

Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
General Meeting  
January 2, 2014

*Attendees (29)*

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

Other Trustees: Genie Howell, Ray Grant, Glenn Hoffman, Paul Jaeger, Les Presmyk, Steve Decker, Marc Fleischer, Dana Slaughter, Jeff Johnson, Stan Celestian

Members and Guests: Harvey Jong, Jack Howell, Chris Whitney-Smith, Dick Zimmermann, Susan Celestian, George Stevens, Ed Schaffer, Neil Bearce, Carleton Moore, Diane Moore, Michael Shannon, Patricia Shannon, Chelsea Shannon, Marcus Origlieri

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Physical Sciences Building at Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ.

#### I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Darrel D. presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the money market fund, CD, and checking account.

#### II. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2013, BOARD MEETING

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed by vote.

#### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. U of A Loan/Display-Lighting Proposal Update - Les P. reported that he has received the LED lighting from China and is currently testing. The glass shelves and plastic risers have also been ordered. These materials are all expected to be received and installed before the annual UofA open house. The lighting is the same that will be used for the 2014 TGMS show cases. Les is currently a contact for those interested in the new LED lighting. The lighting was substantially less (30%) than the initial budget allowed for.
2. U of A Loan/Display Additional Cabinets – All display cases from the Flagg gallery have been delivered to the museum at the UofA with the exception of one. The remaining case is being kept in controlled storage as a historical memento. The UofA museum has agreed to give the FMF 25' of wall space and mount the new

cases. The FMF will make additional specimens available on temporary loan. The A. Flagg specimens that were photographed for the MR Arizona supplement will potentially go in one case while specimens recently purchased (~120) by the FMF from the David Shannon collection will go in a second case. The minerals from the David Shannon collection will initially be on display at the 2014 TGMS and will be transitioned to the UofA museum after that show.

3. The FMF has not received any major donations within the last 2 years and needs to get the word out that we could use some new donations for future sales.
4. There will be a micromount session at the minerals of AZ symposium. The FMF has expended the materials from last year's session and very little materials remain.
5. Bill has collected personal books, notebooks, etc. as well as additional minerals from the A. Flagg collection that should be retained. These were catalogued, labelled and entered into the FMF collection databases. Other pieces will be sold. The pieces from the David Shannon collection that were purchased by the FMF were also labelled, numbered, catalogued and added to the database. The FMF membership pamphlet was also recently updated and 500 were printed for distribution at the Flagg show and elsewhere. Bill thanked those who helped move materials to the new storage facility.

B. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams)

The website continues to be regularly updated. Additional member pages are encouraged. The FMF needs to be more aggressive in its online presence and MinDat should be another focus for the Flagg show and Flagg collection photos.

C. *Newsletter* (Steve Decker)

Steve reported that there are no recent newsletters and that it may be reasonable to make the website be the point of contact for the FMF. Steve reported that he would like to setup a coherent email system for the FMF. There was discussion regarding sending a postcard, symposium notice or newsletter out to members who did not renew membership. Additional discussion about an FMF member email database occurred to ensure that all members get needed information. Harvey suggested that the ESM uses Constant Contact as a source of email database and newsletter distribution. Phil suggested a work day to devise a method to secure current e-mail addresses for all FMF members.

D. *Field Trips*

The difficulty in scheduling new field trips was noted. The FMF will be working with the MSA to schedule new joint field trips and trips will be posted on the website.

