

Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
General Membership Meeting  
January 4, 2018

*Attendees (38)*

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams

Other Trustees: Les Presmyk, Chris Whitney-Smith, Doug Duffy, Joseph Philpott, Darrel Dodd, Dawn Boushelle, Dana Slaughter, Michael Shannon, Paul Jaeger.

Members and Guests: Shirley Cote, Kelli Wakefield, Don Boushelle, Tony Occhiuzzi, Steve Scott, Neil Bearce, Steve Kaminski, John Weide, Pierre Cantou, Carleton Moore, Diane Moore, Zak Shannon, Marcus Origlieri, Maggie Lyons, Erika Brown, Lynn Dyer, Terry Dyer, Joe Philpott, Michael Brown, Cody Schwenk, Brian Schwenk, John Tibbits, David Tibbits, Joanne Hesterman and Bob Sertz.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Physical Sciences Building at Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ.

#### I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Genie Howell was not present – there was no treasurer's report.

#### II. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2017 PLANNING MEETING

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes as written (Les Presmyk). The **motion** was seconded (Neil Bearce) and passed by vote.

#### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

- a) U of Arizona Update – Bill and Don added new and improved signage on the four FMF cases at the UofA Flandrau museum. These include banners on what the FMF is, information on A. Flagg and information about the FMF collection. The cases were cleaned and labels have been replaced. Bill switched out select specimens for newer specimens.
- b) Recent Donations & Purchases:  
Bill reported the following donations & purchases:  
Mar – purchased Mel Gortatowski specimens  
Jul/Aug – purchased specimens from Flagstaff collection including “rock candy ore” vanadinite in quartz from Table Mesa mine.

Aug/Sept – The FMF purchased the Gilbert Flores collection from Evan Jones which represents about 50 flats of material.

Dec/Jan – received 14 flats of specimens from Dick Morris & Mark Hay.

Dec/Jan – Karen Hruby donated copper specimens and calcite.

Dec/Jan – Steve Scott donated rosasite and auricalcite from the Apex mine.

In addition, Chuck Kominski donated a number of flats.

Bill reported on additions to the FMF collection from donations/purchases:

lead specimen (Bisbee), drusy chrysocholla (Blue Angel Prospect), chalcocite ore (Bagdad) and bournite ore (Magma).

B. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams)

Phil and Mike provided an overview of the website and reminded attendees that new content is always welcome.

C. *Field Trips*

The FMF is working with the MSA (Chris & Joe Philpott Jr.) to schedule joint field trips. Recently, the MSA has been very successful in planning a variety of field trips and 2018 MSA field trips are posted on the FMF website. Paid FMF members are welcome on MSA field trips.

D. *Nomination Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

Phil reported that all 2017 FMF officers and trustees have agreed to stay in current positions for 2018 and offered to take nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations.

Bill stated that he was unable to contact Stan Celestian and that Don Boushelle would take over Stan's position as a trustee with a term expiring in 2021.

A **motion** was made (Les Presmyk) to approve the 2018 officers and trustees as stated. The **motion** was seconded by Chris Whitney-Smith and carried by vote.

#### IV. FLAGG SHOW 2018 & 2019

A. *Enhanced Features for the 2018 FGMS.*

- a) Micromount Area – Nathan Scholten is taking the lead on the micromount area. He is providing a microscope along with appropriate computer/stitching software.
- b) Junior Thumbnail Competition – There will be four junior thumbnail cases available in the display area for the 2018 junior competition. Judging will be done by Les Presmyk. The Mineral Minions are providing \$25 cash stipend for each entry and Alex Schauss will award \$100 to the best junior display. Les suggested providing additional advertising around the competition.
- c) Displays – Other displays will include a case organized by Mike Shannon on the Grand Reef mine. There will also be cases of MSA self-collected field trip

specimens assembled by Joey Philpott, a case on Wulfenite as the AZ State mineral by Chris Whitney-Smith and a case of fossils from Jeff Langland.

- d) Food – There are a total of seven vendors for 2018 and the FMF will provide a food court area with 4 tables and 24 chairs on the south end near the vendors.
- e) Advertising – ABC15 will be on-site early Friday to film various volunteers/organizations. FOX10 will also be on-site on Friday.

#### B. 2019 Flagg Show – January 4th, 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

- a) 2019 Show Theme – There was a discussion of the 2019 theme and Les suggested Arizona Fossils. After additional discussion of potential fossil sources a **motion** was made to make AZ Fossils the theme of the 2019 FGMS show (Les). The **motion** was seconded (Bill) and passed by vote. Additional suggestions were made for people who could display fossil specimens and a competition will be held for best submitted fossil.
- b) Dealer Fee Structure – Joey suggested moving to a \$50 per space flat fee for the 2019 FGMS. There was subsequent discussion of whether the increased fees were needed by the FMF to support various programs, cover additional or increased FGMS costs, purchase specimens or revitalize the old scholarship program. It was suggested that additional dealer fees could be used to increase advertising as well. Neil suggested reviewing costs vs fees for the 2018 show and Les agreed with the caveat that the FMF should make a profit to cover pre-determined goals. Further discussion will occur at a subsequent FMF board meeting with a decision on the 2019 fee structure to be made at that meeting after close review of the show costs vs fees.
- c) Boy Scout Tie-in – Les described the “Mining and Society” badge and Pam Wilkenson’s leadership and workshops. The program is tied to Freeport and Les will coordinate with Pam about bring a workshop or other to the 2019 FGMS.

#### V. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM– 13-15 April 2018

- A. *Venue* – The venue will be in Phoenix for 2018 but is still undecided. Phil and Les will visit and firm up a venue prior to the Tucson show. The symposium will not return to the Clarion.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *ESM Update* – Shirley and Doug provided an update on the ESM. The ESM is currently on hold. The outreach program is currently very active.

- B. *2018 TGMS Exhibits* – The theme for the 2018 TGMS is Crystals and Crystal Forms. The FMF will have a member case and members are welcome to submit specimens to Phil or Bill for potential inclusion.
- C. *Pinal Museum Update* – The donation of the carpet and cabinets to the PGMS facility was mentioned. The total FMF donation was ~\$10k and funding came from mineral sales and not FGMS show proceeds.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *PGMS Facility* – The PGMS is preparing to have a major fund raising drive to purchase the current museum/meeting location from the City of Coolidge so that it may remain open in perpetuity. The PGMS contacted the FMF to see if there was interest in assisting with the funding and offered naming rights to the museum - the “Flagg Geology and Mineral Museum of Pinal County” at a cost of ~\$90k to pay for purchase of the space. All signage, website and letterhead would reflect that name. Alternatively, the naming rights for just the exhibit gallery would be ~\$40k. Ray Grant is putting together a prospectus but wanted to offer the FMF the first insight into this change. Ray will follow up with Phil and the FMF will put together a steering committee to review any offer. Les, Chris, Dana, Bill and Joey agreed to form an initial steering committee. After discussion, there was no opposition to the concept from those in attendance.
- B. *FMF Vanguard Status* – Phil stated that both Vanguard and the IRS still recognize the FMF as the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum Foundation. Attempts to correct this are underway.
- C. *FGMS Bylaw Update* – Bill stated that the FMF bylaws still reflect the old AMMMF name and require update. Bill and Dana will update the bylaws to reflect the current name, purpose and agenda of the FMF. Phil reiterated the FMF connection with Paul Harter’s law office as providing a physical address (statutory address) for the FMF with Paul as the FMF statutory agent. Phil also stated that Paul would prepare an additional indemnification clause for FMF officers.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Chris Whitney-Smith). The **motion** was seconded by Dana Slaughter and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary