passed: Unanimously

The rewrite of the paragraph of the scope of service was given much discussion.

National Office transportation to Symposium

Motion Resolution: Motion #07161308R *To accept contract amendment for the National Office, submitted to the Board as requested by PGO.*

Motion by: Mike Sousa
Seconded by: Victor Mathews
Motion Passed: Unanimously

No other new business.

Adjournment

Motion Resolution: Motion # 07161309R *Motion to adjourn the 7-16-2013 BOD meeting of President Meints.*

Motion by: Richard Smith
Seconded by: James Cornell
Motion Passed: Unanimously