#### IV. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM, April 4, 5, 6, Clarion at Phx Tech Center

- A. *Sales* – Bill is in charge (or will delegate) of a sales room for FMF specimens.
- B. *Micromount Session* – A Friday afternoon session is planned. A room with various microscopes and micromount material as well as a lecture are envisioned. Phil asked for volunteers to lead the micromount session. 1:30 -4:30PM?
- C. *Food* – The Clarion is under new management and requires on-site food be provided exclusively by them. Phil R. will arrange for the Clarion to provide coffee/water/tea for the Friday session as well as provide a continental breakfast for the Saturday lecture program. A boxed lunch will be provided during the seminar and a sit down dinner will be served Saturday evening.  
Dealer rooms by the pool have been remodeled and the cost has gone up \$10 to \$79.95 /night. Other rooms will be offered at \$69.95 /night.  
Phil will be finalizing & signing the contract with Clarion in January.
- D. *Symposium Program* – Ray G. is setting up the program. Six lectures are currently scheduled and one or two more are needed. The program will go to the website once finalized. A speaker is tentatively in place for the Saturday night dinner program.
- E. *Publicity* – not discussed
- F. *Sunday Trade Session* – An open trade session and timed auctions are planned for Sunday. A demonstration on mineral cleaning, trimming, cataloging may be given by Les P. on Sunday as well. Bill stated that materials were needed for the silent auction. Bill also has the Jelkes material and will evaluate for what to keep in the FMF collection and what may be made available for auction/sale at the symposium. Bill will also bring a variety of unlabeled “rocks” from the Flagg collection for sale at the Friday session.

#### V. Flagg Show 2014

The FMF has coordinated with the MSA in order to have juniors display thumbnail collections at the Flagg show. A least 4 juniors will have thumbnail displays in the display tent next to the MSA booth. Each junior will receive \$20 in “Flagg Show Bucks” which may be redeemed at the FMF table for minerals of equal or slightly higher value. MCC geology student who volunteered also received the Flagg Show Bucks. No change will be given for Flagg Show Bucks. Les P. will be judging the thumbnail collections on Saturday. A cash award will be given to the first place winner.

Bill will be bringing a wooden storage cabinet that was donated by Fogg and it will be for sale at the Flagg show. In addition, a collection of Lapidary Journals donated by Bob Jones will be for sale.

Marc Fleischer reported that there will be a change to the TV coverage for the show. Coverage will now start at 9:40AM – 10AM.

## VI. Flagg Show 2015

The 2015 Flagg show will be held on January 9, 10 and 11, 2015.

## VII. Old Business

- A. *FMF Scholarships* – Darrel stated that the FMF 2014 \$10k scholarship money was distributed. The money was generously donated by Sylvia Garcia and was distributed (\$10k per year for 5 years) to minority students. The process for distribution of scholarships has been worked out if new money become available.
- B. *Poster Sales Status* – Discussion centered around the continued sale of TGMS posters. Storage costs vs. profit from sales make it costly to continue sales. The consensus was to return them to the TGMS. Bill will contact Paul Harter and TGMS to see about ending the contract. There are approximately 4000 posters remaining in storage. A motion was made by Ray G. to arrange return the posters to the TGMS, it was seconded by Lavone A. and passed.
- C. *ESM Update* – Harvey thanked Chris Whitney Smith for nominating the ESM for a \$2000 grant from Staples to be applied to the outreach programs and solar powered battery/generator to be used for the fluorescent display. The ESM also received a donation of 35 boxes of economic geology material.
- D. *RMFMS* – A liaison is needed as a go between the FMF and the RMFMS. Bob Jones had volunteered at one point and Phil will contact him.

## VII. New Business

- A. *David Shannon Collection & Exhibit.* – Mike Shannon and family expressed appreciation to the FMF for purchasing, exhibiting and maintaining a portion of the David Shannon collection. Mike also mentioned that some of the material he purchased from the Flagg collection contained an unusual copper aluminum sulfate mineral from Bisbee as identified by Marcus O.. A fine miniature specimen will be returned to the FMF for it's collection.
- B. *Nominating Committee.* - Six Foundation trustees have terms ending Jan14. Les P. nominated Dana Slaughter, Darrel Dodd, Doug Duffy, Genie Howell, Jeff Johnson and Chris Whitney Smith as trustees with terms ending in Jan17. Lavone A. seconded the motion. There were no other nominations from the floor. All were in favor of the nominations and the trustees were accepted. Les also nominated officers for 2014 including Phil Richardson as president, Bill Yedowitz as VP, Darrel Dodd as treasurer, Mike Williams as secretary and Lavone Archer as corresponding secretary. Les made a motion to accept the nominations as slated. There were no

nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed and the nominations of the officers were accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM by Phil Richardson.