



January 2023 General Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
January 5, 2023

Attendees (3 Officers; 8 Trustees; 29 Members; 1 Guest)

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.

Walter Lesley (a.k.a. Les) Presmyk [Chairman, Show Chair & Trustee (T25)]
William Steven (a.k.a. Bill) Yedowitz (Vice Chairman, T24)
Steven C. Kaminski (Secretary, T24)

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (T23)	Don Boushelle (T24)	Kelli Wakefield (T25),
Mike Shannon (T25),	John Tibbits (T24),	John Weide (T25)
Stan Celestian (T23) (VZ)	Dr. Ray Grant (T25) (VZ)	

Members and Guests:

Steve Scott	Terry Dyer (Guest)	Vicki Huntman	Frank Knipp Jr.(T25)
Joey Philpott	Joe Philpott, Sr.	Gary Spraggins	Dick Zimmermann (VZ)
Tony Occhiuzzi	Ken Elliot	Anna Seedhill	David Tibbits (T25)
John Mooney	Britney Seigfried	Trent Kittle	Sophie Siegfried
Chuck Dvorak	Tom Osborn	Phil Richardson	Diann Knipp Marcus
Origlieri	Lynne Dyer	Susan Celestian (VZ)	Nancy Spraggins

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Genie Howell (Outgoing Treasurer, remains Trustee through T23), Jeff Johnson (T23), Evan Jones (T24), Paul Harter (T24), Chuck Kominski (T25), Phil Richardson (T23), Dana Slaughter (T23), Catie Sandoval (T23), Mike Williams (Webmaster, T23).

Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:00 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk. The Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. The January 6, 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes provided with the announcement and link for this meeting were called for approval. John Tibbits moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Ken Elliot seconded. The motion passed without question or opposition and no comments were made.



B. The December 5, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes provided with the announcement and link for this meeting were called for approval. John Tibbits moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Chris Whitney-Smith seconded. The motion passed without question or opposition and no comments were made.

C. Treasurer Report – In the absence of Ms. Howell, Bill Yedowitz presented on the Foundation’s account balances and on investment re-alignment and closing one of the existing funds. We are going to complete this activity when the expected new treasurer takes office following this meeting.

D. Collection Report:

1. Bill Y. Thanked Don Boushelle for helping with pricing 150 flats of new minerals.
2. Karen Hruby donated a large Ajo copper and a Brazilian calcite. Both were kept for the Flagg Collection. Also, a few months ago, she donated mineral books and Mineralogical Records.
3. Kathy Connell donated roughly 71 flats of various minerals and fossils. Thirty-five have been kept for the Foundation. The rest are being donated to EMS, the Superstition Mountain Museum, the Pinal Geology Museum and other clubs.
4. Mark Hay donated a Ray cuprite (to be kept for the Flagg Collection) and malachite polished slab for our sales booth.
5. Alex Schaus donated a number of thumbnail display risers. One of these went to the Pinal Museum along with some donated specimens.
6. Tom Maravelas, a mineral dealer in Quartzsite donated \$500.00 to the Foundation in recognition of the work we do.
7. Bill Y. and Don B. have finished labeling and prepping the 100 flats of the Shelia Ronspees collection and the rest of Lavone Archer’s collection, both of which were purchased in 2021. We also bought a collection of about 30 flats from Mike Brown.
8. Bill gave thanks to several Don Boushelle., John Tibbits and David Tibbits for helping him load the specimens and equipment for the 2023 Flagg Gem & Mineral Show.

E. John Weide stated as of the time of this meeting we will have about 125 dealers for tomorrow’s show.

F. Les made the comment that we need help and need to cultivate this help to support succession planning/cultivation for the foundation leadership.

G. Symposium

1. Les has discussed holding the Symposium in the Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum.
2. The theme is Celebrating the Field Collector.



3. We are seeking college or any other students that wish to participate to make presentations.
4. There will be no micro-mount session this year.
5. Schedule is March 31 and April 1, 2023.

H. FMF OFFICER & TRUSTEE POSITIONS FOR 2023 Through 2025.

1. Les Presmyk offered a list of trustee recommendations provided by the Chair-appointed Nomination Committee (Catie Sandoval, Steve Kaminski, John Tibbits, including:

Trustees:

- (1) Kelli Wakefield
- (2) John Weide
- (3) Raymond Grant
- (4) Les Presmyk
- (5) Chuck Kominski
- (6) Mike Shannon
- (7) David Tibbits

Diann Knipp nominated Frank Knipp from the floor. There were no other new nominations, and Mr. Knipp's nomination was accepted by the Chair.

- (8) Frank Knipp

Nominations were closed. Bill Yedowitz made a motion to accept the above eight nominees as 2025 trustees. The motion was accepted by vote.

2. Les Presmyk offered a list of officer and trustee recommendations from the Chair-appointed nominating committee (including Catie Sandoval, Steve Kaminski, John Tibbits):

Officers for 2023 (effective through 2024 meeting):

- (1) Chair: Walter Lesley (a.k.a. Les) Presmyk
- (2) Vice Chair: William Steven (a.k.a Bill) Yedowitz
- (3) Secretary: Steven C. Kaminski
- (4) Treasurer: Kelli Wakefield
- (5) Show Chair: Les Presmyk

There were no new nominations from the floor and nominations were closed. Joey Philpott made a motion to accept the above recommended nominees as officers. The motion was accepted by vote.

- I. Newsletter: no report was submitted.

- J. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – Paul Harter was not present and no report was presented.



K. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Ray Grant, attended the meeting from Perth Australia via ZOOM but was only able to hear the meeting and wasn't able to present an update.

L. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – Catie Sandoval was not present and no report was submitted.

M. Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM) – No update

N. Website Status – no report provided.

O. Membership report – Steve Kaminski estimated that we have about 25 existing members, we expect the total number will rise quickly over the next few days.

P. Dues are now due.

Q. Old Business –

1. No old business was discussed.

R. New Business – From last board meeting not discussed:

1. The property the storage container is located on has changed hands and Steve Kaminski has negotiated with the new owner to allow the container to stay. It is a month-to-month contract and the lease is \$1 per month. Unless the membership objects we will pay \$12 months in advance with the understanding that we will forfeit the remainder if the lease is cancelled earlier.
2. Sarah Guthrie, the CPA for the new land owner, has independently donated 4,000 USGS topo maps from her father's library. She is also going to donate additional references and 7,000 folded geological maps. Sarah Paterson, a friend of the Foundation, is helping catalog these references to assist with finding a good home for these materials.
3. Possibly hosting American Federation of Mineral Societies convention in 5 years.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~7:50 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.