

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Regular Membership Meeting
January 3, 2019

Attendees (30)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Les Presmyk, Mike Williams

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Joey Philpott, Dana Slaughter, Chuck Kominski, Bill Yedowitz, Doug Duffy, Dawn Boushelle, Don Boushelle, Mike Shannon.

Members and Guests: John Weide, Mike Brown, Maggie Lyons, Marcus Origlieri, Kelli Wakefield, Shirley Cote, Steve Kaminski, Mike Webb, Chuck Houser, Lynn Dyer, Jeff Johnson, Joanne Hesterman, Joe Philpott, Sr., John Philpott, David Tibbits, John Tibbits, Matthew Will, Steven Scott.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Physical Science Building at Mesa Community College, Mesa Arizona.

I. FMF OFFICER & TRUSTEE POSITIONS FOR 2019/2022.

Mr. Les Presmyk has stepped in as interim vice chairman following the resignation of Bill Yedowitz. Nominations were opened for trustee positions for year 2022. Current trustees with terms ending included Doug Lindsay, Raymond Grant, Les Presmyk, Mike Shannon, Lavone Archer, Chuck Kominski and Joey Philpott Jr. There were no new nominations from the floor and nominations were closed. Bill made a **motion** to accept the above nominees as 2022 trustees. The **motion** was accepted by vote. Nominations were then opened for officer positions for year 2019 with current officers Chairman: Phil Richardson, Vice-Chairman: Les Presmyk, Treasurer: Genie Howell, Secretary: Mike Williams and Corresponding-Secretary: Lavone Archer. There were no new nominations from the floor and nominations were closed. Doug made a **motion** to accept the above nominees as 2019 officers. The **motion** was accepted by vote.

II. FLAGG SHOW PLANNING MEETING MINUTES (27Nov18).

Bill made a **motion** to accept the 27Nov18 Flagg show planning meeting minutes as written. The **motion** was seconded by Les and passed by vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Collection Committee – Bill and Phil provided updates on donations and Flagg collection specimens. An A.L. Flagg petrified wood specimen, donated by Dick Morris,

has been added to the collection. Recent donations received include a collection of mineralogical records, fossils donated by Steve Scott, mineral specimen donations by Chuck Kominski and John Scully and a donation of alterite (an oxalate) by Malcolm Alter. Bill also reminded attendees that the Elaine Royer donation which was accepted three years ago was now available for distribution/sale under IRS rules. The FMF also recently made donations of specimens to the ESM, PGMS, MSA and to Nathan Scholten for the FGMS.

a. Museum Updates. – Les provided updates on both the new UofA Tucson museum and the Phoenix museum. The new UofA museum has funding in place for a soft opening in Sept19 with a grand opening planned to coincide with the TGMS in Feb20. The new museum will include areas for geologic and mineralogic history, an Arizona and Mexico mineral and mining hall and a gem hall. There will also be areas for various Arizona displays, organization and private collection displays and a downstairs laboratory area. The Flandreau museum is planned to become an educational/kid friendly mineral and mining museum on completion of the new UofA museum. The new museum in Phoenix is tentatively planned to have a 2023 opening and substantial funding will be required for upgrades to the existing building. Les said to expect that FMF collection specimens would be in residence at both new museums and stated that updated loan contracts may be required when transferring FMF specimens to the new museums.

b. Request for Donations. – Phil reminded the membership that donations are needed and to bring potential donations to the attention of the officers.

B. Website – Phil reminded members to submit appropriate content for inclusion on the FMF website.

C. Field Trips – Once again, FMF field trips will pair with MSA field trips for 2019.

IV. FLAGG SHOW 2019.

A. Enhanced Features - ~150 dealers were currently signed up for the 2019 show with an additional 10 dealers expected to show/sign up prior to the start of the show. This is a new record!

a. Micro mineral area – Dr Nathan Scholten is in charge of the micro mineral area and has microscopes and samples in place.

b. Thumbnail competition – There are two juniors involved in the thumbnail competition this year. The Arizona Mineral Minions will provide a \$25 cash stipend for competitors and Les will judge the competition.

c. Displays – The 2019 FGMS will have exhibits by Mike Fleeman (Fossils), Steve Scott (Ammonites), Jeff Langland (Payson Fossils) and a combined MSA/PGMS John Weber display. An additional exhibit of minerals will be provided by Chuck Houser along with the two junior displays.

In conjunction with the 2019 Arizona Fossils theme, the Southwest Paleontological Society will attend and will have a hands-on fossil exhibit. The MCC Geology Dept will once again provide the fossil dig for kids.

d. Food Court – A number of food vendors have signed up and are expected. Six tables and a number of new chairs (purchased and transported by the Philpotts) were on-site.

B. Early Critique – TEAM security will have two guards on-site at all times and will have a third guard on Sunday afternoon for control traffic. Shirley suggested having the FGMS advertised on the MCC marquee - as the FGMS is not an MCC event, it cannot be displayed on the marquee per Kelli. There was additional discussion on FGMS advertising and poster design. Les will investigate the potential for streetlight banners for the 2020 event with Mesa. A dealer suggested having a scavenger hunt for kids organized for the 2020 show – Kelli volunteered to organize a 2020 scavenger hunt.

C. Flagg Show 2020 – After considering the MCC class schedule, it was determined that the 2020 FGMS will be held on January 3rd, 4th and 5th 2020.

a. Theme – The theme of the 2020 FGMS will be Volcanics and Volcanic Minerals. The theme was approved by vote.

b. Dealer Fee Structure – The 2020 dealer fee structure will be as proposed during the November planning meeting - \$75/space.

c. Special Features – Joey mentioned that he had discussed having a drone exhibit at the 2020 show with a person that does aerial geoscience via drone. Joey will follow up. Phil and Kelli suggested setting up a “trashcan” volcano in the MMC lot for advertising purposes. Les provided discussion of the Empire large equipment dealer and suggested it may be difficult to get them for future shows.

V. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM, 5-7APRIL 2019.

The 27th Annual Symposium will be held at the Drury Hotel in Phoenix/Tempe. Ray Grant, Les and Phil will be co-chairs. Phil stated that there is already a full slate of presentations in place for the symposium. Tentatively, the Saturday night presentation will be on the Tucson lead artifacts – Phil, Les and Steve Kaminski will follow up.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ESM Update – Shirley provided an update on ESM involvement in outreach/science fairs and stated that Harvey Jong has a new program on volcanics that he has been presenting. Lynn Dyer has a variety of outreach programs scheduled for 2019. Mardi Zimmerman will represent the ESM at the PGMS show in March.

B. TGMS Exhibits – The FMF will be placing exhibits at the 2019 TGMS which will include member specimens that have been photographed for the MR Arizona II supplement.

C. PGMS Update – Dana, Phil and Bill provided updates on upcoming meeting speakers and programs and the progress that has been made at the Pinal Geology Museum.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership Chair/Committee – Phil asked for a volunteer to act as membership chair to maintain a database of members, to track dues and to get and keep members. There was a short discussion of how dues come into the club. This topic will be revisited in a future meeting as there were no volunteers.

B. Existing Bylaws/ Membership Committee – The current bylaws require an update. Bill proposed modifying the bylaws to update and include new positions. One new position would include collection curator/manager with responsibility for maintaining and cataloging the permanent Flagg collection, to act as a liaison between the FMF and museums and other organizations and to maintain storage areas. Bill also recommended changing the bylaws to formally make Lavone's position Event Coordinator instead of Corresponding Secretary. Another recommendation was to reinstate the collection (sales) committee to perform pricing, cleaning and storage of show materials as directed by the vice chairman. There was discussion of Bill's proposal.

Les pointed out that the initial concern was modification of the existing bylaws. He suggested a collection committee be formed and that that committee undertake bylaw discussion and revision. These suggested bylaw changes would come back to the board for confirmation. Bill stated that, according to current bylaws, modification requires a general meeting for vote. The current bylaws will be reviewed to confirm whether modification of the bylaws require board vote or vote by general membership.

Phil asked for volunteers for the bylaw committee to be headed by Les. Mike Shannon, Joey Philpott, Chris Whitney-Smith and John Tibbits agreed to work with Les. Les thought that Genie has also expressed interest and would contact her to confirm. Les agreed to convene the committee and provide feedback on changes to the bylaws within two months and accept comments on those changes from the general membership. If a general membership vote is required to accept changes to the bylaws, that vote would occur at the symposium or a meeting prior to the symposium.

In order to vote on bylaw changes, it was pointed out that a membership committee was required to confirm current membership. Phil asked for volunteers to form a membership committee – John Tibbits and John Weide volunteered to help validate the current membership. There was a discussion of how FMF (honorary, free or reduced cost) memberships were granted to other clubs and volunteers and how the membership committee would access those. Once the membership committee has a current list of members, it will be published for review.

C. Other Business – Phil suggested that (past FMF president) Marc Watson and John Weber be honored by having the FMF provide funds to include them in the MR Arizona II Supplement. Chris pointed out that the MSA is sponsoring one page for John Weber which would require only one page be funded by the FMF on his behalf. Chris made a **motion** that the FMF fund one page for John Weber and two for Marc Watson (three pages total). Les seconded the **motion**. The floor was open for discussion and there was some dissent. Bill **amended** the **motion** to FMF funding two pages only. Les seconded the **amended motion** and there was additional discussion about which pages would be funded and who would be represented. Bill reminded the attendees about the existing FMF expenditures to subsidize members for the MR AZ II supplement. A vote was held for the **amended motion** of funding two pages without specifying content. The **amended motion** failed by vote.

Additional discussion occurred. Lynn suggested putting photos of a variety of important past FMF members and/or their specimens in the AZ II supplement as memorial pages. A vote was taken on the original **motion** of funding one page for John Weber and two for Marc Watson. The **motion** failed by vote. After additional discussion a new **motion** was made (Les) to fund two pages to memorialize the history and the founders of the FMF. The **motion** was seconded by Mike Shannon and carried by vote. Les stated that the collection committee would take the responsibility for preparing the two pages and include Lynn Dyer in the discussions.

D. Wells Fargo Account and IRS Status – there was a brief discussion of issues related to the Wells Fargo account. Additional discussion will occur at a future meeting.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Bill). The **motion** was seconded by a variety of individuals and the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary