



June 2024 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
June 11, 2024

*Attendees (3 Officers; 13 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).*

Les Presmyk [LP, Chair & Trustee (T) through 2025] Steve Kaminski (SK, Secretary, T26)  
Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24)

Other Trustees in Attendance:

Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T26)	Genie Howell (GH, T26)	Ray Grant (RG, T25)
Stan Celestian (SC, T26)	Jeff Johnson (JJ, T26)	Paul Harter (PH, T24)
Don Boushelle (DB, T24)	David Tibbits (DT, T25)	Evan Jones (EJ, T24)
Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)	John Tibbits (JT, T24)	Catie Sandoval (CS, T23)
Frank Knipp (T25)	Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T24)	

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Dana Slaughter (DS, T26, Treasurer T25) John Weide (JW, T25), Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), Phil Richardson (PR, T24), Mike Shannon (MS, T25), Show Chairman: - Vacant.

Meeting topics: Address general issues and continue active planning for the Flagg Symposium and Flagg Gem and Mineral Show and consideration of a new amendment to the bylaws. 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: Welcome to the meeting. Minutes approval was tabled pending resolution of a few facts. LP and EJ informed the group that memorial services for Bob Jones will be held in the fall.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – At the request of DS, BY reported the balances in the FMF Wells Fargo checking (Rate 0.01 percent), business market rate savings (1.5 percent), and Time account (a CD, 4-5 percent). nds moved to CDs, as discussed in March?
- B. BY: Reported on the Vanguard account and it is significantly up over the last few months. LP: While the Board has the intent to redirect this investment, LP asked and the Board agreed that now may not be the time to do so.



C. Collection Committee:

1. BY: Reported that FMF purchased or rereceived as donations:
  - a) FMF purchased \$1700 worth of assorted minerals from Lucky Muckers.
  - b) LP, DB, BY, JW, and ken Elliot moved the FMF ExtraSpace storage into the new shared (with the Mineralogical Society of Arizona) storage in the same ExtraSpace storage facility.
  - c) A quartz-tenorite specimen was found broken during the move. LP subsequently trimmed it into 3 separate pieces, the best of which will be retained in the collection. The other two pieces will be sold.
  - d) BY reported sales of \$1750 for FMF at their booth at MSA's Phoenix Heritage Mineral Show on June 1 and 5, 2024.
2. BY: Reported that, because Dana Slaughter was out of the State, BY paid a Philadelphia Insurance company bill using FMF funds.

D. LP opened discussion of the 2025 Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.

1. LP: Theme: DB referred to Green being TGMS theme this Year.
2. CWS: Theme should include a tribute to Bob Jones, facets for this idea included: poster, fluorescent minerals, articles, specimens of BJs collection. DB and EV mention 1972 Arizona Highways article.
3. LP: Additional advertising Marc Fleisher and his wife. Joe Philpot and Cameron were great at the MSA show. Les will approach them.
4. BY: Flyer Hard copies of flyers will essentially only be made to provide to the fellow that is the head of mineral section for the state fair. Digital flyers and digital posters will be the main advertising media product.
5. LP: Bill to talk to JW for dealer email list.
6. LP: Infrastructure contract MCC operating permit, insurance, CWS to do Food Trucks.
7. LP: Exhibits: YMC, DT will definitely organize a YMC presence for the exhibits
8. LP: Met a father that flew out from St. Louis with his 16 yO daughter solely for the Phoenix Show.
9. LP: Mineral sale inventory: BY: Once it cools down we will get into the container and start on the 155 flats from Michael Shannon. DB and BY have started to segregate the entire stock by quality and are working to group older materials for bulk sale.

E. Symposium

1. LP: asked for feedback on the recent Gilbert Library venue and if anyone had suggestions for improvements. All responses on the venue were positive. DB said signage could be improved, specifically to better invite the public to the mineral sale rooms. LP suggested that mineral sales be shut down by 6 or 7 O'clock. As most all sales were over by that time. BY and DB concurred. CWS approved of the equipment and technology.
2. LP: Venue 2025: LP promotes Gilbert, the Coolidge Museum, or the UAANGMM. As a reminder, we cannot do mineral sales in the UAANGMM. During our previous



symposium held there, we did sell minerals, but the room in which that was done belonged to Pima County, not the museum. PH commented that there is a second Pima County conference room on the second floor.

3. For the future LP would like to see the 2027 FMF Symposium held at the UAMMNREM in Phoenix.
4. CWS: asked if Mineral City/Graham Sutton or Mineral Nexus might consider providing us space.
5. LP: There is supposed to be a good modern meeting room in Coolidge that might be available.
6. LP: Will further explore these leading options, currently Alfie Norville and Gilbert are presently in the lead.
7. LP: offered pseudomorphs as a theme, and this was accepted and unopposed by the Board.
8. LP: Planning is ongoing for a tribute for Bob Jones. LP suggested that the Board consider making such tributes to FMFs lifetime contributors a regular aspect of the symposium. Though no official initiative was offered, this idea was met with general approval by the Board.
9. LP asked SC and RG if either or both would put together a talk on the science of pseudomorphs. They said they would look into it and get back to us on. Anna Dometrivic was mentioned; however, she is already on the hook for a different talk.
10. LP: We want to have FMF show flyers printed for distribution at the Denver Show.
11. LP: Date of Symposium, offered April 5<sup>th</sup> as a good date. The next two weekend are Palm and Easter Sundays. The April 5<sup>th</sup> date was accepted by the board.
12. LP: LP will create a committee to take on tasks for the symposium. He would like volunteers to help with this. He specifically plans to involve CS and DB.

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

G. The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society: (No Report)

H. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – EJ reported for PH whose microphone wasn't working: There are no big upcoming events, exhibits are being changed. The big news is the sample of the asteroid Benu that is on display.

I. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: Thank you to FMF for our front door. It is great. DS is putting together request for program equipment and a security door. The PGMM is expecting to receive a donation of some really big boulders and mining equipment. The rocks are over 1,000 pounds each. For the summer PGMM is open on Fridays. PGMM is setting up programs for the Coolidge kids camp..

J. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS: Working with Executive Director Marta Bones. Marta has re-engaged the Governor's appointed advisory council and is working with the UA Foundation on fund raising goals and identifying potential big donors. CS and Marta are also working with a new consulting group to finish the museum planning before starting



renovations. Marta tackled MSA show on her own and enjoyed it. LP estimated that to gut the building, prepare for TI, and get a room or two opened is about \$15M. The whole project is expected to require \$30 to \$40M. Fund raising is the critical step right now. CS: Visioning should be completed by fall with groundbreaking hopefully sometime this year.

- K. The Flandreau Museum – PH: No update provided.
- L. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update provided.
- M. Website: No update provided.
- N. MSA Heritage Show: CWS thank you to FMF for the loan of exhibit cases and your presence. This year was the best yet, with at least 500 more visitors. We are looking for a new venue. LP reported that, since the MSA's purchased cases had not arrive from China, he arranged the loan of FMF's 11 cases plus several other borrowed cases (from Graham Sutton and others) for the MSA Phoenix Heritage Mineral Show.
- O. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- P. Membership report; SK: Membership is up to about 87-88.
- Q. Charitable Opportunities: Other than RG's mention of the pending PGMM proposal, No update provided.
- R. Tax Forms: (No Update): at the last meeting PH and LP agreed to cooperate on completing the 990 tax form.
- S. New Business –
  1. CWS: mentions the Gilbert mineral show which will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Gilbert Historical HD South Museum. LP expects the opening time will be 9 or 930. Construction work is planned for July. Hopefully this wont impact the planned schedule.
  2. LP: Prescott Show is first weekend in August.

LP noted the next meetings should in August 13, Sept 10, Oct 8.. He said it is unlikely that we will need a meeting in July.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~8:05 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.