

ARTICLE I — NAME

This Corporation shall be named The American Scientific Glassblowers Society, a Corporation in the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE II — OBJECTS

The objects and purposes of this Society shall be the same as set out in the Certificate of Incorporation thereof.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section A - Qualifications

1) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Associate, Retired and Lifetime classes and other classes as the Board of Directors shall determine.

2) Regular membership may be granted to those persons who have for five consecutive years and currently gain the major portion of their income as a scientific glassblower. (June '89).

3) Junior membership may be granted to those persons who are actively engaged in the art of scientific glassblowing with less than five years experience.

4) Associate membership may be granted to those persons who have a close association with, or interest in, the glassblowing field.

5) Retired membership may be granted upon application from any member who is no longer able to perform glassblowing duties due to accident, illness or retirement and has been a regular member in good standing for a period which is at least the difference between the member's age and 70 years. (June '89).

6) Lifetime membership: The Board of Directors may bestow Lifetime membership upon that person who has been an active member of the Society and who has performed outstanding service to the Society or has made significant contributions to the art of scientific glassblowing. No more than three Lifetime memberships may be bestowed in any one year. All nominations for Lifetime membership should include a biographical sketch outlining such services or contributions.

7) The Board of Directors may, in the best interest of the Society, elect persons other than glassblowers to Regular membership in the Society. An appeal to elect a non-glassblower to Regular Membership must be made by a regular member to the Board of Directors. To be a valid request, it must be accompanied with a 3/4 vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least four (4) months. (November '87).

Section B - Requirements

1) An initiation fee of \$15.00 plus dues of the current year must accompany each application for membership. This money shall be returned if the application is denied by the membership committee.

2) No initiation fee will be required for Junior membership but, upon completion of five years of glassblowing experience, Junior members must apply for Regular membership; such applications to be accompanied by required initiation fees.

Section C - Dues & Benefits

1) The annual dues shall be sent via mail ballot to each member eligible to vote and the ballot be included with the ballot for the election of the National Officers. In the event there is no election of National Officers, a dues ballot will be mailed to each eligible member.

2) Any member whose dues remain unpaid for a period of three months from the beginning of the fiscal year, shall receive a "second notice" from the treasurer. If that member's dues remain unpaid for thirty days after the "second notice", membership benefits assigned to that class of membership shall be forfeited. If a member's dues remain unpaid on October 1, that member shall forfeit any rights and privileges afforded a member in good standing and that membership will be terminated.

3) Dues requirements shall be waived for Lifetime Members.

4) Each class of membership shall carry specified benefits:

a) Regular membership carries benefits of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, voting privileges in the Section and the National, right to hold elective or appointive office, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership.

b) Junior membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, voting privileges in the Section and the National, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership.

c) Associate membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered section, right to hold appointive office, right to hold elective office in the section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director and other National offices, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership.
(June '89)

d) Lifetime membership carries benefits of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, voting privileges in the Section and the National, right to hold appointive office, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership.

e) Retired members are entitled to all benefits of the class of membership to which they belonged at the time retired membership was granted, at an annual dues rate to be determined by the Board of Directors. (June '86)

f) Other classes of membership formed by the Board of Directors shall carry benefits and requirements as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section D - Resignations

1) Any member, upon relinquishing membership in the Society, either voluntarily or involuntarily, immediately forfeits all rights and claims to any interests or assets of the Society.

2) Any person whose membership has lapsed or who has resigned from the Society must reapply for membership under the rules as laid down in Article III, Section B. 1. of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1) There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director from each Section of the Society.

2) The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of the Society and shall be vested with full power and authority to put into effect the laws, resolutions, and decisions of the Society. By three-fourths vote of its members present at any official meeting, or by mail ballot by three-fourths of the full Board, the Directors may make, alter, or amend By-Laws not in conflict with the law for its own government or that of the Society; delegate to an Executive committee the full powers of the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session; fill all offices for the unexpired term thereof; exercise general supervision over the receipts and expenditures of the Society; appoint employees and other agents of the Society, define their duties, and define the duties of its officers other than defined herein; fix compensation of employees and agents of the Society and do all other acts and things which it may deem to be in the best interest of the Society.

3) The presence in person or by proxy of the majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at Board of Directors meetings and, except as otherwise provided, actions taken by the Board of Directors duly assembled shall be by majority vote of the Directors present in person or by proxy, which proxy shall be valid for that one meeting.

