



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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## Board of Directors Meeting June 28, 2011 The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Alexandria, VA

### Section Directors

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<b>Canadian</b>	<b>Mike Palme</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Delaware Valley</b>	<b>Katherine Cheetham</b>	<b>3-2</b>
<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Bonnie Clark</b>	<b>3-3</b>
<b>Great Lakes</b>	<b>Douglas Navalinsky</b>	<b>3-4</b>
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Arturo Ramirez</b>	<b>3-5</b>
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Kiva Ford</b>	<b>3-6</b>
<b>Pacific Northwest</b>	<b>Skip Huckaby</b>	<b>3-7</b>
<b>Southeastern</b>	<b>Don Woodyard</b>	<b>3-8</b>
<b>Southern California</b>	<b>Gary Coyne</b>	<b>3-9</b>
<b>Southwestern</b>	<b>Jim Cornell</b>	<b>3-10</b>



**ASGS Canadian Section**

**May 30, 2011**

**Subject: June 2011 BOD Report of the ASGS Canadian Section,**

**The Canadian Section has not held a meeting since the last BOD meeting. It is anticipated that we will hold our next meeting in the Fall of 2011. When the date and location are determined we will post the information on our section website.**

**The Canadian Section is financially sound with healthy balance in our account.**

**The current officers of the Canadian Section are listed below.**

**Director Michael Palme  
Alt. Director Cedric Ginart  
Chair Brian Power  
Vice-Chair Jordan Vandenhoff  
Secretary Craig Nagami  
Treasurer Brian Power**

**There are no other issues to report at this time and there are currently no issues facing our section. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the ASGS Symposium this year. Arrangements for a proxy have been made.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**ASGS Canadian Section Director**

*Michael Palme*

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THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

Director's Report

Section: Delaware Valley

Section Officers

Director: Katherine Cheetham 856-858-3605

Alt. Director: Kathleen Severence 856-696-0014  
Chair: Christopher Bock 609-314-3390  
Vice Chair: David Surdam 856-696-0014  
Secretary: Kathryn Jones 302-998-4400  
Treasurer: Daniel Walker 856-696-0014

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 4  
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 3  
Number of section members: 57 - This total includes 23 student members  
Average attendance at section meetings: 32  
Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate  
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)  
Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour   
Workshop  Other

Section Challenges

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

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

There were fewer attendees at the meetings this year. Better promotion and notification of meetings seems to be the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Cheetham

# **AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY**

## **Exhibitors' Group**

### **Director's Report – May 26, 2011**

**Director: Bonnie A. Clark, North Jersey Diamond Wheel**

**Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Surdam, Chemglass Life Sciences**

**Member Companies: Approximately 20**

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**Finances: Healthy**

**Section Meeting: One per year at the Symposium, well attended**

### **Issues**

- 1. Retaining members**
- 2. A continuing decrease of members exhibiting at the annual Symposium**
- 3. Decrease in attendance at the annual Symposium**
- 4. Lack of junior members applying for the groups' scholarship**
- 5. Lack of volunteers for leadership roles**

# Directors Report

**Date: May 25<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Section: Great Lakes**

## **Section Officers**

Director: Douglas Navalinsky

Chair: Phillip Legge

Vice Chair: Chris Sprague

Secretary: Frank Meints

Treasurer: Harald Eberhart

## **Section Profile**

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 70

Average attendance at section meetings: 15

Financial resources: Adequate Inadequate

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

Educational x Social x Speaker x Tour x Workshop x

Other

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## **Section Challenges**

Difficulty in finding a meeting location - no

Difficulty in organizing a meeting - no

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters - sometimes

Poor attendance at section meetings - yes

Difficulty in finding section officers - no

Difficulty in collecting Dues - no

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## **Additional Comments** (use additional pages if necessary):

Spring meeting was held on April 29, 2011 at Michigan State University and hosted by Scott Bankroff. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. Thirteen people were in attendance. Phillip Legge, Chris Sprague and Scott Bankroff all did demonstrations. After demos we held our business meeting. Our sponsors were Technical Glass Products and Chemglass.

Scott Bankroff and Phillip Legge have volunteered to Chair the 2013 Symposium.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo, MI at Frank Meints's glass shop.

Frank Meints will be bringing AV equipment to Symposium in Alexandria, VA.



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## Directors Report

### Section: Midwest

#### Section Officers:

Director: Art Ramirez

Alt. Director: Dan Coyle

Chair: Steve Anderson

Vice Chair: Tracy Drier

Secretary: Neal Korfhage

Treasurer: Kyle Meyer

#### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 17

Average attendance at section meetings: 11

Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate

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

Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour

Workshop  Other

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#### 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):

Respectfully Submitted,

## Directors Report

**Section: Northeast Section**

### Section Officers

Director: Kiva Ford

Alt. Director: Daniel Wilt

Chair: Dan Seme

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Daryl Smith

Treasurer: Wayne Martin

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 30

Average attendance at section meetings: 25

Financial resources:  Adequate       Inadequate

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

Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour

Workshop  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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):

The Northeast Section has had some excellent meetings with good attendance. Our last meeting was held at the National Bottle Museum. Many of our officers and members worked together in successfully planning a great meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kiva Ford



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

## Directors Report

**Section: Pacific Northwest**

### Section Officers

Director: Skip Huckaby

Alt. Director:

Chair: Bruce Suba

Vice Chair:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Vic Mathews

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 2

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1

Number of section members: 50

Average attendance at section meetings: 30

Financial resources: Adequate -- Inadequate Low

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

Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour

Workshop  Other  Fun

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### Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting Bruce Suba doing a fine Job

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings

Difficulty in finding section officers We have the same officers, looks like lifetime positions

Difficulty in collecting Dues

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### Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

We are planning a fall meeting, Litton engineering and GM associates continue to support the local and National and continue to help with membership activities. Very much appreciated by local members. Look slike we will have a n average of two meetings ayear on in the fall and one in the spring.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Skip Huckaby





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## Directors Report

Section: SOUTHEASTERN

### Section Officers

Director: Don Woodyard

Alt. Director: Rick Smith

Chair: Rick Smith

Vice Chair: Jason Craig

Secretary: Ricky Harrison

Treasurer: Ricky Harrison

### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 0

Number of section members: 55

Average attendance at section meetings: 21

Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate

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

Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour

Workshop  Other

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### 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):

The preparations for the Symposium are coming along very well. Our required block of rooms has been filled. The next section meeting will be held at the National Symposium in Alexandria, VA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Woodyard



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

## Directors Report

### Section: Southern California

#### Section Officers

Director: Gary Coyne  
Alt. Director: Rich Gerhart  
Chair: Rich Gerhart  
Vice Chair:  
Secretary: Rich Gerhart  
Treasurer: Jim Merritt

#### Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1 maybe 2  
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1  
Number of section members: about 25  
Average attendance at section meetings: about 20-25 (including spouses)  
Financial resources:  Adequate  Inadequate  
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)  
Educational  Social  Speaker  Tour   
Workshop  Other

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#### 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):

Living in a "car" region, it's amazing how members do not want to travel more than a few miles to get to a meeting. We do have some that do travel (e.g., Rich Bock from Santa Barbara, but it's very difficult to get the potential people from San Diego to attend. We do have issues and problems getting members to open their shops. As we have fewer and fewer university members, only Bob Maiden, owner of Killdee Scientific has always been willing to open his shop. With the recent move of one local shop to a new location, we are hopeful that a different shop will be opening their doors to our section during the next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Coyne



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## Directors Report Southwest Section

### Section Officers:

**Director:** Jim Cornell  
**Chair:** Roger Ramirez  
**Secretary:** Adam Kennedy

**Alternate Director:** Bill Merka  
**Alternate Chair:** Dennis Ramirez  
**Treasurer:** Bob Singer

### Section Profile:

Number of meeting planned for the year: 1

Number of meeting since last Board of director's meeting: 1

Attendance at section meeting: 12 Glassblowers, 4 Vendors

Financial resources: Adequate

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

Educational  Social

Speaker  Workshop

Tour

Other (explain): This years meeting was held at the University of Texas Glassblowing Shop in Austin, TX on May 14, 2011.

### Section Challenges:

Difficulty in finding a meeting location? Yes  No

Difficulty in organizing a meeting? Yes  No

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters? Yes  No

Poor attendance at section meetings? Yes  No

Difficulty in finding section officers? Yes  No

Other (explain): Member turnout was

**Section Activities/Comments:** There were 15 people in attendance this year which included 12 members and 4 vendor/sponsors. Our hosts Mike Ronalter and Adam Kennedy provided an awesome choice of fruits, pastries and beverages for the event. We had a lengthy meet and greet in the morning followed by our business meeting. President Curt Sexton joined us this year and elaborated on topics presented by the director on events and issues concerning the national society. This included the Society's financial status, decrease in membership and increase in membership dues. Also discussed was the increased value of Society membership, such as the new website, the DVD's available of Symposium demonstrations and the member's only section and what is to be included in that section. Mike Ronalter recommended adding a line on membership forms where members could make an additional "donation" to the Society. Also, Jack Korfhage suggested that in cases where members could not accept compensation for work performed at their place of employment from outside individuals or groups that we ask these customers to make a donation to the Society for the work performed.

A location for next year's meeting was also discussed and Bob Singer stated that he could host at TGP next spring. A motion was made by Jim Hodgson to meet at TGP in Gonzales, LA and the motion carried unanimously! Our Section also invited Curt and the Southeast Section to join us for another joint meeting next year and Curt stated that he would bring it up to his section. At the conclusion of the business discussions, we walked to Austin Pizza for excellent pizza.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent on a few demonstrations, the fabrication of a humming tube by Mike Ronalter and a lengthy discussion on various methods of cutting plate glass and tubing. Several members gathered later in the evening to watch the bats emerge from under the Congress St. Bridge and then had dinner at the hotel's TGIF patio dining area, while others did some shopping and dining in downtown Austin. I believe a good time was had by all in attendance.

One goal of mine for the year was to make contact with as many members on our Section's mailing list as possible and get our list up to date with phone numbers and email addresses. Unfortunately, time constraints didn't allow for the completion of this goal, but hopefully this can be accomplished this upcoming year.

We would like to thank Bob Singer from Technical Glass Products and Chris Wren from Ace Glass for attending and sponsoring our meeting this year. Also, we are all grateful to Shima Abasaghi of Wilmad-Labglass for sponsoring and picking up the tab for lunch. We are also very thankful to Jennifer Wipper of Chemglass Lifesciences for sponsoring and providing liquid refreshments and snacks for the meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cornell

May 26, 2011