

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Southwest Section Report

Fall 2008

The Southwest Section has not had any meetings since our Spring Gather in San Antonio in April. Consequently, I am submitting highlights from my report submitted for the June BOD meeting and updates on items that were reported.

The Southwest Section held one meeting in April of this year in San Antonio, Texas. The business meeting was held in the morning and we traveled to Bob Lewandowski's home shop for glassblowing demonstrations and discussions in the afternoon. The meeting was sponsored by Ace Glass, Friedrich and Dimmock and Technical Glass Products. Our section greatly appreciated the vendor's attendance and support of our section.

One new change was made this year in the administration of the Southwest Section. The Secretary/Treasurer position was divided into 2 positions. Bob Singer was retained as Treasurer and Ben Spaulding was voted in to be the new Secretary. All other current officers have one more year on their elected term.

Other business discussed:

- * Bob Singer gave a Treasurer's report which was approved by the attendees.

- * A discussion was held on how to get sectional members nominated for national awards. It was decided that it would require, at minimum, a fall mailing for members to obtain nominations for various awards for submission to the awards committee.

- * It was mentioned that former member Scottie McCleary(sp?) had died. He will be nominated for the Memorial Scroll if it is determined that he was a national member.

- * After sending out a mailing containing an announcement for the Spring Gather meeting and a dues/membership notice to 75 individuals, 14 members and 3 sponsors either replied to the notice or attended the meeting. A new position of Outreach Coordinator for the section was created and Ben Spaulding was voted in for the position.

- * The Southwestern Section will be hosting the 2010 Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. The following members have so far volunteered to chair the following committees:

Symposium Chairman:	Bob Singer
Technical Papers:	Ben Spaulding
Posters:	Jim Hodgson
Exhibitors:	Jim Cornell
Workshops:	Bob Lewandowski
Seminars:	?

Bob Singer will report further on the 2010 Symposium with updated committee chairmen.

* At last year's Symposium, Jack Korfhage, Kurt Sexton (SE Section Director) and I discussed having a combined SE and SW section meeting in Baton Rouge, LA in the spring of 2009. The idea was approved and I believe that Jack and Bob Singer came up with an agenda for the meeting. The agenda includes a tour of Albemarle Corporation, CADM at LSU, and Technical Glass Products, a swamp tour of Alligator Bayou and a crawfish boil at Bob and Nancy Singer's home. The event's schedule is posted on the ASGS web page and members from all sections are welcome to attend! I would like to thank Jack and Bob for coordinating what should be a fantastic meeting for both sections.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Cornell
Southwest Section Director

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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) _____

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) _____

Additional Comments

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