

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Midwest Section

Section Officers:

Director: Brian Schwandt **Chair:** Tracy Drier

Secretary: Steve Anderson **Treasurer:** Art Ramirez

Section Profile

Number of meeting planned for the year. _2 Number of meeting since last Board of directors meeting.1

Average attendance at section meetings	20-25			
Financial resources: Acct. balance ~\$4,000 (Are looking for good causes to disperse to.)	Adequate	YES	Inadequate	
How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)	Educational	YES	Social	YES
SPONSORS Chemglass and ABR Imagery both sent attending representatives. Always gracious host Joe Gregar at Argonne National Labs. Aldrich remodeling now scheduled to take place over Dec. holidays, hopefully allowing next meeting in Spring at location.	Speaker		Workshop	YES
	Tour			
	Other (explain)	CATERED LUNCH, BUSINESS MEETING: Two Award nominations, symposium information, A short honorable mention of Dan Edwards update for people uninformed. Certificate of Election forms updated and signed. Possible future meeting location in Indiana to be considered, perhaps a joint meeting with the Great Lakes Section for better attendance.		
12 members demonstrated a technique or shared a workshop hint . Ross (ABR Imagery sponsor) set-up a new Portable, oxygen concentrator and burner And demonstrated a quick Murini encasement method . Four interactive members took up his offer to try the equipment for themselves.				

Section Challenges

Difficulty in finding a meeting location. Yes _____ No ___X___

Difficulty in organizing a meeting Yes _____ No ___X___

Difficulty in finding workshop presenters Yes _____ No ___X___

Poor attendance at section meetings Yes _____ No ___X___

Difficulty in finding section officers Yes _____ No ___X___

Other (explain) Active difficulty in recruiting paper presenters and volunteer help in recruiting paper presenters for upcoming symposium. Presently have six positive, but unconfirmed interests in paper presenters. One is a junior and could use suggestion assistance in elaborating his desired topic of the characteristics of Quartz. I have doubts of two and yet are confident of the other two people interested. One referral yet to be successfully contacted. Further update at BOD meeting to take place after this report, as well as a stepped up "cold-calling" campaign in the meantime....**Additional Comments**
A Discussion concerning section's methods of charging section dues, vs. guest attendees lunch costs (not members) went unresolved. I suggested I would research how other section's assess fees for attendees and report next meeting. Treasurer is concerned with the home office's evaluation of difference in dues, versus non-member money, etc.

Submitted by: ___Brian Schwandt_Date:10-17-08_____