



August 2023 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
August 29, 2023

*Attendees (4 Officers; 10 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)  
Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24) Kelli Wakefield (KW, Treasurer T25)

Other Trustees:

Paul Harter (PH, T24) Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T23) Genie Howell (GH, T23)  
Dr. Ray Grant (RG, T25) John Tibbits (JT, T24) Stan Celestian (SC, T23)  
Don Boushelle (DB, T24) Catie Sandoval (CS, T23) Jeff Johnson (JJ, T23)  
Mike Shannon (MS, T25)

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), John Weide (JW, T25), , Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T22), Evan Jones (EJ, T24), Dana Slaughter (DS, T23), 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 ~7:02 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Bill Y (BY) initiated report for Kelli W (KW); Our Wells Fargo checking account experienced a fraudulent withdrawal of about \$3,000 on July 27. A hold on the account on August 1st. A second unsuccessful attempt occurred on August 2. Wells Fargo returned the \$3,000 after Kelli filed a fraud report. Later in August, Gilbert PD called LP and then BY following up on an adult protective services investigation into the fraud. Apparently, the prime suspect, an apparent former Wells Fargo employee lives in Gilbert. The account was closed and a new account was started and we have new checks and deposit slips and the 3 bank cards have been transferred to the new account.



Prior to the fraud events, LP and KW had transferred a large portion (about 80%) of the Wells Fargo checking account funds into CDs with staggered amounts and due dates to earn about 5% rather than the <1% earned by the checking account.

BY has made a deposit of dealer's fees and has two more checks to deposit.

- B. Vanguard transfer: BY completed the final forms and is ready to mail the final forms to change the foundation's name.
- C. BY moved that the July meeting minutes be approved, Stan C (SC) seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unopposed, without comment.
- D. Bill Yedowitz (BY). BY has given Mark Hay his donation letter for the hematite on quartz from Veta Grande claim, and small piece of cuprite from the Ray Mine. No new purchases have been made this year. The material for this coming show won't have any new material as of this time.
- E. LP opened discussion of the Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
  - 1. LP: We should move the monthly meeting to Monday or Wednesday so that John Weide can attend. John has sent out an email to the clubs that attend our show and explained that we will be spread the clubs out amongst the other dealers in the show rather than have them all together in the front row.
  - 2. BY mentioned that we will be adding more row space between each row of dealers.
  - 3. BY: Earth Science Museum group won't be at the 2024 Flagg Show. All the members of the ESM are retiring. BY is reaching out to Harvey about whether he will bring the fluorescent tent, but he has not heard back from Harvey.
  - 4. LP: is spear heading the advertising initiative as Marc Fleisher is not able to help this year. He is working with Marc to learn how to approach TV station new media outlets. LP mentioned an event advertising list called the *Weekender* (a real estate organization newsletter) and said that we should be pursuing additional local advertising opportunities such as community-center and local groups that publish "Things-To-Do" lists to their communities. The *Weekender's* geographical distribution is primarily to or through real estate agents. So, it goes out across the valley. LP is will working with the Gilbert Sun News.
  - 5. Dana S (DS) Has us on the Rock & Gem advertising list. Has received a half-dozen requests and refers them to our webpage.
  - 6. Don B (DB): mentioned advertising by free local ads such as New Times and other similar "things-to-do" lists. DB will check on the list Dawn previously maintained of these small circulation groups. DB has also put together a third-sheet flyer for distribution at the Denver Show and New Mexico Symposium.



7. BY Tony Occhuzzi wants 30 to 35 posters. The group decided we should get 75 posters, rather than 200 we got last year which was too much.
8. LP: asked and DS said we should increase the dealer fees \$50 for the minimum boot size This decision is to made after discussions with John Weide. Final decision in October.

#### F. Symposium

1. LP: Tentatively set for April 5, 6 and 7. Easter is the weekend before.
2. LP: Three venues are still being considered.
3. LP: Sulfides as a Friday; Field Collector part 2 Saturday; Sunday? theme.
4. LP: Ian Bruce holding an event the following weekend, Fine Mineral Show.

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

H. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH UAANGMM will have an exhibit at the Denver Show. MSA visited on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. It was a great event.

I. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: Starting in September PGMM will be open Wed-Sat will be open 10 -4. PGMM is seeking bids on the front door. Were open one day a week until regular schedule resumes in September. We have a really good attendance with 100 kids in June

J. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMREM) – LP: Holding advisory board meetings. Accepting resumes for the director position. There are rendering out to establish goals.

K. The Flandreau Museum – No update.

L. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): LP mentioned that Tom Foster reported that the BPM has completed a ~\$200K lead and asbestos abatement project, they now have a clean bill of health.

M. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – MSA will host the AFMS/RMFMS convention which is to be held in 2028.

N. Membership report; No report given.

O. Charitable Opportunities: This is a new standard topic for the FMF Board meeting agendas. Remember the Alfie and the Phoenix museums in your gifting.



P. Old Business –

1. LP: Discussed the plan to purchase new display cases, The case demonstration cases will be modified slightly based on lessons learned with the demonstration units used at the Gilbert Show. Graham will include melamine liners. Positive comments were made on the lighting that comes with cases and the fact that the cases are configured to accommodate additional lighting. Cases can be powered by Ryobi batteries and charges. SC asked and LP answered that the cases come in their own storage boxes which form bases for the setup cases. John T (JT) asked how heavy the cases are, LP, said about 65 or 70 pounds and that similar to the Tucson and Cincinnati cases, it takes two people to handle them.
2. BY moved that the Flagg Mineral Foundation purchase six 48-inch cases and three 30-inch cases. CWS seconded and suggested that asked that we consider purchasing a fourth 30-inch case. After discussion, the motion remained unchanged (to purchase the 4 large and 3 small). The motion passed unopposed. We are saying happy and fond goodbye to our ~60-year-old cases.

Q. New Business –

1. No New Business was discussed.

LP noted the next meetings will be September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup>, all Mondays

Les adjourned the meeting at ~8:32 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.