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Agenda

I.	CALL TO ORDER – Annalee Pickett Robert Rules of Order Approve the February Meeting Minutes	8:30 – 8:40 a.m. ET
II.	COMMITTEE/SECTION REPORTS	8:40 – 12:00 p.m. ET
III.	BREAK	12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
IV.	COMMITTEE/SECTION REPORTS	1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET
V.	BREAK	3:00 – 3:10 p.m. ET
VI.	OLD BUSINESS • Action Items	3:10 – 4:00 p.m. ET
VII.	NEW BUSINESS	4:00 – 4:55 p.m. ET
VIII.	NEXT MEETING: TBD	
IX.	ADJOURN	5:00 p.m. ET

Minutes of the ASGS Board of Directors Meeting

February 22, 2025 | Zoom 1:00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Officers and Directors

President Annalee Pickett

President-Elect Erich Moraine..... proxy

National Treasurer Robert Singer..... proxy Doni Hatz

National Secretary Doni Hatz..... proxy Bob Singer

Canadian Craig Nagami* proxy Craig Nagame

Delaware Valley Dan Walker* proxy Nick Salame

Great Lakes Jill Korgemagi-Clarke..... proxy

Midwest Michael D'Acquisto..... proxy

Northeast Sally Prasch..... proxy Bobbi Balsano*

Pacific Northwest VACANT* proxy

Rocky Mountain Garrett Oaks proxy

Southeast Rick Smith* proxy Jeff Babbitt

Southern California Nathan Hart proxy Andrew Benowitz*

Southwest Jim Cornell..... proxy Jeff Babbitt

Exhibitor/Director at large VACANT* proxy

Hudson-Mohawk Valley Section #

Metropolitan New York Section #

New England Section #

Niagara Frontier Section #

Ohio Valley Section #

San Francisco Section #

Pittsburgh Tri-State Section #

Washington DC-Baltimore Section #

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Executive Secretary

Jerry Cloninger – Southeast Section

National Office Manager

MI Eric Gustafson/Kelley Apodaca*

Fusion Editor

Dr. Marilyn Brown* - Northeast

Symposium Coordinator 2025

Rick Smith, Jerry Cloninger – SE Section

Publications Chair

James Hodgson* - Midwest Section

Guest

Chris Bock, Symposium Chair 2025

*Not present, # inactive section

Quick recap

The Board of Directors conducted a roll call, reviewed meeting minutes, and discussed restoring member access to ASGS symposium demonstration videos. They also addressed financial concerns, updates to the Bylaws Committee activities, and progress in developing new marking and sponsorship initiatives. The conversation ended with discussion on upcoming events, communication strategies, and the potential for texting.

President Annalee Pickett (Southeast Section) started the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting at 1:05 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST).

National Secretary Doni Hatz (Great Lakes Section) took roll call of Directors present in the virtual Zoom meeting. A quorum of Board of Director members was in attendance with 10 out of 15 possible members present. She mentioned Zoom transcription has been activated and expect it will be a valuable asset to assist the Secretary.

President Annalee Pickett (Southeast Section) spoke about today's meeting as a check-in. We will have updates on the Treasury and Executive Committee activities. This includes upcoming Section meetings, access to the video library, action items and Symposium updates. She welcomed **Rocky Mountain Director Garrett Oaks** and **Alternate Director Jeff Babbitt** (Southeast Section) new to the meeting.

Review the Minutes: President Annalee Pickett asked everyone if there were any questions or comments about the November 9, 2024 BOD minutes. Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger (Southeast Section) along with Southeast Director Rick Smith and Southwest Director Jim Cornell noted corrections needed in the November 9, 2024 BOD minutes. The motion with corrections is below:

Motion to accept the amended minutes of the November 9, 2024 virtual Zoom BOD meeting.

Acceptance of the minutes of the virtual Board of Directors meeting held on February 22, 2025.

Motion Resolution: Motion #022220251R

Motion to accept the amended minutes from November 9, 2024 virtual Zoom meeting from Board of Directors meeting discussed February 22, 2025 held under President Annalee Pickett. The following changes were corrected:

- Item 1 on page 1: Symposium Chair Chris Bock **Southwest** Section

Correction: Symposium Chair Chris Bock **Southeast** Section

- Item 2 on page 7: Correction of Publications Committee report:

Previous Statement: Editor, Marylin Brown (NE Section) with Rick Smith and **Jerry Cloninger** (SE Section) as proofreader.....

Correction: Editor, Marylin Brown (NE Section) with Rick Smith and **Jim Hodgson (Midwest Section)** as proofreader.....

- Item 3 on page 8: Symposium **Coordinator** Report: Chris Bock (**Southwest** Section)

Correction: Chris Bock (**Southeast** Section) Symposium Report.

- Item 4 on page 11: Southeast Director report: Rick Smith: comment third bullet point:

Southeast Director Jim Cornell (page 11)

Correction: **Southwest** Director Jim Cornell

Motion by: Jill Korgemagi-Clarke, Great Lakes Director

Seconded by: Sally Prasch, Northeast Director

Motion: Passed Unanimously

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President Annalee Pickett (Southeast Section) appreciated the activity within the Committees, especially that of President-Elect Erich Moraine (Midwest Section) and Membership Chair Jim Cornell (Southwest Section) who have been working on the website with more behind the scene improvements.

Archiving the ASGS video library: Membership Chair Jim Cornell (Southwest Section) reported about the Video library recovering lost videos from 2019 Corning, New York Symposium. As mentioned in his report, he is working with Maureen James the publisher of *The Flow Magazine* who has the videos.

- Background: Maureen is a publisher of three magazines: *The Flow*, *Glass Patterns* quarterly and *Glass Art*. She has been a member of the ASGS for several years, notably since the Corning Symposium where she helped with recording of demonstrations. She sent an email regarding an invoice from her former webmaster for \$552.50 and asked ASGS to pay it. Jim tried to negotiate possible trade in advertisements in each other's magazine but that did not work.
- Jim said this has been an issue for several years, not having access, it is a prime perk for our members. Hope we can get a marketing ad in her magazine. She handles three great websites, and during COVID, created webinars 3 times a week. We should host informational videos. They

discussed trades in advertising in the magazines; consider they have ~5000 client base that subscribe to these magazines. This can be a beneficial relationship. We can consider submitting papers and articles to each other's magazine. Submission of articles to *Fusion* has declined and we need good content. It can help market the ASGS. She mentioned placing a full-page ad in *Fusion*, but nothing has happened.

- Northeast Director Sally Prasch mentioned it will be a beneficial relationship. Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger agreed, if she is willing to reciprocate in ads. President Annalee Pickett asked the BOD if this is something the ASGS should consider?
- Treasurer Bob Singer (Southwest) had worked with Maureen in 2018 at Colorado Springs Symposium. "We didn't have a contract with Maureen, then it was Winship Glass – somehow, she thinks buying the company that this a transferable asset but I'm not a lawyer." Jim Cornell let Bob Singer know the National Office has those videos from Corning, NY and Colorado Springs, CO.
- Northeast Director Sally Prasch asked "Is it \$250 the ASGS is looking for?" She will gladly help settle this and pay \$250 since the BOD didn't want to pay the entire \$552.50. She offered to pay ~half. Southwest Director Jim Cornell answered, "Yes, that is it." President Annalee Pickett asked the BOD and they agreed to make a special invoice where ASGS will pay the remaining balance. Thanks Sally.
- Northeast Director Sally Prasch commented the videos are what members have wanted from the symposium. President Annalee Pickett sees the ASGS is changing and we need to have these benefits; we don't want to miss out on this opportunity. We need to hold on to our intellectual information and to have the BOD understand this value for members. Sally confirmed the Corning, NY Symposium had permission from everyone at the Symposium to use those videos.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Chair Jim Cornell (Southwest) shared that the recent membership renewal is 294 members, this is below our 400-membership level which was low from the previous year.

Rocky Mountain Director Garret Oaks shared that Andrew Benowitz stepped down. He has health issues and he needs treatment and couldn't serve out his term. Andy is not doing well but know he is passionate about the ASGS and sad he had to step down as director.

Treasurer, Bob Singer update: he talked with Kelley Apodaca (IMI National Office) about quarterly Treasurer reports as a regular process, which it has been in the past. He briefly reviewed the reports:

- We spend more money than we make; the cost of our National Office is about half what we take in from membership dues.
- Membership is down, details are in the report. Jim Cornell will address this in his report.

- Appreciate Northeast Director Sally Prasch offer the ASGS to pay \$250 to Maureen James. But we have to avoid unnecessary expenses; we're reaching into savings and down \$35K-\$36K, this is not sustainable.
- President-Elect Erich Moraine is working to replenish our losses with Marketing Packages to our Vendors, but we need more members.
- Symposium 2024 Chairs Kaite Jones and Klaus Paris did a great job hosting the conference at SCC. But it is still not a way to make money with a slight surplus.
- Bob discussed and agreed receipts of expenses will be copied by the National Office IMI and forwarded to the Audit Committee. President Annalee Pickett was glad to see a resolution between the Audit Committee and National Office IMI. The Audit Committee is keeping an eye on good business practices. Thanks to Bob Singer, Jim and Laura Cornell who also helped with this task.

President Annalee Pickett commented Treasurer Bob Singer is making good progress with the Audit Committee, handling missing gaps of information and lost receipts. The Audit Committee has highlighted things that we can improve, help the National Office with documentation of receipts that are sent directly to Patrick DeFlorio, Sally Prasch, Carlos Rodriguez, and Jeff Williams. She appreciated Bob Singer pointing out the \$36,163 deficit in this report.

Steering and Bylaws Committee Chair Bob Singer (Southwest Section): added this new report. This Committee has been dormant for several years. The Committee members are all past presidents: Bob Singer (SW), James Hodgson (MW), Kaite Jones (NE), Doni Hatz (GL), Rick Smith (SE), James Cornell (SW) and non-voting members: President-Elect Erich Moraine (MW-Secretary), President Annalee Pickett (SE) and Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger (SE).

- Steering and Bylaws Committee guidelines were located by Past President Gary Coyne. He shared the Dropbox full of Committee and Officer role and responsibility information.
- Review bylaws in general, identify conflicts with other bylaws.
- Review motions sent to the Bylaws Committee over the last four years. Now that we have a committee, we can address the motions from the members.

