

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

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