



May 2023 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
May 23, 2023

*Attendees (3 Officers; 5 Trustees)*

Officers and Chairs:

*The "T" notation following Board Member's names indicates the last full year of their term as Trustee. Per the bylaws, Trustee and Officer terms and authority expire upon the election of new officers following their final full year in their position(s). The (VZ) notation indicates attended Via Zoom.*

Les Presmyk [LP, Chair & Trustee (T) through 2025] Steve Kaminski (SK, Secretary, T23)  
Kelli Wakefield (KW, Treasurer T25)

Other Trustees:

Paul Harter (PH, T24)                      Catie Sandoval (CS, T23)                      Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)  
Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T23)      Genie Howell (GH, T23)                      Dr. Ray Grant (RG, T25)

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24), Mike Shannon (MS, T25), John Tibbits (JT, T24), Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), John Weide (JW, T25), Jeff Johnson (JJ, T23), Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T22), Evan Jones (EJ, T24), Dana Slaughter (DS, T23), Stan Celestian (SC, T23), Don Boushelle (DB, T24), Phil Richardson (PR, T24), Show Chairman: - Vacant.

The purpose of this Zoom-based committee was to address general issues and continue active planning for the Flagg Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:30 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Kelli Wakefield reported on the current balances in the checking and savings account. LP mentioned the approximate amount in the Vanguard account and said that we will be moving most of the funds in the Wells Fargo account into certificates of deposit.
- B. The December 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved at the January 2023 General meeting. The General Meeting Minutes will be approved at the January 2024 General Meeting. There are no minutes needing approval at this meeting.



- C. Bill Yedowitz (BY). BY not present and, LP mentioned that BY is continuing to struggle with Vanguard to withdraw our money from their intractable coffers. We seem to be inching closer to the getting our money withdrawn.
- D. LP opened discussion of the Flagg Show. The following are points were discussed.
1. LP: The FMF made record or near record sales at this year's show.
  2. LP: It is hoped that BY will take on exhibits again.
  3. DB: Traffic control was much better at this show with next to no traffic occurring within the show area.
  4. LP: We have taken care of the dealer show fee for the upcoming year.
  5. LP: it is time to start planning for next year's event and assign the major jobs.
- E. Symposium
1. LP: We need to find a new location for the symposium as the UA Mining Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) will be under construction.
  2. LP and PH: As an option we have a scheduled reserved date of Saturday April 6, 2024 at the UA Alfie Norville gem & Mineral Museum (UAANGMM) in Tucson.
  3. LP: another alternative is to return to the Drury Inn in south Chandler.
  4. KW: Mentioned holding it in the Navajo Room at the Mesa Community College (MCC). Les asked her to pursue details on this option.
  5. PH: We had a good experience about 15 years ago holding it at Bucky's Casino in Prescott. Paul will look into this and provide more information at the next meeting.
  6. LP: Says he had nearly a full slate of speakers enlisted by the end of the last symposium.
  7. CWS: Suggested considering Chris Stephano's talk on sulfurs from the Maybee Quarry and Stan Celestian's talk on the formation of the earth.
  8. Jeff Scovil has told Les that any speakers that need any of his photos for a presentation are welcome to use them. All they need to do is ask.
- F. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- G. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH informed us that the UAANGMM has hired Violeta Wulf as director for the museum. She comes to us from the Oakland Museum and has worked for Carl Francis at Harvard. She has also worked (in the early days) for the UA museum creating the policy manual, working via a grant from Dick Graeme. She's already been on the road to meet with a donor.



- H. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: We have a really good employee Christine New, who has worked very hard and allowed the PGMM to keep the museum open four days a week for the past year and a half. Ray has plans for a major change to the museum that he will present to the board of FMF to garner funding to support the project. LP and PH said that this kind of thing is exactly what FMF should be spending money on to remain compliant with the 501C(3) rules. LP deferred this discussion to new business.
- I. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS: The museum is working with a design build company that is assessing historic preservation and the major building systems, selective demolition is scheduled for later this summer. UAMMNREM is loaning a lot of the old display cases and Flandrau material to the Bullion Plaza Museum in Globe. The loan material is still in the UAMMNREN and are being prepared for pickup. A search process has been initiated for a director for the museum. Advisory Board, two new people were named; nothing is happening.
- J. The Flandreau Museum – No update.
- K. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM) No update.
- L. Website Status – no report provided. Previous status was that BY and LP will be working on updates to the website.
- M. Membership report; 67 current members.
- N. Charitable Opportunities: This is a new standard topic for the FMF Board meeting agendas.
- O. Old Business –
  1. Non-profit status has been reestablished by PH and we have filed this year's tax return (form 990EZ). We don't want to exceed the total assets limitation to need to file the next more complex form (the 990N).
  2. CWS vocalized MSA appreciation for the loan of FMF's cabinets, tables and risers and we are happy to have FMF at the show as a dealer.
  3. CWS MSA is working on an Aug 19 tour of the UAANM, and we want to invite FMF and Pinal members to participate with us.
  4. LP mentioned the storage container has been moved by Western Technologies and organized by BY. Western Technologies, paid for the move, and said they would provide an invoice for reimbursement. At this point, that invoice hasn't been presented, it seems unlikely, but not impossible that we will eventually see it.
  5. LP: BY and LP have keys to both the storage container and the Tempe climate-controlled storage unit. We are looking to move away from the Tempe storage unit.



P. New Business –

1. Items the FMF should support, we are nearing the limit of assets by a 501C(3) filing status. We should be looking for projects that we can donate to:
  - a) Ray's project,
  - b) grants to initiatives/scholarships at MCC;
  - c) Catie the \$12M to build the UAMMNREM doesn't cover the build out. They will need \$5 to \$7M more to do the build-out.
  - d) KW suggested scholarship awards for presenters to the FMF Symposium.
2. SK reminded the group to refer to his state report for information on scholarships that are offered by AZ-NV clubs
3. SK: the ALAA is looking for participation of n the comment period for the West Mojave Trails National Monument;
4. SK: ZOOM platform is getting more expensive KW wants to move us to Google Meets, SK supports this idea. KW expanded on the various platforms allow by Google Meets and Workspace.
5. LP: asked about FMF meeting start time and the group selected 7P.M. going forward.

Q. LP called for a motion on the fees for the renewal of FMF's D&O Insurance. PH moved that the amount quoted by Les be authorized, Ray Grant seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Next meeting will be announced soon and will start at 7PM.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~8:29 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.