Symposium update from Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger (Southeast Section): He submitted information to National Office IMI Kelley Apodaca to start building online information about the Raleigh, North Carolina symposium.

- We're gathering the information for registration pricing; don't have banquet and food cost yet.
- Chris Bock is working on the Seminars writing the short descriptions with rough pricing of plus/minus 10-15% (shown on screen), he wants blessing of the BOD to get this out by the end of the month.
- We have 4-5 exhibitors signed up. Southeast Director Rick Smith (Publication Committee) emailed information to ~40 vendors, with 15 more to send. This is sent in phases: 1st group: to

people who advertise in *Fusion* and had a booth at SCC 2024 Symposium. The 2nd mailing: they have an advertisement in *Fusion*, and the 3rd mailing: past exhibitors who haven't advertised and attended the ASGS Symposium. Mailing out 2-3 weeks apart gives priority to the 1st group. Rick is working on past vendors; it has been hard to get them to pay up front with the new pay structure.

- This last year at SCC we had a couple of cases where vendors didn't pay for their booth. We intend to get that money back. This year, as we have done in the past, vendors must submit payment (credit card) with the exhibitor form. Working with National Office IMI to figure out what happened with missed payments. There are similar issues with *Fusion* ads that are past due. We changed the rate card after discussion with Jim Hodgson and *Fusion* Editor Marylin Brown; now advertisers submit a credit card number with their rate card. At this moment, with *Fusion* billed and mailed in May the advertisers are also billed the first of May. We are working hard to get that money from those vendors that didn't pay for their booths.
- Registration rates not to exceed plus and minus 10-15% like last year. President Annalee Pickett asked if the prices on the computer screen are similar to last year? Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger said it varies and depends on the seminar, some speakers cost more. We need BOD approval for the 2025 Symposium Seminar rates. Chris Bock's partner Kelly Hall is working on a program sharing information about things to do in the Raleigh area.

OLD business:

Reminder of completed and outstanding motions that have been sent to the Bylaws committee.

President Annalee Pickett asked to review the *Art for Charity Auction* Tabled Motion #062320243R brought up by the Northeast Section Patrick DeFlorio. Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger informed the president the motion was settled in the last November 2024 meeting. It reads: Motion Changed to: *Motion to change the "Art for Charity Auction" to "Symposium Art Auction", where the proceeds from the auction will be transferred to the ASGS general fund. As discussed at the ASGS Board of Directors Zoom meeting held on November 9, 2024 under President Annalee Pickett.*

Northeast Direction Sally Prasch presented a motion by Adam Huggard regarding elections. The main focus is for people that can't attend the Symposium, but also consider all elections of open positions. Here is the motion presented at the last meeting. No new comments about this motion. Tabled motion reads:

Motion Tabled

Subject: Elections

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To have national ASGS elections voted electronically. This will allow all ASGS members to have a voice in our electoral process.

Motion review: Board of Directors consensus to Table the motion for further clarification of details.

Consensus: tabled motion: All BOD members agreed

Table motion 1st by Jim Cornell, Southwest Director

Seconded by: Nathan Hart, Southern California Director

Comments: Adam Huggard's intent isn't clear and needs further discussion, it needs specific details. After a long discussion bringing up the same exact points from the last BOD meeting on November 9, 2024, the motion will be sent to the Bylaws Committee for further review of options. Need to clarify if they intend mail-in voting versus digital vote.

Next motion:

Recommendation was presented to the Board of Directors by Southwest Director Jim Cornell in virtual Zoom meeting held on November 9, 2024. Motion to allow all national member classifications for voting privileges in ASGS (annual business meeting) functions.

The recommendation was withdrawn by Membership Chair Jim Cornell (Southwest Director) after BOD consensus, they agreed to send the request to the Bylaws Committee for review of ramifications.

Consensus support: Jim Cornell, Southwest Director

President Annalee Pickett looks forward to hearing from the Bylaws Committee before the June BOD meeting.

President Annalee Pickett has been updating the manual of operations or the roles and responsibilities during her term. At this meeting she realized Great Lakes Director Jill Korgemagi-Clarke was asked by Klaus Paris to help him revise the role and responsibilities for Officers. This was directly related to Jill's Technical Poster presented at SCC Symposium about *How to run a Section meeting*. She got in contact with Gary Coyne who has a Dropbox full of previous documents of these positions. They will collaborate with President Annalee to review and update procedures. Northeast Director Sally will assist with developing the manual of operations, using her recent nonprofit management course experience. President Annalee Pickett wants to update this manual as soon as possible and welcomes more assistance before the next Symposium.

New Business

Open Positions: Northeast Director Sally Prasch would like to know how open positions within the ASGS can be advertised. She suggested a form to fill out on the website; people can get the information and fill out a form right away. The ASGS would get instant feedback from members.

- President Annalee Pickett commented we don't need to take action right now but it is worth looking at this suggestion. Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger questioned, "in doing this, are we talking about voting for everything or to elect Officers?"
- President Annalee Pickett "the only time we vote, if we do have an election, we mail ballots, why can't it be a digital vote? We beg people to volunteer; we wish we could increase our pool of

members to volunteer. If there are bylaws where it says mail-in ballot, change or add digital ballot.”

- Southwest Director Jim Cornell (Membership Chair) brought up and noticed the Bylaws Committee would like to update the bylaws, it is on the agenda.
- As far as voting at the Annual Business Meeting, those that are present at the Symposium get to vote at the business meeting. When questions are brought up at the meeting, we have no idea what people are going to talk about with the membership. We can handle and vote on many decisions. We can't make advance approval of comments that need further discussion. Possibly more information will be needed to make a decision for a vote on a certain question at the business meeting.
- Northeast Director Sally Prasch shared her members say they can't participate in the ASGS. "If someone makes a motion at a symposium for a vote, why can't the ASGS put it on hold until people can review it and let others know about this question?" Bylaws Chair Bob Singer commented, "the motion needs to have an intent and what do you want us to do?" President Annalee Pickett agreed let's wrap this up and include sending this to the Bylaws to be updated in this digital age, we should be able to vote electronically.
- Northeast Director Sally Prasch agreed we need to have the form updated like a Google Document, that should be online to fill out easily. President Annalee Pickett agreed this will be done online.

President-Elect Erich Moraine (Midwest Section) shared a huge marketing package that is in the development stage. Here are some of the details of his activities at SCC in New Jersey:

- Invited to be a part of advisory Board by SCC in New Jersey during a career week event.
- He met people as an outreach to SCC including plans to reach out to more vendors.
- Sold first \$5K package with Wilmad Lab Glass, one of our vendors we've been working with for years.
- He is working on other companies such as TOHSO, ChemGlass Life Sciences, Wale Apparatus and more vendors. He received feedback about developing a package that is interesting to them.

President-Elect Erich Moraine is working on relationships with our corporate members.

- We need to give access to our members.
- We need to work with ads and banners on the website, things to help bring in revenue. "Check out the ads on our website now."
- Working with National Office IMI Kelley Apodaca to give sponsors and advertisers more bang for their buck. We can use more features where a company can add pictures or place ads in *Fusion*.

This would be an additional benefit to the website. There will be pages on the website of all our vendors to advertise to help give them get more visibility.

- Ads on the website: working with webmaster Steve Scranton on a new symposium website that isn't on the national home page. We have more visibility for our sponsors and vendors. While we find more ways to navigate with this new format, we will add more availability for vendors to advertising on the website.
- Exhibitor Representative: Former owner of Wale Apparatus Dennis Wargo might be stepping back in, since Monica Taylor stepped down as she was not a member. The exhibitor has to be a member for 3 years prior in order to be on the BOD. He noticed that there were some good ideas from vendors. ASGS didn't act because we don't really have an IT department.
- We have more software on the backend for webmaster Steve Scranton to clean up.
- We hope to get our budget shortfall reduced with the new advertising. Erich will have a Zoom call with ChemGlass Life Sciences, Dave and Phil Surdam, to develop and collaborate on our relationships with vendors, exhibitors and advertisers. We want to do a better job working with them.

Information Technology (IT) Committee President-Elect Erich Moraine had 4 young people join the IT Committee while at SCC. The ASGS website is stale and some parts are not working.

- There is a new woman in the computer field at SCC and will be reviewing files and will give feedback.
- We could do a better job with members, BOD members, etc. because we know our content.
- Communications sketchy like what we see with emails to the National Office IMI that are never received. Some emails from National Office IMI that didn't get sent out. Even the staff could not figure it out why this happens.
- Webmaster Steve noticed a scam service, it modified how our website functioned; caused this problem with our emails and he made some changes, we need to see if this is working yet. It will take time to rebuild confidence with computer service impacting ASGS members.

Townhall schedule is postponed: President Annalee Picket asked how the Town hall events are progressing.

- President-Elect Erich Moraine is in conversation with Sean Donlin at Cornell University, NY with the hope that he can take over the Townhall Zoom calls, with videos. Look forward to working with him.
- Chris Hurley (Great Lakes Section) is working on the video series and hope he can take that over; we have another 6-7 videos ready to go, but Erich doesn't have enough time to do it all.

- President Annalee Pickett said “great job Erich! He has been working on beneficial things of advertising in the Northeast Section.” Vendors are solicited to buy packages. Package includes advertising with *Fusion* and Symposium and a few other details. We have multiple opportunities for our vendors to get their advertising out to ASGS members.
- Secretary Doni Hatz commented, we need this information to be communicated to the members, they need to know about the video series, it is an important benefit. Now that we have the videos from Maureen James there will be more educational content available.

Announcements

Section News: President Annalee Pickett and Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger asked Section leaders to highlight the Symposium at your Section meetings. Include any marketing information available on our website. Jerry added there is no budget for printing at this time, the program will be online. President Annalee Pickett offered to print out some of the pamphlets to help the ASGS. Southeast Section Alternate Director Jeff Babbitt will get the information out to their Section members.

Northeast Section Director Sally Prasch – Their section meeting will be April 5. If possible, please don’t schedule your meeting on the same day without looking at dates of other Section meetings.

