

# Rocky Mountain Section Report

## American Scientific Glassblowers Society

### Section Officers

Director:	Hans Rohner
Director Elect:	Ron Bihler
Chair:	Pat Smythe
Secretary:	Hans Rohner
Treasurer:	Waine Archer

### Section Profile

We continue to find two section meetings, one in April or May and one in October or November of each year to be adequate for us. We considered the Symposium in Colorado Springs to be one of our annual section meetings for 2001. We have tentative plans for an informal social/business meeting sometime in November. Normally our meetings include glassblowing demonstrations and some sort of informal social activity.

Our membership continues to hover around 30; we usually have about half that number at our meetings.

Our financial situation is adequate.

### Section Challenges

We are experiencing the well known and understood phenomenon of "burn-out" due to the efforts required of our hosting the 2001 Symposium. By all accounts, we've done well. However, this has been a great drain on our personal resources, both financially and emotionally. Even our most enthusiastic members want a break from any ASGS related activity. Not being a large section to begin with, our members were stretched thin in order to bring the 2001 Symposium together. Our biggest challenge will be to revitalize the section. I think it important to bear in mind the toll it takes on a section when considering how we organize and run our symposia.

Ron Bihler is our new Director. He ran unopposed; we took nominations by mail, and the Secretary cast one vote in his favor. Due to his younger daughter's recent health crisis, we will be represented by proxy at the Fall 2001 meeting in Alabama.

### Comments

We are still trying to get more of our area quartz workers involved in the Rocky Mountain Section. The 2001 Symposium proved to be good contact. We are attempting to build on the experience and good will shown on the part of Desert Glass. There still seems to be suspicion and fear on the part of some of these members and shops; perhaps some more of our prominent quartz workers on the national scene could reach out to these people, much as Marv Molodow and Bob Singer have done, to help quell the notion that someone is trying to steal their secrets.

Hans Rohner 10/16/01