



November 2023 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
November 21, 2023

*Attendees (3 Officers; 11 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)	Stan Celestian (SC, T23)	Catie Sandoval (CS, T23)
Genie Howell (GH, T23)	Dr. Ray Grant (RG, T25)	Don Boushelle (DB, T24)
Mike Shannon (MS, T25)	Jeff Johnson (JJ, T23)	Paul Harter (PH, T24)
John Tibbits (JT, T24)	David Tibbits (DT, T25)	

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Kelli Wakefield (KW, Treasurer T25); Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T24), Evan Jones (EJ, T24), Dana Slaughter (DS, T23), Phil Richardson (PR, T24), Frank Knipp (T25), John Weide (JW, T25), Show Chairman: - Vacant.

The purpose of this Zoom-based meeting was to address general issues and continue active planning for the Flagg Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and the Flagg Symposium. Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:00 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

LP: called for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2023 Board Meeting. BY made a motion that the minutes be approved. PH seconded the motion. A correction was requested for the spelling of a name. The motion passed unopposed with the stipulation of the requested correction.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Treasurer Report – LP reported that the Vanguard account is up.



- B. LP opened discussion of the Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
1. LP: Discussed marketing videos. DB recommended that we push vendors to start promoting The Flagg Show. Digital Show poster is to be available soon.
  2. BY: About 165 spaces have been purchased by 97 dealers. Bill Gardner will be there with a black pop-up tent which he just purchased.
  3. LP: The insurance certificate has been approved by MCC and the county. The City of Mesa has requested an additional amendment.
  4. LP: a push for exhibitors is being led by LP, PH and Wendy Broadhagan.
  5. LP: Two of the nine cases have been sponsored, AZ Mineral Minions sponsored a 30-inch case; Steve Scott has sponsored a 4-foot case. We should have 6 4-foot cases and three 30-inch cases.
  6. LP: Show theme is AZ Sulfides or sulfides in general.
  7. LP: made a call for Ryobi batteries, the system is 12V, but any Ryobi batteries above 12V will work.
  8. WS: Suggested a theme of Pseudomorphs for 2025. The Board seemed to be in unanimous general agreement with that. Discussion was held regarding a copper after scorpion specimen.
- C. Symposium
1. LP: LP is working on speakers. LP has approached the Drury Inn (Chandler), the Radisson (Phoenix), UofA in Tucson and Mesa Community College, The Radisson fee structure is not favorable. The venue will determine whether we will have Friday events on the agenda. Currently speakers include: Erin Delventhal, Karen Weinrich (Sweet Home Mine), and Jeff Smith (Las Trancas geodes). Dan Evanich is not available. Dr. Eric Melchiorre is a possibility.
  2. PH: suggested Phill Simmons and Chris Cowan.
- D. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- E. Tucson Gem & Mineral Society:
1. BY submitted a request to the TGMS to have a case for FMF to exhibit some of Arthur L. Flagg's thumbnails.
  2. LP: TGMS will have a theme of Red, White, and Blue for the (2026) 250th anniversary of the USA.
- F. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH the museum is attempting to keep up with its goal of changing out the exhibits at a rate of 20% a year. An Osirus Rex meteorite fragment is coming to the museum. The moon rock is still on display. A case is being made for the stibnite specimen. The gem vault, collectors' corner, and some of the mineral evolution cases and in the equipment diamond cutting exhibits.



- G. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: Things are going well; the website has upcoming events listed. A book giveaway is forthcoming, Saturday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 10 A.M.
- H. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS said the Director search has been narrowed down to 3 great candidates. Interviews are on November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. An official executive should be in place within a few months. Representative Griffin will be participating.
- I. The Flandreau Museum – PH: The Flandreau is having a laser light show on Saturdays evenings and there are numerous other activities planned for the holiday season. Information is on the website.
- J. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update.
- K. MSA Heritage Show: CWS said MSA was excited for the cooperation around the new exhibit cases.
- L. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update.
- M. Membership report; No report given.
- N. Charitable Opportunities: This is a new standard topic for the FMF Board meeting agendas. Remember the Alfie and the Phoenix museums in your gifting.
- O. New Business –
  - 1. LP: Requested to expand the nominating committee from just himself. SK and BY stepped up.

LP noted the next meetings will be Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~7:43 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.