4) A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by agreement of a majority of its members. Each Director must be notified by mail at least ten days in advance of all special meetings.

5) No one member shall have more than one vote during any meeting of the Board of Directors.

6) Each Section shall elect an Alternate Director who may serve in place of the Elected Sectional Director at Board Meetings. When necessary, the Elected Sectional Director for a given Section will assign a proxy to the Elected Alternate Director of that Section, first. If the Alternate Director is unable to attend, the proxy may then be assigned to any other Board member. In either case, the proxy shall carry full voting privileges. A nationally elected officer may assign a proxy at Board meetings only to another nationally elected officer. (November '87).

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

01) There shall be four officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

02) Each candidate for election to a National Office shall have been a Regular member in good standing of the Society for at least three (3) years immediately prior to nomination. A person who has been a Junior member in good standing for the three (3) consecutive years previous to requesting Regular membership status, will be eligible to hold any elected office within the Society after being approved to the rank of Regular member.

03) The President and President-Elect shall serve a term of office of one year only. The President-Elect shall, having served that term of elected office, automatically succeed to the office of President and serve for one one year term only. The President shall not be eligible for election to any national office for a period of three years after the Presidential term.

04) The Secretary shall serve a term of two years and is eligible for election to two consecutive terms. The Secretary shall not, following two consecutive terms, be eligible for election to the same office for a period of two years.

05) The Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, rather than by the membership. The Treasurer shall have full voting privileges on the Board of Directors. It shall provide financial reimbursement if needed to attend Board of Directors meetings. The Treasurer shall have the same status as other Regular members in good standing for a period of three (3) years prior to being elected. The Treasurer shall be elected yearly. The Board of Directors shall have the right to remove the Treasurer at anytime by a majority vote.

06) The Assistant Treasurer shall be selected by the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Directors by a majority vote. The Assistant Treasurer shall have no vote on the Board of Directors, and shall be provided no financial reimbursement to Board of Directors meetings unless the Assistant Treasurer is representing the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall have been a Regular member in good standing for one (1) year. The Assistant Treasurer shall be selected yearly by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of Directors. The Assistant Treasurer may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

07) The term of office of Sectional Directors shall be a maximum of four consecutive years. (A two-year term for two consecutive terms or one-year term for four consecutive terms, etc.) They shall not, following four consecutive years, be eligible for election to the same office for a period of two years without the consent of the President.

08) Each Officer and Sectional Director shall serve a full term of office, or shall serve until a successor has been installed.

09) The title of Emeritus may be granted to an officer for long and distinguished service to the Society. This title shall be assigned for life and shall be granted to only one officer at a time in each of the authorized Emeritus positions. This position may be filled only upon a resolution of the Board of Directors ratified by the members present at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Board of Directors will determine the minimum requirements of eligibility and privileges of each Emeritus position.

10) In the event of an Officer's death, resignation, or the Board of Directors' determination by 2/3 vote that an officer's ability to perform the duties of that office have been adversely effected, the following succession shall take place:

a) Treasurer or Secretary - The President shall immediately appoint a successor. The President will mail a notice of same to each member of the Board of Directors asking for approval. The receipt of a majority of the Board members' favorable responses confirms the appointee as Treasurer or Secretary for the time remaining in the term of office. If confirmation of the President's appointee is unsuccessful, the President must select another person and submit that appointee for confirmation.

b) President - The President-Elect shall automatically assume the office of President, serving that which remains of the uncompleted term of the previous President, and the term to which the President-Elect would have succeeded as well.

c) President-Elect - The President shall, upon completion of a term, remain in office until a successor is elected through the regular election process.

d) The Executive Secretary, by parliamentary law, is an appointive position. Appointment is made by the President with concurrence of the President-Elect and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The position is of non-voting status and shall be for two (2) years with the right of the Board of Directors to ask for a resignation with a two-thirds vote. Duties are as to be described under Duties of the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE VI — COMMITTEES

1) The Executive Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Society and shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Executive Secretary is an ex-officio member, without vote. This committee shall not have the power to overturn Board of Directors' intentions.

2) The By-Laws Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Society and shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) persons. When possible, this committee shall be composed of the immediate Past President as Chair, the President and no more than seven (7) and no less than five (5) of all able Past Presidents. President-Elect will serve as Secretary of the Committee without vote.