Southeast Section Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger will hold their Section meeting May 2-3, starting on Friday with Saturday at the University of Georgia, Scientific Glassblowing facility in Athens, Georgia, hosted by President Annalee Pickett.

Great Lakes Member, Secretary Doni Hatz announced Great Lakes Section meeting April 12 at The Procter & Gamble Company in Mason, Ohio.

Great Lakes Director Jill Korgemagi-Clarke reiterated the Great Lakes Section meeting will be on April 12. As in meeting communication Jill offered to help other Sections with marketing. She set up the flier of the P&G meeting. She can help anyone with the fliers for their section meeting or for Facebook and Instagram posts. She mentioned to Jim Cornell and the BOD, to consider WhatsApp. It is easy to upload on your phone; it is free including international communication. It is another way to get in touch with lots of members, if we want to start a communication thread on that system. Jill is glad to help with developing a flier and information for your meeting.

Southwest Director Jim Cornell sadly reported no spring meeting at this time. They plan to set up a joint meeting at GAS conference but we can’t get it together in time. We will plan for a meeting in the fall.

Communication with Constant Contact lists all the Section meetings. This is an email that goes out to people. We have to tell our members to go to constant contact. We have a lot of people that aren’t opening the emails from us. Need to tell members this is how we communicate. Jim found people not opening their emails, students prefer to text over email. He will work with Erich Moraine to look into this feature. Erich made the point that students don’t email, they text, WhatsApp is a great way to set up groups.

President-Elect Erich Moraine is working with National Office IMI Kelley Apodaca to review multiple text options. Constant contact has a license that we need to make sure we have the right package and hope it works. We will need to explore member preferences of email or text messaging. We have to reach to

members that only text on their phone. We can reach out to the members in multiple ways: email, Facebook, text and/or Instagram.

Other Announcements

Northeast Director Sally Prasch shared the “Life Forms Exhibition” at Pittsburgh Glass Center will be there until April. She is pleased there are four ASGS members in the exhibit. She will have a lecture about this exhibit on February 28. On a separate note, Sally would like to share some of her key learnings from a recent *How to run a Non-Profit* class she took last fall at the University.

Executive Secretary Jerry Cloninger ASGS Symposium dates are June 23-27, 2025, at the Hilton in North Hills, Raleigh, North Carolina, 10 minutes from the Raleigh/Durham airport.

President Annalee Pickett shared the next BOD meeting is **Monday June 23, 2025, starting 9am, in person at the Hilton Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina.**

Adjournment of the February 22, 2025 BOD Zoom meeting

Motion Resolution: Motion #022220252R

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors Zoom Meeting held under President Annalee Pickett on February 22, 2025.

Motion by: Jim Cornell, Southwest Director

Second by: Sally Prasch, Northeast Director

Motion: Passed Unanimous

Meeting closed at 3:33pm.

President's Report

President-Elect Report

Over the past 15 years ASGS has slowly been squeezed from all sides. Membership is aging and retiring faster than new members are joining, rates of new members signing up are slipping, expenses to operate go up and trigger increased member costs to participate. It all points in the same direction of less participation and it's not looking good. If the ASGS continues business as usual, we have about 4 years worth of savings, and about 10 years worth of regular members left. We must find ways to reinvent ourselves soon or the ASGS will disappear.

Some of the reasons for this are out of our hands. The field of Chemistry is changing. The same is true for physics, biology, and engineering. The kinds of glassware needed has change dramatically. Fewer companies have in-house glass shops. The global market of goods and services including overseas glass supply and employment has arrived. Domestic wages have not kept up with inflation. These changes have contributed to lower membership and we have little influence over them.

We must find ways to change the things we have influence over. If we can reinvent ourselves and change a bit to fit the current times better, I believe the future looks bright. Globally ASGS is seen as a treasure and somewhat unique in it's long history of teaching and training in scientific glassblowing.

Here are things which I've done in the last year to start shifting the current trajectory of the ASGS:

- With the help of Steve our webmaster and Don our home office guru, we have make numerous changes to the website.
 - There's now a Donate to ASGS button
 - Downloads are sorted and accessible to anyone
 - Treasurer's reports are now up to date and easier to load in the future
 - Website advertisements are functional again
 - A library section has been created for Fusion and Proceedings back issues.
 - A new Symposium website has been built and is in use
 - Planning for a new main site has begun and will take into 2026 to complete.
 - ASGS can now text. Members who don't use email were left out of the loop. You can now choose to be informed via text. Send a text to: (716) 558-9695 including your name, asking to be moved to texting. The home office will get you set up.
 - The website has a new area called "Society News." Which is our digital newsletter "The Annealer" where the home office will be posting announcements.
 - Another column in "The Annealer" is the President's Blog which is updated at least 2x month with news from the board and committees
 - There is room for additional columns from other members.
- The membership application form now works on cell phones instead of just computers.
- Town Hall Zoom calls continue to happen every 3-4 months. It's a chance to ask questions or speak your mind about anything related to the ASGS.

- Sean Donlon with support from myself has started the Friday Night Glass Happy Hour Zoom call for members. “Bring” a favorite beverage and a piece of glass to share with fellow glass enthusiasts on the call. Spend time talking about glass and glass projects.
- With guidance from Zackary Love, I’ve set up two new discussion groups: General Discussion, and Buy/Sell/Trade in addition to Tech Q&A.
- Bryce Thomas and Mike Brandon with support from myself, are now moderators for the online discussion groups to keep our conversations civil and on topic.
- With help from Matthew Moitzheim and Bryce Thomas we are developing a YouTube channel to make our ASGS videos viewable (and searchable) for our membership without the need of a 3rd party as is currently the case. This will likely take into 2027 to complete.
- Kate Jones as the new membership chair will be working with the home office to iron out the remaining wrinkles of transferring membership data to Membership works.
- I’ve started conversations to streamline and speed up our payment system.
- With help from a number of former Symposium chairs, I’ll be starting up the Symposium committee to provide top-down advice and consultation for future symposium chairs.
- I took the sponsorship program started by Klaus Paris, made some changes, and pitched it to attendees at the Feb SCC advisory board meeting. With help from Don in the home office, as of June 6th we have two \$5,000 corporate sponsorships with a third set to close before this year’s symposium. My goal for next year is to double this to 6 sponsors which would help greatly with our budget deficit.
- ASGS is now a part of the Salem Community College advisory board with direct contact to SCC management as well as high level corporate board participants. We are now positioned as a key player in the future of glass education and employment in the US.
- To assure that ASGS follows through on it’s sponsorship commitments, we’ve started the Marketing Management workgroup. With help from Kelley in the home office, Carolyn Reiner and Denise Bui will track our marketing commitments as well as corporate payments.
- I’ve started an email discussion group for the board to use, so the BOD can discuss topics of interest prior to board meetings. This will produce shorter and more productive BOD meetings.

Stay tuned, there are more ideas for growth and revitalization in the pipeline.

Erich Moraine

Submitted 6/9/25

Andy Gibbs has agreed to come out of retirement and be nominated for Secretary.

Klaus Paris is the president elect nominee.

Kevin Moeller is the Treasurer nominee.

Next year's symposium will be in Colorado Springs, no specific date yet. Ron Bieler has agreed to be coordinator. There are several folks interested in Chair. That decision will be made after this year's symposium.

I'll be forming a symposium committee to review how symposia are structured and make plans for what needs to happen next year to reduce the expenses and also reduce the cost to attend. Once the committee has done it's work, details will be understood and published.

National Office Report

Submitted by Don Gossard

6/11/2025

Business Conducted

The National Office, now led by Don Gossard with the help of Kelley Apodoca, has continued day-to-day operations and Society support. Biweekly check-in calls with the Executive Committee, Membership Chair, and occasionally other committee leaders remain ongoing. These meetings are designed to encourage feedback, identify needs, and ensure the National Office is aligned with the Society's priorities and service expectations.

In addition, Don has been working closely with Jerry Cloninger to address outstanding invoices from the past 2–3 years, the majority of which relate to unpaid Fusion advertisements. These efforts have already resulted in the collection of approximately \$15,000 over the past month, directly contributing to reducing the Society's current deficit.

Membership:

The National Office meeting with the Membership Committee regularly to discuss improving communications with members as well as informing the committee on current processes.

I'm pleased to share that five student memberships have been generously sponsored this year for students from Salem Community College. Klaus Paris identified and selected the student recipients, ensuring the support reached individuals actively engaged in glass science and education. Don, Jim Cornell, and Jerry Cloninger worked together to process the applications and finalize the membership details. The sponsorship payments were kindly covered by a dedicated supporter of the Society who wishes to remain anonymous.

This initiative not only helps grow student engagement but also reinforces ASGS's commitment to supporting the next generation of scientific glassblowers.

If you or your section members are having trouble renewing their dues, please have them contact the National Office. Invoices and other payment options are available upon request.

Symposium:

Over the past several weeks, the National Office has been focused on preparations for the upcoming Symposium and ongoing support of ASGS operations.

- Don has been actively working with Jerry Cloninger and Chris Bock to ensure accurate and timely registration numbers are communicated to the hotel, helping to manage room blocks and logistics effectively.
- In coordination with Rick Smith, Don has also been finalizing exhibitor contracts and organizing exhibitor logistics to ensure a smooth and successful experience for our partners at the Symposium.
- Additionally, Don has been collaborating with Erich Morraine to secure additional society sponsors. These efforts aim to boost overall revenue and help reduce the organization's projected deficit.

The National Office remains committed to supporting the success of the Symposium and the long-term financial health of ASGS.

Operations:

The National Office continues to work closely with the Fusion Committee to secure advertising revenue and maintain up-to-date mailing lists for the mail house. As part of ongoing efforts to streamline operations and ensure financial accountability, the National Office will be enforcing a **pre-payment policy** for Fusion advertisements. Moving forward, ads will only be published if payment is received prior to the Fusion submission deadline. This change is intended to reduce outstanding receivables and improve overall efficiency.

Website updates continue to be made either directly through the back-end system or forwarded to Steve Scranton for resolution. Additionally, an invitation to the ASGS Dropbox containing archived Fusion files was sent to Steve to help restore any missing issues on the website.

Kelley and Don speak regularly with Bob Singer, ASGS Treasurer, regarding the performance of certain business aspects and the overall financial health of the Society.

Respectfully submitted by,
Don Gossard

Treasurer's Report

Audit Committee Report

I have received the 2024 financial records from Kelly Apodaca at the National Office 4/3/2025. When I return from the Symposium I will start the process of printing, redacting account numbers, and scanning the files. I will contact members of the team from last year to see if they will serve another year.

Patrick DeFlorio

Executive Secretary Report

June 10, 2025,

President Pickett and Board of Directors

The National Office continues to provide our members with prompt service and answers to their many questions during the past few months. Not only have they been busy with the daily activities of the National Office, they have been proactive in helping the Society move forward. Thanks for their efforts and the tremendous amount of work they have devoted to the ASGS. There may be more items to discuss in their report.

The National Office has been a tremendous help addressing the Fusion advertisers ageing report. A few of those were very old and due in part to incorrect names and/or incorrect recipients listed on the rate cards. During the last couple of months, we have collected over 15 thousand dollars in outstanding debt. Work is still progressing in this area

The Executive committee is currently having bi-monthly Zoom meetings with our account executive Kelley Apodaca and Don Gossard to ensure we stay on track and taking care of business as needed. The Cornell's are also at this weekly meeting.

The Executive Secretary, as it currently stands, will continue to function as a direct contact between the ASGS and IMI. This should be a topic for discussion to determine if any oversight changes are necessary. If someone has any problems with IMI, *please address them to the Executive Secretary.*

Hopefully at this meeting we will have an announcement for the 2026 Symposium. Host for future Symposium sites would be welcomed.

If anyone has any questions or concerns in regard to the Office operation, please forward those to me or the President to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry A. Cloninger
Executive Secretary

Membership Committee Report

To: President Pickett

Fellow Board Members

From: Jim Cornell, Membership Committee Chair

Current Membership Numbers: Regular 149, Retired 38, Lifetime 5, Junior 24, Student 23, Associate 54, Artistic 27, International 22 **TOTAL 342**

2024 End of Year Numbers: Regular 191, Retired 44, Lifetime 6, Junior 24, Student 28, Associate 56, Artistic 42, International 25 **TOTAL 416**

Erich Moraine has appointed Kathryn Jones to replace me as Membership Chair during his presidency. This is the first time a new Membership Chair has been appointed since the Board appointed Bob Ponton as Chair when he and his wife Lynn began their National Office duties. I began my duties as Chair when Laura and I assumed National Office duties in 2017. I will be assisting Kathryn in transitioning to her new position over the next few months to ensure that she feels comfortable with the position. She will have a lot to learn! I hope you provide her with the support I have received over the years.

Our membership has decreased by 34 members since last June, when we had 376 members. Since the beginning of the year, I have not had sufficient time to dedicate to the committee and Society. I have recently begun to start contacting some of the members who I know want to maintain their membership and they have renewed. I believe that we can increase our membership by contacting the rest of the members that have not renewed this year. I'm hoping that we can get our membership increased to at least the 400-member mark, or more, by the end of the year.

I want to thank the Board for your support these last few years. Taking care of the Chair responsibilities has been very time consuming, but very satisfying.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cornell, Chair

Publications Committee Report

Dear President and Members of the Board of Directors of the ASGS,

The Publications Committee has been quite busy recently. The May *Fusion* was completed and mailed on schedule. There was a slight hold-up with the mailing labels as a new person was being trained at the National Office.

In addition to *Fusion*, the Committee has been proofing the 2024 *Proceedings*. It has been frustrating that this has been held up so long, but the manuscript of one presentation from the Salem Community College Symposium had not been received. When that was not submitted after multiple attempts to contact the presenter, it was decided that we would proceed with *Proceedings* without it. The Committee has now determined that since the 2024 *Proceedings* is only 37 pages, it would be most cost-effective to combine it with the 2025 *Proceedings*. The Committee will work hard to have this double *Proceedings* ready by the end of the year. This, however, is solely dependent on the timely submission of the 2025 manuscripts.

Material, in the form of articles with or without a cover picture, and Lamp Shop Hints is always needed for *Fusion*. Please encourage your Section members to submit their ideas so others can learn from them. Our Editor, Marylin, is willing to work with anyone to help them with the writing process. She will be at the Symposium in Raleigh Tuesday through Thursday, so if anyone would like to spend some time with her then, please let her know.

Sponsors for Section meetings are often companies which are current *Fusion* advertisers and/or Symposium Exhibitors; their support of the Society is exemplary. If, however, your Section meeting is sponsored by a vendor who is not already associated with the Society on the national level, please consider asking them if they would be interested in receiving advertising information for *Fusion*; the National Office has a packet ready to send out with all the necessary material.

If there is a change of Director in your Section, please be sure to let the Editor know so that the listing in *Fusion* is up-to-date.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hodgson

Jim Hodgson, Chair

Marylin C. Brown

Marylin C. Brown, Editor

IT Committee Report

Symposium Co-Chair Report

Exhibitor's Report

International Liaison Report

Bylaws Committee Report

Greetings

Thanks to all of you for attending the Bylaws committee meeting as well as your written input and the phone call input. It will be in the form of at least 3 separate motions. The report at first glance may seem overly long, however I have tried to give a background and allow the BOD members to see the bylaws in their entirety, both before and after the changes. The changes are in both red and Italics, as I'm not sure if these will be printed in color. The actual motions that will be presented to the board have been done the same way. The changes are as follows:

Bylaws of the American Scientific Glassblowers Society November 2019 Revised: July 2022.

How voting is done

Currently the only officers elected directly by the ASGS members are the President Elect and the National Secretary. The President -Elect ascends to the office of President when the current Presidents term expires. The members of the audit committee are elected by the members present at the National meeting which takes place at the annual Symposium. The Directors and their alternates are elected by their respective Section members. The Treasurer,(elected by the BOD), Executive Secretary (the Executive Secretary is appointed by the President and approved by the BOD), Symposium Chair and any other standing committee Chairs, are approved by the Board of Directors. The method of selection of the nominees and voting for the President Elect and national Secretary are as follows in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

(a) 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.

(b)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 the elections. The Nominating Committee will deliver to the Secretary the names of the nominees and written agreements to serve if elected for communication to the membership.

(c) 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 the elections. (June '89)

(d) 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 the Society record the written agreement to serve if elected of each nominee.

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

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

(g) The Chair of the Election Committee, together with at least two of the other members of this Committee, shall open, validate and count all the ballots that are properly completed.

(h) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared the winner. If said candidate cannot ascend 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.

(I) All duly elected officers shall be installed during the next Annual Business Meeting.

The discussion surrounding discussions at the BOD meeting centered on how out of date the process has become. For our purpose I've focused on sections (e), (f) and (g). To make the necessary changes we would, motion, vote, "to remove article, e, f and change h and I, respectively to "g" and "h"."

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(g) The Chair of the Election Committee, together with at least two of the other members of this Committee, shall open, validate and count all the ballots that are properly completed.

(language to be removed)

And substitute it with:

E) Upon receipt of the nomination from the secretary the elections committee (or National Office) shall provide ballots for the membership to vote. Balloting will be done by: Electronic vote.

F) The election committee (or the National Office) will tabulate all valid votes. Ballots will be sent February 1st, the deadline for voting the ballot is 14 days.

G) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared the winner. If said candidate cannot ascend 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.

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

The next item we discussed was changing the language on membership. A change to the student membership description was discussed and agreed to be modified:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualifications

(a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime *categories* as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)

(b) 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)

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

(d) Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing curriculum such as the Salem Community College Program Scientific Glassblowing *program* such as the Salem Community College Program *or an apprenticeship*. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

(e) International membership may be granted to those persons residing in areas not represented by the Board of Directors and are outside the continental United States and Canada. (November '99)

(f) Artistic membership may be granted to those persons who actively participate in the art of Artistic glass working. (June '09)

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

(h) Retired membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years. (November '09)

(i) 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 service contributions.

(j) 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-glass blower to Regular membership must be made by a regular member to the Board of Directors. To be a valid request, it must be accompanied by a vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least (4) months. (November '87) (k) The Board of Directors can add or subtract membership classes with a bylaw change.

This would require changes to section d): (language change in red)

(current) (d) Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing curriculum such as the Salem Community College Program. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

(Modified) (d) Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing *program* such as the Salem Community College Program Scientific Glassblowing *program* such as the Salem Community College Program *or an apprenticeship*. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

The other Item discussed was benefits section 4. I have included the final language that we discussed.:

Section 4 - Benefits

a) Each class of membership shall carry specified benefits:

1. 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.

2. 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. After three years of Section membership as a Junior member, said member may serve as a Director or Alternate Director (and such election does not conflict with said bylaws) May 2016

3. Student membership carries the benefit of being a member of a chartered Section , *voting privileges in the Section and the National* and a member of the National. The dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive a one-year subscription to Fusion. Time enrolled as a Student Member is reduced from the 5-year eligibility as a Junior Member. (June '01)

4. International membership carries the benefit of being entitled to the right to hold an appointed office , *voting privileges in the Section and the National* and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership, and to hold elected office in Associate Sections. (November '96)

5. Artistic membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, *voting privileges in the Section and the National*, right to hold appointed office , right to hold elected office in the Section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director and other National offices, *including the National Executive Secretary* and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the Membership. (June '09)
6. Associate membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, *voting privileges in the Section and the National*, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected office in the Section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director (see Article IV Sections a & b) and other National offices, *including the National Executive Secretary* and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the Membership. (June '89)
7. Retired members are entitled to all benefits of the class membership to which they belonged at the time that they retired. (June '86)
8. 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 appointed office, exempt from all dues, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership
9. The Board of Directors has the right to add, subtract, or alter member benefits as it determines necessary.

Jim Cornell would like to add another change to the membership description of a regular member. He meant to add it to discussion on Tuesday but time did not allow. I have added it here for discussion.

“(b)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)”

To the following: (The following statement came from Jim in an email)

“(b)Regular membership may be granted to those persons who have at least five consecutive years work experience as a scientific glassblower and is currently engaged in the a) art of scientific glassblowing , b) scientific glassblowing industry or field, c) ???

