

Canadian Section Report

This year it was supposed to be held at the University of Western Ontario but the member cancelled again a the last minute so I decided to hold the meeting again in my shop.

Unfortunately no members from west and only a couple from Ontario will attend so we won't have enough people from different parts of Canada to be able to vote for a representative direction.

I spoke to Mike Palme about that problem and he mentioned that it is possible, after approval by the BOD to keep the present officers until the next meeting.

This one for sure will be held in Ontario in fall this year so there should be enough members to make sense.

To maximize the representatively I propose to send a letter to the members in advance to let them understand the issues better and offer to the ones who live way too far to attend to vote by mail.

This way we could get a representative group of officers from across Canada.

If the turnout should be insufficient again or the people didn't reply I will propose to dissolve the Canadian section and the people will join the nearest American section if they want. I am getting tired by the the lack of interest of our members.

It is really a stress for me to have the meeting so close to my vacations but it has to be done... I am leaving for 6 weeks to China barely 2 weeks after and will I have so many things to prepare before departing.

Unfortunately I won't attend the symposium since I will be flying back from China on May 31th. I couldn't take one more week of time off to go back west to the symposium right after 6 weeks of vacations.

I will miss meeting the friends and teaching, I really like doing it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georges Kopp

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Date: 5/17/09

Section: Delaware Valley

Section Officers

Director: Katherine Cheetham

Chair: Ariel Rom

Vice Chair: Christopher Bock

Secretary: Kathryn Jones

Treasurer: Daniel Walker

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 4

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 4

Number of section members: 90

Average attendance at section meetings: 50

Financial resources: Adequate

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

Educational Social Speaker Workshop

Section Challenges

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 n/a

Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

The Delaware Valley Section is doing quite well this year. We have not had difficulty finding meeting locations, speakers or demonstrators. We have had reasonable attendance since the Officers have changed and some of the venues have been different. Due to our chairperson's involvement in industry we have seen a return of members we have not seen in years. The Officers themselves have been faced with some challenges due to inexperience which has caused overlapping or oversight in responsibilities. Although the section has more support from Salem Community College this year, we have fewer student National members which may be due to the SCC meeting being held so late in the year. Our financial status is healthy and we are currently investigating avenues of contribution to the field.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Date: June 2, 2009

Section: Exhibitor Section

Section Officers

Director: Deborah Camp

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Bonnie Clark

Treasurer: Bonnie Clark

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: 23 members in 2008

Average attendance at section meetings: 20+ members and some non-members

Financial resources: Adequate XX Inadequate

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

Educational Social Speaker Tour Workshop

Other Meetings take place during the National Symposium. It is

Primarily a business meeting.

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings XX

Difficulty in finding section officers XX

Difficulty in collecting Dues XX

Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

The exhibitor group's section Objectives have been

- 1) To help symposium committee promote the symposium and exhibits
Using exhibitor resources.
- 2) To keep exhibitors informed as to exhibit logistics before the annual symposium.
- 3) To resolve potential problems in these areas.

We have since our charter added a Jr. Member scholarship which has been awarded annually in the amount of \$1000.00. This year we awarded the scholarship to Kathryn Jones of Salem Community College.

The exhibitor group has always heard the pros and con's of the symposium format as well as the exhibit hall functions and schedules. We have been able to work with the Symposium committee to provide the exhibitors preferred schedule in response to these suggestions made at the Exhibitor group meetings. It is my belief that the Exhibitors are quite happy with the current schedule and format for the symposium for the past few years. The exhibitor group has always made a contribution to the symposium committee to hold special events/receptions in the exhibit hall which has been received with great success.

The current economic crisis has hit our membership hard. We are looking at record low turnout for exhibitors this year and it will be hard to get those who passed this year to come back. Our membership in the exhibitor group will suffer also as people will link membership in our section to the very act of exhibiting. The thought will be “why join the exhibitor group if we are not having a booth at the symposium.”

Our E-group website is our main communication vehicle for our group. We use this method of communication when necessary to get our group information or feedback about a specific issue.