3) The Nominating Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Society composed of the President acting as Chair, the President-Elect, and the Sectional Directors.

4) The President may appoint any other committees at any time.

ARTICLE VII — ELECTIONS

1) The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating only qualified members of experience and integrity who have actively participated in the work of the Society and are willing to work for its purposes.

2) The Nominating Committee will proceed with its duties in such a manner and at such a time that it is able to present a slate of one or more eligible nominees for each office on the ballot on or before the first day of January immediately preceding the date set for elections. The Nominating Committee will deliver to the Secretary the names of the nominees and written agreement to serve if elected for communication to the membership.

3) Nomination for election may also be made by petition. Nominating petitions must be signed by no fewer than fifteen voting members in good standing and must be accompanied by the name of the nominee and written agreement to serve if elected. These documents must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the first day of February immediately preceding the date set for elections. (June '89).

4) The Secretary will submit the names of the nominees to the Elections Committee in good and sufficient time for the Elections Committee to perform its duties. The Secretary will retain for Society record the written agreement to serve if elected of each nominee.

5) The Elections Committee, upon receipt of the nominations from the Secretary, shall form and mail a ballot to each member eligible to vote.

6) The Elections Committee shall provide each voter with one ballot and two envelopes. The smaller envelope shall be printed with instructions for balloting procedure to be followed. The larger envelope shall be pre-addressed to the Elections Committee. (June '86).

7) The Chairman of the Elections Committee, together with at least two of the other members of this Committee, shall open, validate, and count all ballots which are properly completed.

8) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. If said candidate cannot ascent to the office then that candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall succeed to that office by approval of a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

9) All duly elected officers shall be installed during the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII — SECTIONS

1) For the purpose of furthering the better interest of the Society and its members, the Board of Directors may, upon receiving formal application from at least twenty Regular members, create a Section of the Society.

2) Each Section shall be self-governing to the extent that it does not conflict with the Charter and By-Laws of the Society.

3) Each Section shall be represented in the Society by having one Sectional Director seated on the Board of Directors. Said Sectional Directors shall have been elected by the eligible voting members of the Section represented at some time prior to the first day of June. It is recommended that a Director be elected by a mail ballot but, whatever method is chosen, must be elected by a majority of all members in good standing. If only one candidate is running for an office, the Secretary of the Section can be instructed to cast one vote for said candidate.

4) In special instances the Board of Directors of the Society may waive the minimum requirement for the Section formation.

5) The dues of any Section may not exceed the dues of the Society for the same period or part thereof without approval of the Board of Directors of the Society.

6) The Sections will exercise all necessary precautions that any person not having voting privileges within the Society shall not have a vote within the Section elections which will have direct or indirect bearing on the election of the members to sit on the Society Board of Directors, or to have voice on Section or Society matters which will directly or indirectly bear upon Society policy. A member may, as a matter of choice, choose to pay dues in more than one section; however that member must declare only one Section as the "Section of Record" for all voting purposes pertaining to National policy.

7) A Director or Alternate Director will be eligible for reimbursement as long as the Section represented holds a valid charter recognized by the Board of Directors. A Director must be elected by a mail ballot (ballot sent to all members in good standing). Results of Election Committee must be presented to the President.

8) The Sections shall exercise all necessary precautions that any person who is not a member of the Society shall not be a member of the Sections.

ARTICLE IX — MEETINGS

1) There shall be such general meetings of the Society as the Board of Directors shall determine necessary for the fulfillment of the purposes of the Society. At least two weeks' written notice shall be given for such meetings.

2) This Society shall hold an Annual Meeting for the purpose of receiving reports of officers, the Board of Directors, and the committees of the Society; for installation of Officers, and Sectional Directors; for setting of dues and for any other business that may arise.

3) A quorum of any general meeting of the Society shall consist of fifty (50) Regular members in good standing. No proxies will be stipulated or accepted in lieu of attendance except that proxies may be stipulated in the case of members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X — FINANCE

1) For business purposes the fiscal year shall begin June 1 of each year.

2) An audit of the books of the Society shall be made at least once yearly and a report made at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI — PUBLICATIONS

FUSION shall be the name of the official Society publication.

ARTICLE XII — CONSTITUTIONAL

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with the Charter, By-Laws, Rules of Order or Standing Rules of the Society.