



# THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

## Directors Report – 2013

### Section: Southwest

#### Section Officers

Director: Adam Kennedy

Alt. Director: Jack Korfhage

Chair: Michael Ronalter

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Michael Ronalter

Treasurer: Bob Singer

#### 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: 14

Average attendance at section meetings: 32 (including spouses) 3 vendors(2 present)

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):

Our last meeting was on April 26 & 27 in Austin, TX and was hosted by Adam Kennedy and Michael Ronalter. We had a larger than average turnout this year, and this was due to Bob Singer organizing a tour to the Austin, Heraeus Quartz LLC fabrication facility. We attracted many members from around the country and gained a few new section members. We also toured three local art glass studios and I passed out ASGS literature at each of these locations. I think there is a lot of potential for outreach among the artistic shops in town. Saturday's events consisted of University of Texas lab tours as well as demos in the glass shops. We are looking at either College Station, TX or Manvel, TX for next year's section meeting. Other than that, it's the same struggles as other sections, such as covering too large of a geographic area, trouble finding officers, etc. Next year we are due for elections.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Kennedy 6/11/13