

American Scientific Glassblowers Society
Directors Report Fall 2003
Midwest Section

Director: Steve Anderson
Alternate Director: Brian Schwandt
Chair: Ken Owens
Secretary: Keith Krumnow
Treasurer: Rick Ponton

Section Profile

Number of Section Meetings Planned for the year: 2
Number of meetings since last Board of Directors Meeting: 1
Number of section members: 100
Average attendance at section meetings: 45
Financial Resources: adequate

How would you describe your typical meeting?
x_ Education, x_ Social, x__ Speaker, _ Tour, x_ Workshop
Other _____

Section Challenges:

Difficulty finding meeting locations
 Difficulty in organizing a meeting
 Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
 Poor attendance at section meetings
 Difficulty in finding section officers
 Other

Additional Comments:

We had our Fall meeting on September 20, 2003 the meeting was hosted by Bob Ponton at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. There were 5 demonstrations of various glassblowing techniques. During lunch we had a presentation by Bob Ponton on safety regarding pressurized cylinders and regulators. Tracy Drier presented a paper on Micro Fluidic Systems in Glass.

Joe Gregar presented information on the 2005 Symposium location and recruited people to help chair committees and assist with the preparations for the 2005 Symposium. Joe also informed us of the project that will transfer 50 years of Fusion & Proceedings to CD.

Steve Anderson informed the section that Amy Collins of Book Keeping Plus would continue to operate the ASGS Home Office. Restitution payments are being made regularly and are being invested for the future. Also an Audit committee has been formed consisting of Ian Duncanson and Ben Seal. Steve also informed the group about the ad hoc committee that is currently writing abstracts for the Technical Papers in Fusion and the Proceedings. He also mentioned how the abstracts would complement the upcoming Fusion CD package. Seven members signed up on the spot to aid with the process.

We had our Quarter Auction where members purchased .25 cent tickets to bid on each others unwanted materials, equipment and just plain junk. The ticket sales raised \$390.00 for our Treasury. Fun was had by all!

Our Spring of 2004 meeting has been scheduled to be hosted by Ian Duncanson at Notre Dame. Our Fall of 2004 meeting will be hosted by Dan Edwards at Northern Illinois University.