



August 2022 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
August 29, 2022

*Attendees (4 Officers; 8 Trustees)*

Officers and Chairs:

Les Presmyk [Chair & Trustee (T) through 2025]      Bill Yedowitz (Vice Chairman, T24)  
Steve Kaminski (Secretary, T23)

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (T23)                      Don Boushelle (T24)                      Kelli Wakefield (T25)  
Dana Slaughter (T23)                              Phil Richardson (T24),                      John Weide (T25)

Members and Guests: Marc Fleischer

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Mike Shannon (T25), Dr. Ray Grant (T25), Genie Howell (Treasurer T23), Chuck Kominski (T25), Paul Harter (T24), Stan Celestian (T23), Jeff Johnson (T23), , Mike Williams (Webmaster, T22), Catie Sandoval (T23), Evan Jones (T24), John Tibbits (T24), Show Chairman: - Vacant. Invited Guest – Marc Fliescher, Appointed Show Marketing Chair.

The purpose of this committee was to re-initiate active planning for the Flagg Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~6:50 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk at Oreganos in downtown Gilbert (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599 attempt failed due to connections issues at the restaurant).

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Genie Howell, Not Present, No Report Submitted.
- B. The April 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes will be provided with the announcement and link for the next meeting, where they will be subject to a call for approval.
- C. Bill Y. Collection Chair. No collection report was submitted.



D. Les P. opened discussion of the Flagg Show. The following are points raised during this discussion.

1. Theme is Gold! 50 years gold is a story within a story
2. Security is becoming a greater need and more expensive.
3. Vehicles are prohibited for driving inside of the show boundaries if members of the public are present. The difficulty of controlling this was discussed.
4. Show hours will be 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. all three days.
5. It is time to motivate junior exhibitors to prepare for and participate in the Show.
6. Invited exhibitors include: Mike Fleeman, Jeff Langland, John Christiansen, the Pinal Museum, the Superstition Museum (Stamp Mill), the US Forest Service, Harvey Jong and his fluorescence booth, Nathan Scholten (Micromounts). Mardy Zimmermann (egg carton rock collections, this is the final year she plans to do this), and hopefully a gold display.
7. Phil Richardson is FMF Volunteer Food coordinator.

Marc Fleischer discussed marketing plans for the Flagg Show. The following were points raised during this discussion.

8. Focus should include free opportunities for marketing, everyone should keep this in mind
9. Approaching a high school or college thespian group to put on a skit to be included in a video package used for marketing is something to consider
10. Hire a videographer 1 or 2 days in first day of show, \$600 to \$750 dollars to produce a news cast worthy video. This is what we need to do to control message, deliver a package to the press, and not rely on the press' availability.
11. E-blasting with Paul Harter's daughter Katie who has set up a Facebook and Twitter page for the Show.

E. Symposium

1. Date is March 24, 2023

F. Hybrid meetings were not discussed. FMF is interested in pursuing hybrid meetings for at least the General FMF Meeting. This venue, at Oregon's did not work, but possibly could with more planning.

G. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.

H. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UNM) – No Update presented.



- I. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Ray Grant, Not Present, No report presented. Last hours information was it is open Wed, Th, Fri, and Sat. 11 A.M. to 4 P.M from September through May.
- J. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – Les provided update the a planning and scoping team has been selected.
- K. The Flandreau Museum – No update.
- L. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM) No update.
- M. Website Status – no report provided.
- N. Membership report ~66 current members.
- O. Old Business – No old business was discussed.
  - 1. Possibly hosting American Federation of Mineral Societies convention in ~5 years.
  - 2. D&O insurance has been established through Assured Partners.
  - 3. Non-profit status lapsed March 22. This is being re-established, Paul H is leading the effort.
  - 4. Bill Y informed the group that the Foundations name has been corrected on the Vanguard account. Les P, Bill Y. and Genie H. are the account signers.
  - 5. FMF loaned and delivered the last Flagg Wall Case to the PGMM.
- P. New Business –

Les adjourned the meeting at ~8:15 P.M.

Steve Kaminski, FMF Secretary

P.S. Note the October 24, 2021 Flagg Show task planning bullet list prepared by Les Presmyk was attached to the October 25, 2021 FMF Meeting Minutes.