(quote from Jim Cornell)The members I have discussed this with are all in favor of removing the “currently gain the major portion of their income” part of the qualification. I think that this change would be helpful in attracting new members (artistic or otherwise) and possibly many former members who have let their membership lapse because they are not 40 hours a week scientific.

This item bears further discussion, however the language to do this so far has eluded us. Hopefully this is something that the BOD can/may have input on and be discussed by future

bylaws committees. As a committee, in addition to language changes, we have made changes to spelling errors, punctuation and grammar (yes there are spelling errors to the current bylaws). I have also included the bylaws definition of the bylaws committee as well as an expanded version of the duties of the bylaws committee. I would like to be able to submit an updated version of this description to be included in a upcoming list of committee duties.

Robert Singer Chair

James Hodgson

Kate Jones

Doni Hatz

Rick Smith

James Cornell

Jerry Cloninger

Non-voting members:

Erich Moraine, President Elect and Secretary

Anna Lee Pickett, President.

Bob Singer

Chair, Bylaws committee

The Bylaws 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. The President-elect will serve as Secretary of the Committee without vote.

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee's duties are to ensure that motions from the Board are within the guidelines of the ASGS Bylaws and that proposed changes in the Bylaws are in agreement with current bylaws. Pursuant to these duties, the Bylaws Committee shall also ensure that any proposed bylaw is properly spelled, has correct grammar, and is written to be easily understood.

The Bylaws Committee is composed of no fewer than five and no more than seven voting members, all of whom must be past presidents. The Chair of this committee is the immediate Past President. If this is not possible the current President may select any past president as Chair.

The President-elect will serve as Secretary of the Committee without the right to vote. As the President-elect is likely to be available at any Board Meeting, he/she can represent the Bylaws Committee during these meetings, unless the Chair is present.

Other non-voting members on the committee should be the current President and the Executive Secretary. There are no restrictions on non-voting members of the Committee for contributing to a discussion.

The Committee can communicate either face-to-face, by mail, and/or e-mail. There is a separate e-mail list specifically for the Bylaws Committee <asgs-bylaws@yahooogroups.com>.

Recommendations by the Bylaws Committee fall into two categories. If a change to a bylaw does not change the intent of the bylaw, it can be accepted by a single vote (or a second vote) from the board. If a recommended change of a bylaw would change the intent of the bylaw, then it would require the standard two separate votes (or a new "first vote") for passage.

The Bylaws Committee shall pursue two paths in their activities.

- 1. They shall review the current bylaws to ensure they are in agreement with each other and are clear in understanding. The Committee can propose changes to these bylaws to the Board for consideration.*
- 2. Any bylaw proposed by a member of the Board must be first reviewed by the Bylaws Committee prior to its presentation to the Board in a reasonable amount of time before the Board meets. If the time available is insufficient, the proposed bylaw can be presented and voted upon by the board but must then be sent to the Bylaws Committee for review. If the Bylaws Committee does change the wording of the bylaw, but the intent of the bylaw remains unchanged, the bylaw can continue for a 2nd vote. If the bylaw is changed in intent, then the bylaw must have a new "first vote" at the next board meeting. It is therefore expedient to get any proposed bylaw to the Bylaw Committee in a timely manner.*

Members of the ASGS should work with the Bylaws Committee to achieve a final wording that achieves what the writer of the bylaw is striving for and is compliant with current bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee can choose to accompany any proposed bylaw with their opinion on the bylaw to the Board, but they cannot prevent a proposed bylaw from consideration by the Board. If there are split-opinions from the Committee, these should be presented as well.

[Change to Voting Privileges](#)

Motions of the

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Date: 6/9/25

Subject: change of voting privileges.

File #

Motion Resolution:

Motion:

To change and add language to Section 4 -Benefits. Add language to benefit 3, benefit 4, benefit 5 and benefit 6. Changes are in red and italicized.

Section 4 - Benefits

a) Each class of membership shall carry specified benefits:

1. 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.
2. 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. After three years of Section membership as a Junior member, said member may serve as a Director or Alternate Director (and such election does not conflict with said bylaws). (May 2016)
3. Student membership carries the benefit of being a member of a chartered Section, *voting privileges in the Section and the National* and a member of the National. The dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive a one-year subscription to Fusion. Time enrolled as a Student Member is reduced from the 5-year eligibility as a Junior Member. (June '01)
4. International membership carries the benefit of being entitled to the right to hold an appointed office, *voting privileges in the Section and the National* and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership, and to hold elected office in Associate Sections. (November '96)
5. Artistic membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, *voting privileges in the Section and the National*, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected office in the Section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director and other National offices, *including the National Executive Secretary* and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the Membership. (June '09)
6. Associate membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, *voting privileges in the Section and the National*, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected office in the Section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director (see Article IV Sections a & b) and other National offices, *including the National Executive Secretary* and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the Membership. (June '89)
7. Retired members are entitled to all benefits of the class of membership to which they belonged at the time that they retired. (June '86)
8. 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 appointed office, exempt from all dues, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership
9. The Board of Directors has the right to add, subtract, or alter member benefits as it determines necessary.

Intent:

To add the privilege to vote for: Student members, international members, artistic members and Associate members. Included in this motion are corrections to spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Motion by: Bylaws committee _____ Signature: _____

Second by: _____

Signature

Votes

Votes

for motion _____ against motion _____ Abstentions

Decision _____

Title	Yea	Nay	Title	Yea	Nay
President			Midwest		
President-elect			Northeast		
Secretary			Pacific Northwest		
Treasurer			Rocky Mountain		
Canadian			Southeastern		
Delaware Valley			So. California		
Exhibitor			Southwestern		
Great Lakes					

Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer

Annual Meeting _____ B.O.D. Meeting _____ Exec. Com. Meeting

Intent: The intent of this motion is to document and formalize a proposed action, decision, or change for consideration. This form provides transparency, encourages discussion, and ensures all relevant parties have the opportunity. The motion should be clearly stated, justified, and supported to facilitate informed decision-making.

(January 16, 2023)

Motion for Election

Motions of the

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Date: 6/9/25

Subject: _____ File #

Motion Resolution:

Motion

To change the following language in Article III – Membership

Change language in (a) and (d) as noted in the body of the motion. (changes in red and italics)

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualifications

(a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime **categories** as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)

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(e) International membership may be granted to those persons residing in areas not represented by the Board of Directors and are outside the continental United States and Canada. (November '99)

(f) Artistic membership may be granted to those persons who actively participate in the art of Artistic glass working. (June '09)

(g) Associate membership may be granted to those people who have a close association with, or interest in, the glassblowing field. (h) Retired membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years. (November '09)

(i) 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 service contributions.

(j) 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-glass blower to Regular membership must be made by a regular member to the Board of Directors. To be a valid request, it must be accompanied by a vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least (4) months. (November '87) (k) The Board of Directors can add or subtract membership classes with a bylaw change.

This would require changes to section (a): (current)(a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime classes as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)

(Modified) (language change in red)

(a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime *categories* as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)

d): (language change in red)

(current)(d): Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing curriculum such as the Salem Community College Program. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

(Modified) (d) Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing *program* such as the Salem Community College Program *or apprenticeship*. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

The other item discussed was benefits section 4. I have included the final language that we discussed:

Motion by The Bylaws committee: _____

 Signature

Second by: _____

 Signature

Votes Votes
 for motion _____ against motion _____ Abstentions

Decision _____

Title	Yea	Nay	Title	Yea	Nay
President			Midwest		
President-elect			Northeast		
Secretary			Pacific Northwest		
Treasurer			Rocky Mountain		
Canadian			Southeastern		
Delaware Valley			So. California		
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(January 16, 2023)

Motion for Membership

Motions of the

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Date: 6/9/25

Subject: Changes to membership categories

File #

Motion Resolution:

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

(h) Retired membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years. (November '09)

(i) 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 service contributions.

(j) 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-glass blower to Regular membership must be made by a regular member to the Board of Directors. To be a valid request, it must be accompanied by a vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least (4) months. (November '87)

(k) The Board of Directors can add or subtract membership classes with a bylaw change.

This would require changes to section (a): (current)(a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime classes as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)

(Modified) (language change in red)

(a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime *categories* as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)

d): (language change in red)

(current)(d): Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing curriculum such as the Salem Community College Program. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

(Modified) (d) Student membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing *program* such as the Salem Community College Program *or an apprenticeship*. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)

Intent:

to modify the language of “membership “to more closely bring them up to date with current practices as well as the other by-law changes. Included in this motion are corrections to spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Motion by: The Bylaws committee _

Signature

Second by: _____

Signature

Votes

Votes

for motion _____

against motion _____ Abstentions

Decision _____

Title	Yea	Nay		Title	Yea	Nay
President				Midwest		
President-elect				Northeast		
Secretary				Pacific Northwest		
Treasurer				Rocky Mountain		
Canadian				Southeastern		
Delaware Valley				So. California		
Exhibitor				Southwestern		
Great Lakes						

Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer

Annual Meeting _____ B.O.D. Meeting _____ Exec. Com. Meeting

Intent: The intent of this motion is to document and formalize a proposed action, decision, or change for consideration. This form provides transparency, encourages discussion, and ensures all relevant parties have the opportunity. The motion should be clearly stated, justified, and supported to facilitate informed decision-making

(January 16, 2023)

Section Reports

Canadian

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Canadian

Section Officers Craig Nagami

Director: _____

Alt. Director: _____

Chair: _____

Vice Chair: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: Todd Carter

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 0

Number of section members:

Average attendance at section meetings:

Financial resources: ☐ Adequate ☒ Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

☒ Educational ☒ Social ☐ Speaker ☐ Tour ☒ Workshop

☐ Other _____

Section Challenges

☒ Difficulty in finding a meeting location

☒ Difficulty in organizing a meeting

☒ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

☒ Poor attendance at section meetings

☒ difficulty in finding section officers

☐ Other (explain) three section member keep suggesting we close the Canadian section down. Two are previous ASGS Presidents _____

PLEASE INSERT SECTION MEETING NOTES OR FUSION REPORT

Submitted by:



Date: June 6, 2025

Great Lakes

Great Lakes Section Spring Meeting Report Submitted by: Jill Korgemagi-Clarke On April 12th, the Great Lakes Section gathered for their 2025 Spring Meeting at P&G Mason Business and Innovation Center.

Kyle Meyer and Chris Hurley hosted and planned the event and welcomed us when we arrived at this grand establishment. Doni Hatz, who recently retired from P&G, was also there to greet us and support the meeting since P&G still felt like home to her. Chemglass Life Sciences graciously sponsored the Great Lakes Section Meeting. We thank them for their generosity and support. Linda Everssmith, Technology Manager at Procter & Gamble, led the Great Lakes Section on an insightful 1.5-hour tour where we explored the impressive facility. Although we could not see everything, we were blown away by the areas we had access to. From cutting-edge technologically up-to-date meeting rooms to acoustically tuned conference rooms, we were led through the center and learned about their work areas, chemistry rooms, test rooms, as well as some wonderful resources offered to their employees. The tour was amazing, and the Great Lakes Section was thankful for this opportunity at Procter & Gamble. Picture 1

Picture 2 | After a few flights of stairs and many steps, the Great Lakes Section broke for lunch and enjoyed some local eats, which was then followed by their Business Meeting. Each ASGS Section needs to hold a business meeting and discuss important ASGS matters. Picture 3 After lunch, we were escorted to the long-awaited reveal of the P&G glass shop. Full of history, apparatus and a few relics, the Great Lakes Section was delighted to explore and lay eyes on the tools and machinery in the shop. Doni Hatz first led the demonstrations with the sculpting of a tooth on the bench, which was a piece she worked on while working at P&G. It was used to demonstrate the effectiveness of toothpaste. Doni first flared and created a holder from 20mm tubing on the bench by hand, and simultaneously with the aid of a smooth set of rollers. She then connected 38mm opaque white glass to her holder, pulled a point on the white glass side and began to form a hollow and uniform sphere. This was the starting point for the sculpture. She shaped and manipulated the white glass, gradually creating a tooth shape. Meticulous detail was used to sculpt the tooth, Doni finished the demo and it was ready for us to demo! Picture 4

Next, Chris Hurley demonstrated how to create angled sample glasses, called Titration cups. These cups were a special request from one of the departments at P&G. Kyle and Chris' glass shop is joined to a machine shop, which enables Kyle and Chris to produce some amazing custom work with the aid of the creation of these specialized tools. Chris had the machinists create a pivoting graphite jig that can attach to his lathe. This jig can be elevated and tilted perfectly into place to consistently create production tapers on the glass tubing. Chris created these titration cups with ease, removed them from the lathe and flattened the bottoms on the bench to finish his demo. I am certain the P&G team, using these titration cups, is very pleased with the result. Picture 5 Have you ever seen a water laser? The Great Lakes Section witnessed one in use during Kyle's demonstration. He showed us how the Wazer functioned as well as the Auto CAD programming required to create files to use with the Wazer. Kyle programmed the Wazer to cut out thick hollow discs from sheet glass. Once the Wazer sequence was complete, Kyle removed and polished the hollow discs. Then on the lathe, he joined one of these discs onto a tube to create elegant yet sturdy stands for P&G products. Using an aggressive flame, Kyle heated and joined the disc to the tube effortlessly, resulting in a clean and presentable piece. Kyle's ingenuity shone through in his thoughtful and well-executed approach, resulting in an impressive demonstration. Picture 6 Picture 7 Continuing with the demos, Chris showed us the use of his highly precise faceting machine, the Ultra Tec Glass Tec Machine, which he uses to create custom prisms for P&G testing. A personal hobby used for professional purposes - Chris shared with us the tedious steps, specialty products and his personal experience to create prisms using this particular faceting machine.

Using a lapping machine can be slow and methodical, but Chris was able to explain the effort involved to successfully create an exemplary piece. Picture 8 Wishing we could stay longer, the meeting was concluded. Special thank you to Kyle, Chris and Philip for all their planning and preparation to have a memorable meeting at Procter & Gamble happen. If you would like to attend the next Great Lakes Section meeting, please contact our Chair, Philip Legge, and stay tuned for news about our upcoming Fall meeting on Instagram and the ASGS website. Picture 9

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section:

Great Lakes

Section Officers

Director: Jill Korgemagi-Clarke

Alt. Director: Frank Meintz

Chair: Philip Legge

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Doni Hatz

Treasurer: Doug Navalinsky

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year:

2 Meetings

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting:

2 Meetings

Number of section members:

13 members + 1 Associate member

Average attendance at section meetings:

10-15 people

Financial resources: ☒ Adequate ☐ Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

☒ Educational ☒ Social ☐ Speaker ☒ Tour ☐ Workshop

☒ Other Demonstrations

Section Challenges

☐ Difficulty in finding a meeting location

☐ Difficulty in organizing a meeting

☐ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

☐ Poor attendance at section meetings

☐ difficulty in finding section officers

☐ Other (explain) Difficulty finding new members

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

Submitted by: Jill Korgemagi-Clarke

Date: June 04, 2025

Midwest

Northeast

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Northeast Section

Section Officers

Director: Sean Donlon

Alt. Director: Sally Prasch

Chair: Preston Smith

Vice Chair: Daryl Smith

Secretary: Patrick DeFlorio & Bobbi Balsano

Social media Elliot Bell

Treasurer: Adam T. Huggard

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:

Average attendance at section meetings: 25- 40

Financial resources: x Adequate ☐ Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

xEducational x Social xSpeaker xTour ☐ Workshop

x Other Demos, some try the demos_____

Section Challenges

- ☐ Difficulty in finding a meeting location
- ☐ Difficulty in organizing a meeting
- ☐ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
- ☐ Poor attendance at section meetings
- ☐ difficulty in finding section officers
- ☐ Other (explain) I believe the Northeast Section teamwork makes meetings fun and well attended. We accept everyone._

Additional Comments PLEASE INSERT SECTION MEETING NOTES OR FUSION REPORT

Our next meeting will be held October 11 at Neon Williams – 64 Joy Street, Somerville, MA 02143

Northeast Section

Our Spring meeting was held April 4th at Cornell University Glass Shop, there were 21 attendees, and the meeting was hosted by Sean Donlon. Sponsoring the meeting were Glass Torch Technologies, Inc. and Litton Engineering Laboratories.

Sean Donlon has been manipulating glass since he first melted a marble in 2008. He earned his BFA in Craft and Materials Studies, focusing on glass, at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2012. Sean has been trained by master craftsmen in Lauscha, Germany and Murano, Italy learning lost techniques in glass ranging from prosthetic eyes to venetian goblets. Sean worked as a flameworking instructor at VCU while operating a mixed media fabrication studio in Richmond, VA. More recently, Sean joined Cornell University in April 2024 as the CCMR glass shop manager and scientific glassblower. At Cornell, he works with students and researchers to fabricate custom glassware for specialized research.

Sean opened the meeting with a presentation of the work he does at Cornell. Some of the work involved electrochemical cells along with work for the biology department. Sean also pointed out some of his artistic endeavors including a wall display of manipulated glass teapots and a glass fishing rod built in segments. I am told the fishing rod reel really works. Amazing!

After the presentation, we went to the glass shop which has been updated with the latest equipment for a demonstration by Sean. The glass shop's latest equipment included a Herbert Arnold lathe which had a ton of great features including a lock on the position of the tailstock. Part of the reason for attending a meeting is the little things that make such a big difference. Sean demonstrated the use of simple sewing gauges: these are like little calipers that can be set for various lengths and come in different colors; they make production a snap. He puts magnets on all his tools so they can be stuck conveniently on his lathe. Sean made a mosquito feeder, demonstrating multi blow hose techniques, Scotch-Brite cleaning, and staged an assembly for and open interior chamber of the mosquito feeder. The interior jacket chamber

allows temperature-controlled water to pass through to regulate the feeding blood temperature. He produces several different versions of these mosquito feeders for researchers. Among the tools he uses is a graphite holder allowing for quick replacement if it breaks in the middle of a job.

Our next presenter was Stephen Koob, a retired conservationist from the Corning Museum. He has spent his life cleaning and repairing priceless glass and ceramics. The main point of his presentation was the Cornell Collection of Blaschka glass invertebrate models. He described their history which differs from the common perception of a father and son toiling away alone in their shop. Initially Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka were jewelry makers and producers of glass eyes. During a trip to America in the 1860's, they were becalmed at sea and became fascinated with sea creatures. Deciding to make some out of glass, they made over 700 models. Cornell tracked down the models and bought 700 invertebrates. In 1900, Harvard commissioned the father and son to only make flowers for the rest of their lives exclusively for Harvard. These were technically more challenging as they used colored glass instead of only the paints previously used. Many of the details were made on a production basis and then carefully painted and glued onto the object. The glue was soluble, so it is essential to clean these with acetone to remove the years of grime. Stephen said that the best glue for glass was made from the left-over TNT produced for WW II, Paraloid B-72. It is acetone based and if used in high humidity will create a cloud near the seal area. The glue sets in five minutes and cures fully in one day. We were all given samples by Stephen to bring home and use. Stephen had some tools for gluing: fine mesh socks were filled with small plastic balls used to stuff children's toys; these can be used to position the repair so that gravity will hold the pieces together after joining. During the curing, if an adjustment is needed, a hair dryer can be used. A workspace with a sheet of paper can provide a dust free surface. The broken surfaces of the glass were cleaned with acetone before bonding.

Sally Prasch gave a presentation of the Glass Lifeforms exhibit she organized at the Pittsburgh Center for Glass. This is a competition in honor of the Blaschkas' incredible glass models. Pieces in the exhibit blend an authentic reproduction of animals and or plant life with an artistic flare. This year, one hundred pieces were entered from all over the world and only 50 pieces were juried into the live exhibit. All entries can be seen at <https://glasslifeform.org>. This year, five scientific glassblowers were juried into the exhibit. All forms of glasswork were used, furnace, flamework along with cold working. We then watched a short video with Heather McElwee, the Executive Director of Pittsburgh Glass Center. She walked through the exhibit pointing out some of her favorites. She also explained the many techniques used to make unique creations. Pittsburgh Glass Center has a great team of people to work with, and they were very helpful with the exhibit. The next Glass Lifeforms exhibit will be held at the Pittsburgh Glass Center in 2028. You all have time to submit your creation.

During lunch, Preston Smith ran the business meeting. There was a discussion about the upcoming Symposium. Adam Huggard then gave us the Treasurer's report: we have a decent balance and meetings are self-sustaining. Sally Prasch motioned to accept the report and Preston Smith seconded the motion. Sally presented nomination forms and descriptions and duties of each office. Daryl Smith motioned to adjourn the business meeting and Adam seconded the motion.

After lunch, Klaus Paris, the Instructional Chair of Salem Community College Glassblowing course, gave a presentation about glassblowing and Salem Community College. It was interesting and the end was touching with a photograph of Klaus's father who was a glassblower along with a dedication to Klaus's wife Kaite Jones, the Past President of the ASGS.

We next went to the glass shop for the final demonstration by Klaus Paris involving sealing frit disc into glass. Klaus described a job involving sealing frits into 60 mm tubing. Then he demonstrated how to execute this process very quickly and efficiently: by not overheating the disc, he makes a clean one-shot seal around the whole disc, and it is finished perfectly. He explained that the less one does to this process the better as the stress is contained and stable to be annealed as a batch later. He was able to produce these with only a flame anneal until they were run up in an oven at the end of the day; he had very little loss. Klaus said that this seemed to be the size limit in not placing them directly into the oven. He also said the scrap rate for quartz frits was much higher.

We want to thank Sean Donlon and Cornell Center for Materials Research for hosting the meeting. Thanks are also due our sponsors GTT (www.glasstorchtech.com Tioga, PA) and Litton Engineering Laboratories (www.littonengr.com Grass Valley, CA). Molton Aura also donated color for the attendees and Steven Koob donated tubes of his Paraloid B72 adhesive to our group.

Thank you to all the people who made the meeting possible, especially our host Sean Donlon and our sponsors Glass Torch Technologies, Inc. and Litton Engineering Laboratories.

Our next meeting will be held October 11, 2025, at NEON Williams, 64 Joy Street, Somerville, MA 02143. Please consider joining us then.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick DeFlorio, Secretary

Annalee said I was welcome to put my experience into the Northeast Section report to share with the Board of Directors.

I find some conversations I have had with the ASGS to be slanderous, disrespectful and disturbing.

Slander - the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.

I highly recommend Board and Ethics training. There will always be disagreements, establishing guidelines will help in handling challenging situations. I hope future disagreements can be worked out together.

The recent circumstances were unfortunate, and I strongly believe there is too much conversation and decision making behind the scenes. The Board should operate professionally, and any business or issues should be brought to the Board as a whole for discussion. For example, if there is a problem with the National Office, the Board, working together, could have written an email to them. This could clarify things with less escalation. Discussion and understanding each other keeps a nonprofit strong.

In my experience on non-profit Boards, the best ones work together, not against each other. The best ones have training. At the ASGS we have a wonderful group of people who can work effectively and collectively on the Board. One person should not be calling the shots.

I highly recommend Board and Ethics training. The Board is there to make decisions for the ASGS and those decisions then go to the executive committee. The Board has not been a part of the decision making for some time. There are decisions being made by the executive committee without involving the Board. There is also decisions being made by private phone calls without including the Board. There are roles in place and bylaws to go by. The Nominating committee includes the Board. If you keep to these roles there will be less problems. If you would like to see the messages that brought me to the conclusion to stop volunteering for the national ASGS, let me know; I can share them with you. I know slander has always been accepted by the ASGS Board, but I hope it will change.

Submitted

Date: 6/10/25

Pacific Northwest

American Scientific Glassblowers Society
Directors Report

Section: Pacific Northwest

Section Officers

Director: Bruce Suba

Alt. Director: _____

Chair: _____

Vice Chair: _____

Secretary: Kathi Suba

Treasurer: _____

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1

Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: _____

Number of section members: _____

Average attendance at section meetings: 45

Financial resources: ☒ Adequate ☐ Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

☒ Educational ☒ Social ☒ Speaker ☒ Tour ☒ Workshop

☒ Other Raffle / swap meet

Section Challenges

☒ Difficulty in finding a meeting location

☐ Difficulty in organizing a meeting

☐ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters

☐ Poor attendance at section meetings

☐ difficulty in finding section officers

☒ Other (explain) I have two steps left.
Most have closed to Retirement or death

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

I am putting on one last meeting
And stepping down for someone else
to run the show

Submitted by: Bruce Suba

Date: 6-11-2025

Rocky Mountain

I, Garret Oaks, respectfully present the directors report for the Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) of the American Scientific Glassblowers Society (ASGS) for 2025. In this report you will find a brief explanation of the status of The RMS and our efforts to revive the group from its dormant condition as well as the section's goals to take us into the future. There has been significant progress made towards this revival, and I look forward to sharing those details outlined in this report.

Key Notes

Election Held on May 24, 2025,

Director, Garret Oaks

Alternate Director, Peter Temple

Treasurer, Ron Bihler

Chairman, John Wade

Secretary, Carrie Strobe

-Sept 5-7, 2025, Section Meeting/Membership drive in Denver CO at Glass Class Denver

-December 2025 Christmas Ornament Workshop at Elev8 Premier, Colorado Springs

-April 2026 Lincoln Hot Glass in Nebraska

-T-Shirt campaign 7 Sponsor generating \$1,200

-Design a section flag

-Create the Homer L. Hoyt Award for Rocky Mountain Section

Report

The RMS has had a very eventful year since the 2024 symposium. The new year has brought positive changes to the organization with the section holding an official election on May 24, 2025, to install officers in every position in the RMS. The previous Alternate Director, Garret Oaks, was elected to Director. Peter Temple claimed the role of Alternate Director unopposed. Long time national member Ron Bihler locked down the Treasurer position. The RMS also filled the roles of Chairman and Secretary by section member John Wade and national member Carrie Strobe respectively. This new cabinet has a wide range of experience in both the scientific and artistic glass with many years of strong participation across the glass world.

The RMS is putting together a schedule of events to be held throughout the year to establish a presence in our section to facilitate participation in the group. We are set to hold the first in person meeting since 2018 which is scheduled for Sept 5-7, 2025, in Denver CO. The RMS will be doing a membership drive for our meeting alongside the Rocky Mountain Flame Off hosted by Glass Class Denver. We hope to have this be the moment that we will reestablish our membership base. Following the membership drive, we are planning a Christmas Ornament Workshop at Elev8 Premier, Colo. Springs in December. Additionally, there are goals for an April meeting at Lincoln Hot Glass in Nebraska. By holding consistent events throughout the RMS, we hope to grow through our broad outreach into the community by providing a variety of glass opportunities during the year.

The other notable accomplishment is the creation of a section T-Shirt that comes with membership. This T-Shirt does several things for the section. It creates an identity that you gain as a member. Like a military uniform, you have pride in your T-Shirt and want to wear it to show the world your identity. Additionally, the shirt acts as a fundraising tool that gives businesses the opportunity to advertise with the section. The RMS had some funds left from prior membership but with no mailing list or real documentation of potential members to ask for dues, the T-Shirt has been a new funding source generating \$1,200 through advertising revenue. We hope that by doing this at the section level we can have proof of concept, and the idea could possibly be scaled up to the national level.

Lastly, the RMS has set goals to establish our identity and create for section growth. We want to design a flag for the section that defines our values and gives symbolic representation of the 7 states within the RMS. We plan to create a section award to honor the late Homer L. Hoyt whose involvement in the glass community and establishment of Glasscraft in Denver helped foster an entire generation of glass blowers; me included. As an Air Force veteran, I feel that adding a few customs, traditions and mementos to our section will make our members feel like they are a part of something significant and bigger than themselves. They will be proud to say they are a member of the RMS.

To conclude I would like to thank the ASGS. I would not be where I am in my glass journey were it not for the 2018 Symposium in Colorado Springs. It is because of the efforts of those before me that gave me the opportunity to thrive in glass. I am excited to take on the role of Director and give back to the society knowing that the future is bright with new opportunities to evolve and grow.

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: Southwest

Section Officers

Director: Jim Cornell
 Alt. Director: Nathan Bonnet
 Chair: Randall Strait
 Vice Chair: Julia Strait
 Secretary: Stephan Peirce
 Treasurer: Adam Kennedy

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1
 Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 0
 Number of section members: 26
 Average attendance at section meetings: 20-30
 Financial resources: ☒ Adequate ☐ Inadequate

How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)

☒ Educational ☒ Social ☐ Speaker ☒ Tour ☒ Workshop
☐ Other _____

Section Challenges

- ☐ Difficulty in finding a meeting location
☐ Difficulty in organizing a meeting
☒ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
☒ Poor attendance at section meetings
☒ difficulty in finding section officers
☐ Other (explain) Only 4 active qualified Regular Members to hold position of Director/Alternate. I will be
rerequesting Presidential permission to retain Director position until our section can hold elections this fall.

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

Section meetings have been well attended the past few years, but only 2-4 Regular members attend.
Many Artistic members attend our section meetings. We are planning a fall meeting, most likely
In the Dallas area. Next year we hope to have a meeting at TGP in Gonzales, LA.