I hope that some of the vendors who decided not to come to the 2009 Symposium will return next year in San Antonio.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Date: 5/14/2009

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: 39

Average attendance at section meetings: 15

Financial resources: Adequate

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

Educational x Social x Speaker x Tour Workshop

Other

_____ always people willing to participate

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location X

Difficulty in organizing a meeting

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

Poor attendance at section meetings X

Difficulty in finding section officers

Difficulty in collecting Dues

Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

We have a great section. We have re-committed ourselves to getting greater attendance, participation and expanding our meeting locations.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Date: 5-13-09

Section: MIDWEST

Section Officers

Director: Brian Schwandt

Chair: Tracy Drier

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Steve Anderson

Treasurer: Art Ramirez

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: TWO

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: ONE

Number of section members: about 58 people unofficially

Average attendance at section meetings: 30

Financial resources: Adequate

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

X Educational X Social Speaker Tour X Workshops

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):

Last meeting was at UWM, hosted by Neil Korphage.

Several demonstrations were given-----with a strong participation of younger members.

At the business meeting, Chair Tracey Drier, brought up award nominations one was taken and voted on, as well as raising section dues was discussed and voted down.

Art, the treasurer reflected on our stable section banking account situation. A vote was passed to make trip reimbursement money available to the director, again, even though it was revealed that the director has not been accepting past funds, choosing to instead leave it in the MW account.

My BOD report included the topics of the new "artistic" classification plans, details of the Vancouver Symposium, a summarizing account of my trip to the S.E--S.W. section meeting

I attended in LA., mention of the new status possibility of the A.S.G.S. as discussed at the Nov. BOD meeting, a praising, explanatory plug for the great A.S.G.S. on-line store making Society apparel conveniently accessible, and initial details of the proposed 2010 Symposium in Texas.

Joe Gregar reflected on the sad one year anniversary of our very missed member and friend, Dan Edwards, and the slow improving current condition of his wife, Diane.

Bob Ponton attended and orchestrated the advertised, famous, traditional, fund-raising quarter-auction.

Erich Morraine extended a personal invitation, which was accepted by several members, to join him at his home studio in Sussex, WI, to continue hands-on activities in the flames, late into the evening.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Northeast

Section Officers

Director: Patrick J DeFlorio
 Alt. Director: Sally Prasch
 Chair: Daryl Smith
 Vice Chair:
 Secretary: Michael Souza
 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: 60
 Average attendance at section meetings: 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

We had our spring meeting 4-25-2009 at Syracuse University , the host was Sally Prasch. Attendance was 38 people mostly students and artistic glassblowers. Sally had demonstrations of both scientific and artistic work. Turn out was lower than hoped from ASGS members because of the conflict with the previously scheduled Southeast meeting. I personally missed the meeting but this was the best day for the facilities and students. Submitted by: Patrick DeFlorio
 Date: 5-17-2009



American Scientific Glassblowers Society Pacific Northwest Section Directors Report

ASGS BOD Meeting June 2, 2009

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Officers

Bruce Suba
Chairman

Victor Mathews
Director
Secretary/Treasurer

June 2009

Section Profile:

Number of meetings planned for 7/1/09 - 6/30/10: **2**
Number of meetings since last ASGS board meeting: **1**
Number of National section members: **56**
Regular: **43 (77%)** Associate: **11 (20%)** Junior: **2 (3%)**
Last attendance at meetings: **25**
Financial Resources: **Low**
Last section meeting included:
Demonstrations, Lunch, Tour, Raffle

Section Challenges:

- ___ Difficulty in finding meeting locations. *The field seems to be shrinking.*
- ___ Difficulty in organizing a meeting. *Bruce Suba is doing a great job.*
- X Difficulty in finding workshop presenters. *Hot & Cold.*
- X Difficulty in getting ASGS members to attend the meetings. *Greater number nonmembers.*
- X Difficulty in getting members to pay dues. *SHOULD BE PART OF NATIONAL DUES!*
- X Difficulty in finding Section officers. *YES!*
- X Difficulty in getting member participation. *Yes, it is the SAME people all the time.*
- X Other: *Members are spread out. Difficult to attend a meeting.*

Summarized section plans, activities and comments:

1. There was a Spring meeting at GM Associates.
2. We have to cancell with Matthew Stewart for a Hot Shop Seminar for the 2009 syposium.
3. A "tentative" Fall Meeting is being planned in Grass Valley.
4. Their continues to be no volunteers to serve as officers, so Bruce & I will continue at this time.
5. ASGS was part of a booth in the Glass Craft & Bead Expo Show in 2009.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report June 1, 2009

Section: Southeastern

Section Officers

Director: Don Woodyard
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: 1
Number of section members: 53
Average attendance at section meetings: 15-25 (Business Meeting attendance)
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 sheet if necessary):

American Scientific Glassblowers Society
Southeast – Southwest
Section Meeting
April 17 & 18, 2009

The Southeast and Southwest sections of the ASGS combined their efforts and held their Annual Section Meetings in Baton Rouge Louisiana. We had 61 persons in attendance, a fairly even mix from both sections.

Events

Friday April 17:

We met at Albemarle Corporation Library for a presentation about Albemarle, safety instructions, and a tour of the research and development labs, chemical processing units and the Glass Shop. An aluminum alkyls demonstration was also presented. This was a real treat.

Lunch was be provided by Albemarle Corporation.

After lunch we held our respective annual Section Business Meetings in the Albemarle Library.

Friday afternoon:

Following the business meeting traveled to the **Center for Advanced Microstructures and Devices (CAMD)** operated by Louisiana State University. We toured this facility that houses a synchrotron and is used for basic research in the area of atomic and molecular structure and micro device fabrication. www.camd.lsu.edu

Friday evening:

We held an Exhibitors Reception at the Marriott. Many thanks go out to our supporting vendors: Technical Glass Products, Quartz Scientific, Ace Glass, VM Glass, Friedrich & Dimmock, Wilt Industries, Wale Apparatus, and GM Associates. It is always a pleasure to spend time with our friends.

Saturday April 18:

We toured Technical Glass Products in Gonzales, LA. TGP is a leading supplier of fabricated quartz ware to the semi conductor and research industry. There was quartz working; wet saw cutting, photo abrasive, and borosilicate glass working demonstrations. Technical Glass products provided lunch.

Saturday evening:

A Cajon Fais-Do-Do was held at Technical Glass Products hosted by Bob and Nancy Singer. Jack Korfhage cooked boiled crawfish with corn and potatoes. Bob Singer cooked seafood gumbo and his Cajon friends cooked chicken and sausage jambalaya. We all spent the evening “Pinching Tails & Sucking Heads”.

Acknowledgements

This was a great meeting and the Southeastern Section thanks Jack and Bob for hosting this joint meeting. The idea of a joint meeting worked well for our two sections. We have had joint meetings in the past.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Date:5/5/09

Section: Southern Calif.

Section Officers

Director:Rick Gerhart

Chair: Bob Maiden

Alternate Director: Gary Coyne

Secretary:Gary Coyne

Treasurer:Jim Merritt

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:20

Average attendance at section meetings:10 to 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

Additional Comments (use additional pages if necessary):

With the closing of glass shops,weather private,industrial,or at the university level we see our section losing members every year.At this time I see no solution to this evergrowing situation.

Respectively submitted,

Rick Gerhart

Director

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Southwest

Section Officers:

Director: Jim Cornell Alternate Director: Roger Ramirez

Chair: Michael Ronalter Alternate Chair: _____

Secretary: Ben Spaulding Treasurer: Bob Singer

Section Profile

Number of meeting planned for the year. 1

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

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 _____ Workshop

Tour

Other (explain): This year's meeting was held in conjunction with the Southeast Section in Baton Rouge, LA. Tours of Albemarle Corporation and CAMD at LSU were conducted. Demonstrations and Fias Do Do were held at TGP in Gonzales, LA. All officers in the section were retained in their positions, as elections were not conducted.

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): Again this year, attendance was low when compared to the number of people on the mailing list (75). The Director and Outreach Coordinator will be discussing options to improve membership in the section. This will benefit everyone in preparing for next year's Symposium.

Additional Comments: Bob Singer brought us up to date on the 2010 Symposium which will be held in San Antonio, TX. Tentatively the date will be the first week of July. Members also talked about membership issues on a sectional and national level, as well as how to increase membership in both. Some Section Members stated they would become National Members because of the discount for new members and for the benefits associated with next year's Symposium. Also discussed were highlights of the November 2008 board meeting and details of this summer's Symposium in Vancouver, WA. Marv Molodow suggested allowing a discount or free entrance to poor students/ glass artists to portions of the Symposium and several problems with this scenario were discussed. Nomination of section members was discussed and it was decided that members could be nominated throughout the year and voted upon by members electronically and then names could be submitted to the awards committee.

Submitted by: Jim Cornell

Date: May 18, 2009