

ASGB Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, September 20, 2008

**Attendees:** Anita Farrah, Penny Dickinson, Kathryn Guler, Cindy Rave, Barbara Mason, Celeste Sotomayor, Kiersten Kern, Lisa Hamilton & Michele Coletti.

**Old Business:**

**Annealing Bubbles:** Bags are \$7.00. Contact Kiersten for availability.

**Bead-a-thon:** Margaret Zinser said the event raised over \$9,000.00 after expenses and half went to Beads of Courage and half to Sonoran Art Glass. Over 30 beadmakers participated in this weekend event and they are already planning on making this an annual event at Sonoran.

**Beads of Courage fundraiser:** ASGB has been collecting beads each month from our bead exchange for a BOC fundraiser. As an alternative to selling on ebay, it was suggested that we take each set and use in the silent auctions at BOC's Beads Inspired events in April. We can purchase cigar box, bead boxes for each set and should have 10 sets by April, so BOC can silent auction 5 in Phoenix and 5 in Tucson.

**ISGB Chapter:** Raychel notified Penny that we have not yet become an Official Chapter of the ISGB. Penny has a list of items to be submitted. Needed are bylaws and standing rules, which we have not been able to come across in old minutes, but Anita will check to see if she has anything in her old papers from the ASGB. If not, Penny will call a Special Meeting to create simple bylaws that covers the ISGB requirements.

**New Business:**

**Elections:** Officer voting -  
President – Penny Dickinson  
Vice President –  
Secretary – Gail Finney  
Treasurer – Kathryn Guler  
Education –  
Membership/greeter – Kiersten Kern  
Special Events – Adiel Garrison & Michelle Parchinski (co-chairs)  
Webmaster – Lori Greenberg  
Bead Exchange – Kathryn Guler

Group discussed combining education with special events. Penny will discuss with Adiel & Michelle. With Christine Sutter moving back to Chicago, Penny will take over the Pati Walton & John Olson classes. Will also need to look into hotel and car rental for Pati & John as Christine was going to have them stay with her and drive them to FFZ for the demo night and classes. These additional costs may be covered if enough attendance at demo night.

**ASGB Fiscal Year -** Penny motioned changing the ASGB to a calendar year, Michele Coletti seconded, no one opposed. Dues for 2009 will not be due until January and subsequent elections

to held every January.

**Postcards:** Penny shared postcards with the group from the Gathering, including some postcards of bead societies, and suggested having ASGB postcards made w/ member's beads. Michele Coletti volunteered her professional Graphic Artist ability to put postcards together, and it was agreed that we would get a quote on photography by David Orr, so all the photos would be of the same professional quality. Penny will get a quote on photographing (one bead per member) and Michele will check on-line printers for costs of postcards. Both will present at the October meeting and the group will vote on producing the postcards. 400 can be sent to the ISGB to be included in next years box of postcards at the Gathering and the remaining will be used for advertising purposes for the group.

**Bead Expo** will not be returning to Phoenix in 2009, but Bead Fest will be held March 12-15, 2009 in Sante Fe, NM. Check website for the great classes offered and info on getting a booth.

**Bulk Glass Order** – Penny and Kathryn met a lady at the Fall Best Bead show named Vickie Lee who is looking to sell about 60lb. of moretti. ASGB will look into purchasing the bulk order if priced well, separate it out and sell to members. We will vote on it once Penny gets the info from Vickie. Order would be picked up at spring Best Bead.

**Bullseye** – Lisa Hamilton let everyone know that Bullseye offers odd lot sales the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. She would be interested in going in with others to make the quantity purchase. She will send out emails about this.

**Education:** Pati Walton / John Olson classes: We still have 3 openings left in both Friday and Saturday Pati Walton classes. Penny made up flyers to be given out at both FFZ studios and MAC, in hopes of filling these spots with non-ASGB students at \$175.00 per student. Materials list will be sent out prior to classes.

**Bead Challenge/Exchange:** October - Quarterly stretch - bangle beads.  
November – Teapot beads  
December – Beads w/ shards

**Treasurer's report:** Corrections made in May's report; will complete the June and August minutes and resend to membership.

September's report: Previous balance \$4,396.17; deposit made in the amount of \$523.68 (includes class deposits and new member dues); \$2.90 in dividends; New balance \$4,922.75

**Next Meeting Date:** October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Kiersten Kern's home.

