

Directors Report – November 2009

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. 0

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 Spring Gather was held in conjunction with the Southeast Section in Baton Rouge, LA. Tours of Albemarle Corporation and CAMD at LSU were conducted. Demonstrations and a 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). Out of 8 members who were listed as not renewing their national membership, 2 stated that they did renew, 1 associate and one regular member stated economic/interest reasons, and 4 were sent letters but no reply has been received. Membership recruiting is ongoing.

Additional Comments: Bob Singer and Jack Korfhage, symposium co-chairs, have been working very diligently on organizing next year's symposium. Bob will be giving us an update during the meeting. The Southwest and Southeast Sections are tentatively going to have another joint meeting next spring in Tennessee.

Submitted by: James Cornell

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