



October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
October 11, 2023

Attendees (3 Officers; 4 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)

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T23) John Weide (JW, T25) Stan Celestian (SC, T23)
Catie Sandoval (CS, T23)

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Kelli Wakefield (KW, Treasurer T25); Paul Harter (PH, T24); Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), John Tibbits (JT, T24), Genie Howell (GH, T23), Mike Shannon (MS, T25), Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T22), Evan Jones (EJ, T24), Dr. Ray Grant (RG, T25), Don Boushelle (DB, T24), Dana Slaughter (DS, T23), Jeff Johnson (JJ, T23), Phil Richardson (PR, T23), Frank Knipp (T25), 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 ~7:03 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

LP: called for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 29, 2023 Board Meeting. BY made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. JW seconded the motion. No additions or corrections were offered. The motion passed unopposed.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Bill Y (BY) initiated report for Kelli W (KW); BY reported that LP, BY and KW are now authorized signers on the Vanguard account.



- B. BY: The remainder of the Arthur and Richard Flagg Mineral collections were donated to the FMF. Richard's daughter has given us the remainder of the Richard Flagg collection and the Arthur L. Flagg thumbnail collection. Recommendations for disposition are forthcoming.
- C. LP opened discussion of the Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
 - 1. JW: we had about 135 dealers last year. JW sent invitations to each. He has received about 77 responses and 58 no-responses. Mardy and ESM will not be there this year. About 121 spaces have been purchased. Roadrunners are a club that pays because the offer items for sale at the Show.
 - 2. LP: Mesa Special Events unit meeting is being scheduled. JW is invited to attend with LP. LP is arranging to contract United Site Service for porta-johns, T.E.A.M. for security services and Mesa Community College for the parking lot contract.
 - 3. BY: Chuck Kominski will be taking care of the sweeper service again.
 - 4. LP: Show fee, discussed bumping to \$175 per space. Apache Junction charges what we charge but also charges admission. Admission is a poor option for us. Price gradation for multiple spaces is avoided as it is money lost to subletting. BY made a motion to raise the dealer fee to \$175 per space, SK seconded it. No additional discussion was held. The motion passed unopposed.
 - 5. BY: asked CWS about raising food vendor fees, suggesting a small increase. Les said that he would like to research it and hold the discussion in more detail later.
 - 6. SC: asked and the group agreed that the goal is unchanged that the dealers fees fund the show in full and sales are their own separate effort. LP: Fewer and fewer donations are being provided by dealers these days.
- D. Symposium
 - 1. LP: LP is working on speakers. LP and KW are working on venues.
- E. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- F. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH not in attendance and no report was provided on the UAANGMM.
- G. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – LP Stopped by and saw the need for new entry. Initial costs estimates are less than the \$20K we approved.



- H. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS said the Director search has been narrowed down to 4 great candidates. Next step is to hire an exhibit firm.
- I. The Flandreau Museum – No update.
- J. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update.
- K. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update.
- L. Membership report; No report given.
- M. Charitable Opportunities: This is a new standard topic for the FMF Board meeting agendas. Remember the Alfie and the Phoenix museums in your gifting.
- N. Old Business –
 - 1. LP: Discussed the plan to purchase new display cases, show cases are expected in the middle to end of November.
 - 2. A discussion was held regarding trying to revitalize the egg-carton program.
- O. New Business –
 - 1. LP added the MSA Show as a new business item. The show will be in the same venue as 2023. CWS reported that the planning is progressing, including a new floor plan which will move FMF just slightly from where they were in 2023.

LP noted the next meetings will be Wednesday November 15th at 7 P.M.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~7:41 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.