Submitted by: Jim Cornell
 Date: 6/16/25

American Scientific Glassblowers Society

Directors Report

Section: SOUTHEASTERN

Section Officers

Director: RICK SMITH
 Alt. Director: JEFF BABBITT
 Chair: JEFF BABBITT
 Vice Chair: LARRY McCOLLUM
 Secretary: CAROLYN REINER
 Treasurer: CHANDRA LAMBERTH

Section Profile

Number of section meetings planned for the year: 1
 Number of meetings since last Board of Directors meeting: 1
 Number of section members: 28 ~
 Average attendance at section meetings: 12 ~
 Financial resources: ☒ Adequate ☐ Inadequate
 How would you describe your typical section meeting (check all that apply)
☒ Educational ☒ Social ☐ Speaker ☒ Tour ☒ Workshop
☐ Other _____

Section Challenges

☒ Difficulty in finding a meeting location
☒ Difficulty in organizing a meeting
☐ Difficulty in finding workshop presenters
☒ Poor attendance at section meetings
☒ difficulty in finding section officers
☐ Other (explain) _____

Additional Comments (use additional sheet if necessary):

Meeting was held at the Univ. of GA May 1-4, 2005
Hosted by Pres. Annalee Pickett

Submitted by:

Date:

Rick Smith
6/2/25

**Bylaws of the
American Scientific Glassblowers Society**

November, 2019

Revised: July, 2022

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Corporation shall be named The American Scientific Glassblowers Society (hereinafter referred to as the Society or the ASGS), 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 1 – Qualifications

- (a) Membership shall consist of Regular, Junior, Student, Retired, International, Artistic, Associate, and Lifetime classes as the Board of Directors shall determine. (June '01)
- (b) **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)
- (c) **Junior** membership may be granted to those persons who are actively engaged in the art of scientific glassblowing with less than five years' experience.
- (d) **Student** membership may be granted to those who are actively enrolled in an accredited Scientific Glassblowing curriculum such as the Salem Community College Program. Only two years of eligibility is allowed. (June '01)
- (e) **International** membership may be granted to those persons residing in areas not represented by the Board of Directors and are outside the continental United States and Canada. (November '99)
- (f) **Artistic** membership may be granted to those persons who actively participate in the art of Artistic glassworking. (June '09)
- (g) **Associate** membership may be granted to those persons who have a close association with, or interest in, the glassblowing field.
- (h) **Retired** membership may be granted upon application from any Regular Member who no longer receives the majority of their income from the art of scientific glassblowing, due to accident, illness, or retirement and has been a Regular Member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years. (November '09)
- (i) **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 anyone-year. All nominations for Lifetime membership should include a biographical sketch outlining such service contributions.

- (j) 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 vote of approval at two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings separated by at least (4) months. (November '87)
- (k) The Board of Directors can add or subtract membership classes with a bylaw change.

Section 2 – Requirements

- (a) An initiation fee, determined by the Board of Directors, plus dues for the current year may accompany each application for membership. This money shall be returned if the application is denied by the Membership Committee (payable in U.S. Dollars). (June '01)
- (b) No initiation fee will be required for Junior membership but, upon completion of five years of glassblowing experience, Junior members who choose to continue their membership with the ASGS must apply for Regular membership; such applications are to be accompanied by required initiation fees. (June '01)

Section 3 - Dues

- (a) Dues are due and payable on January 1. Membership shall be forfeited if dues are not paid by January 1.
- (b) The amounts paid for membership dues are voted on by members of the ASGS, who are eligible to vote, at the annual business meeting. (June '12)

Section 4 - Benefits

- a) Each class of membership shall carry specified benefits:
 - 1. **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.
 - 2. **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. After three years of Section membership as a Junior member, said member may serve as a Director

or Alternate Director (and such election does not conflict with said bylaws) May 2016

3. **Student** membership carries the benefit to be a member of a chartered Section and a member of the National. The dues shall be at a rate determined by the Board of Directors. Student Members will receive a one-year subscription to Fusion. Time enrolled as a Student Member is reduced from the 5 year eligibility as a Junior Member. (June '01)
4. **International** membership carries the benefit of being entitled the right to hold an appointed office and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership, and to hold elected office in Associate Sections. (November '96)
5. **Artistic** membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected 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 '09)
6. **Associate** membership carries the benefit of being entitled to be a member of a chartered Section, right to hold appointed office, right to hold elected office in the Section with the exception of Section Director, Alternate Director (see Article IV Sections a & b) and other National offices, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the Membership. (June '89)
7. **Retired** members are entitled to all benefits of the class of membership to which they belonged at the time that they retired. (June '86)
8. **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 appointed office, exempt from all dues, and receipt of all Society publications normally distributed to the membership
9. The Board of Directors has the right to add, subtract, or alter member benefits as it determines necessary.

Section 5 – Resignations

- (a) 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.
- (b) Any person whose membership has lapsed or has resigned from the Society may rejoin by paying the current dues and verifying with the National Office that their membership classification hasn't changed. Otherwise, the initiation fee will be charged as with any new membership.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, one Director from each Section of the Society and one Director at Large chosen from the Exhibitor's Section. (June '02,'03)
- (b) The Director at Large must be a National member of the ASGS and an exhibitor at the annual ASGS Symposium for a minimum of 3 years. (June '02,'03)
- (c) The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of the Society and shall be vested with the full power and authority to put into effect the laws, resolutions and decisions of the Society. Upon a review from its Bylaw Committee and with a three fourth (3/4) majority vote at two consecutive Board of Directors meetings, (separated by at least 4 months) the Board of Directors may make alter or amend by laws not in conflict with the law for its own governance or that of the Society: delegate to any 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 receipts and expenditures of the Society: appoint employees and other agents of the Society, define their duties, and define the duties of officers other than defined herein; fix compensation of employees and agents of the Society and do all other acts which it may deem to be in the best interest of the Society. (June '02)
- (d) 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 shall be valid for that one meeting
- (e) A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by agreement of a majority of the Board members.
 - 1. Each Director must be notified by writing with the dated request at least one month in advance of any formal special meeting.
 - 2. In the event of a virtual meeting, Directors or their alternates must respond with written notice of attendance. If in 10 days a quorum is not obtained, the meeting must be rescheduled. (Nov. '21)
 - 3. Virtual meetings may conduct Board governance as needed for the operation of the Society. (Nov. '21)
 - 4. Motions at a remote meeting can only be passed by a majority of the Board, not the majority of the quorum, and must have a written record (not voice) for votes.
- (f) No one member shall have more than one vote during any meeting of the Board of Directors.
- (g) 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 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. (November¹ 87)

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

- (a) There shall be four officers: President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (b) Each candidate for election to a National Office shall have been a Regular member in good standing of the Society for at least three 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.
- (c) The President and President-elect shall serve a term of office of two years only. The President-elect shall, having served that term of elected office, automatically succeed to the office of President and serve for a two-year term only. The President shall not be eligible for election to any national office for a period of two years after completion of the Presidential term. (Nov '19)
- (d) 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.
- (e) The Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. If needed, the ASGS shall provide financial reimbursement to the Treasurer or the Treasurer's representative who attends the Board of Directors meetings. The transition of the Treasurer at the November Board of Directors meeting may require the ASGS to offer financial reimbursement to both the present Treasurer and the Treasurer-elect. The Treasurer should be a member in good standing for a period of three (3) years prior to shall have being elected. The Treasurer shall be elected yearly. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, has the right to remove the Treasurer at any time. (May '02)
- (f) The Assistant Treasurer shall be selected by the Treasurer. The Board of Directors must approve the selection with a majority vote. The Assistant Treasurer shall have no vote on the Board of Directors and shall be provided no financial reimbursement to the 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 three (3) years. The Assistant Treasurer shall be selected (or reselected annually) by the Treasurer and the selection shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the right to remove the Assistant Treasurer by a majority vote at any time. (May '02)
- (g) 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 terms 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.
- (h) Each Officer and Sectional Director shall serve a full term of office or shall serve until a successor has been installed.

- (i) 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. The position may be filled only upon a resolution of the Board of Directors and ratified by the members present at the Annual Business Meeting of the Society. The Board of Directors will determine the minimum requirements of eligibility and privileges of each Emeritus position.
- (j) In the event of an Officers 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 affected, the following succession shall take place:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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 President-elect - The President shall, upon completion of a term, remain in office until a successor is elected through the regular election process.
 - 3. 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

- (a) 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.
- (b) The Bylaws 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. The President-elect will serve as Secretary of the Committee without vote.
- (c) 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.

- (d) The Membership Committee shall process the membership applications of potential members, verify the accuracy of the application, and advise the Board of Directors on issues of member classes, fees, dues, and other aspects of memberships
- (e) The Audit Committee shall be a permanent standing committee and shall be composed of no less than three qualified members of experience and integrity elected by the membership annually at the annual Business Meeting. The Audit Committee is charged with reviewing the Treasurer's report and recommending changes to any discrepancies found in the report. No existing Executive Committee member shall be eligible to serve on the Audit Committee. (Nov '04)
- (f) The President may appoint any other committees at any time.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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 the elections. The Nominating Committee will deliver to the Secretary the names of the nominees and written agreements to serve if elected for communication to the membership.
- (c) Nomination for election may also be made by petition. Nominating positions 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)
- (d) 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 the Society record the written agreement to serve if elected of each nominee.
- (e) The Elections Committee, upon receipt of the nominations from the Secretary, shall form and mail a ballot to each member who is eligible to vote.
- (f) The Elections Committee shall provide each voter with one ballot and two envelopes. The smaller envelope shall be printed with the instructions for the balloting procedure that is to be followed. The larger envelope shall be pre- addressed to the Elections Committee. (June'86)
- (g) The Chair of the Election Committee, together with at least two of the other members of this Committee, shall open, validate and count all the ballots that are properly completed.
- (h) The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared the winner. If said candidate cannot ascend 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.

- (i) All duly elected officers shall be installed during the next Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – SECTIONS

- (a) 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.
- (b) Each Section shall be self-governing to the extent that it does not conflict with the Charter and Bylaws of the Society.
- (c) 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 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.
- (d) In special instances, the Board of Directors of the Society may waive the minimum requirements for the formation of a Section. (November '91)
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 that will have a direct or indirect bearing on the election of the members to sit on the Society Board of Directors, or to have a voice on Section or Society matters that 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.
- (g) A Director or Alternate Director will be eligible for reimbursement as long as the Section represented holds a valid charter that is recognized by the Board of Directors. Results from the Election Committee must be presented to the President. (July '10)
- (h) Associate Sections: Sections may be formed outside the United States and Canada. They will be known as Associate Sections without vote or travel reimbursement. (November '96)

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

- (a) There shall be such general meetings of the Society as the Board of Directors shall determine is necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the Society. At least two weeks written notice shall be given for such meetings.

- (b) The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting for the purpose of receiving reports of the officers of the Board of Directors and the Committees of the Society; for the installation of Officers and Sectional Directors: for setting of dues and for any other business that may arise.
- (c) A quorum for the general business meeting before the members of the Society shall consist of no less than 10% of the voting members. 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. (November '07)

ARTICLE X – FINANCE

- (a) For business purposes, the fiscal year shall begin on January 1 of each year. (Nov '19)
- (b) 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, Bylaws, Rules of Order or Standing Rules of the Society.