



March 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
March 12, 2024

Attendees (4 Officers; 12 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)
Dana Slaughter (DS, T26, Treasurer T25) Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24)

Other Trustees in Attendance:

Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T26)	John Weide (JW, T25)	Genie Howell (GH, T26)
Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)	Jeff Johnson (JJ, T26)	Paul Harter (PH, T24)
Don Boushelle (DB, T24)	David Tibbits (DT, T25)	Evan Jones (EJ, T24)
John Tibbits (JT, T24)	Stan Celestian (SC, T26)	
Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T24)		

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), Catie Sandoval (CS, T23), Phil Richardson (PR, T24), Frank Knipp (T25), Mike Shannon (MS, T25), Ray Grant (RG, 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: The recent previous Board Meeting (Dec 2023) were approved at the Annual meeting in January 2024. The annual meeting minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting in January 2025.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – DS presented 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). It was decided to move a portion of the checking balance into a CDs.
- 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 received as donations:
 - a) a flat of Ojuela Mine material pyrite from Mexican Minerals,
 - b) two flats of assorted minerals from Gary Spraggins,
 - c) twelve assorted minerals from Dave Wilson,
 - d) BY picked up 155 flats left over from Michael Shannon's Mineral City Wholesale Show. BY bought with the vote of several Trustees, bought a new calcite from the Bolivar Mine in Chihuahua Mexico.
 - e) BY received eleven Bitner boxes of A.L. Flagg's thumbnail collection from his granddaughter. There were about 50 specimens per box, So BY has logged the boxes into the collection, but not each specimen, yet. Discussion was held about this and LP suggested that the A.L. specimens, which are already numbered could be logged in by hybridizing the catalog numbers.
 - f) Also from the Flagg family, FMF received a very nice Isle of St John peridot thumbnail, a small Ryker box of rough and cut tourmaline, a calico pyrite/sphalerite from the Sierrita Mine, a small pocket scale, a Richard Flagg microscope and three gold-silver amalgam buttons from Aurthur's time in Mexico
2. BY: Reported that he and DB installed an exhibit at the TGMS Show centered by the A.L. Flagg Thumbnails in their Bitner boxes and that the exhibit was received by all who commented. DB created the liner background.
3. BY: Reported that he and DB were going over the picked-over sales inventory that has not sold after year being offered at multiple shows. They are arranging them into producing wholesale flats to be sold in the future.

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

1. LP: discussed getting started with infrastructure contracts, advertising and permits
2. LP: the dealer contract has been updated. MW will update the website with the new contracts.
3. LP: a Zelle payment system has been established. Kelli mentioned that a QR code can be used to initiate the Zelle payment system.
4. BY: reported that as part of the update, he inserted language stating that dealers needed to inventory for sale composed of at least 90% earth science-related inventory.
5. JW: Twelve dealers are paid so far.
6. Manufacturer multiplied by 2.5 rather than 2.54 for the dimension, some adjustments therefore have been. MSA's cases are different and they will be identified so they do not get confused.
7. BY: John and David, don't forget to turn in your receipts.

E. Symposium



1. LP: We have put the word out through the AZ Mineral Minions, the Meta group in Tucson, MSA, FMF, and the TGMS. LP spoke at Prescott and will speak at the Sedona club and will mention it there.
 2. LP: Has been pulling together the abstract booklet with Catie.
 3. DB: Needs a schedule for the first inside page.
 4. LP: There is a new registration form on the website.
 5. MW: Updated the agenda on the website.
 6. LP: Will convert agenda to a word doc for better webpage format.
 7. LP: Dealers will be in separate but close rooms.
 8. LP: invited Jan Rasmussen, she is bringing her county series publication for sale.
 9. LP: Should be 6 or 8 dealers. Mike and Pat Shannon will provide a Mexican buffet finger food, LP is working on lunch and refreshments.
 10. JW: asked about facility costs, LP said they are pretty reasonable, Drury inn and Raddison were 8 to 10 grand, the Gilbert library is around \$1500. The room capacity is nice and has a capacity of 186, new and pretty and cheap.
 11. LP: asked if we wanted this symposium to Bob Jones as a tribute. The suggestion, of course, was met with a resounding "Yes!".
 12. SK/LP: insurance cert is progressing.
 13. LP: Gilbert's facility insurance covers event with pre-established guest lists. However, walk-ins are not covered. Therefore, in order to allow walk-in guests, FMF has to provide its insurance.
 14. LP: The UAMMNREM will not be ready for 2025, where would the group like to hold the 2025 Symposium. Think about it and we will decide later. The Pima County Room at the Alfie Norville room is available.
 - a) Douglas Museum in Jerome
 - b) Bucky's Casino in Prescott
 - (1) PH: Great Site
 - c) Library/Community Center in Florence
 - (1) Brand New Facility
 - (2) Could tie in with Pinal Museum
 - d) Gilbert SE Regional Library
 - e) Pima County Turquoise Conference Room - Alfie Norville(Violetta Wolfe)
 - (1) Can have no dealers
 - (2) Need extra insurance
- F. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- G. LP: Exhibit cases: FMF is moving into a 10 by 20 storage unit up from 10 by 15. The extra 5 feet of space will be covered by the MSA and used for storage of their cases. The move is tentatively targeted for May.
- H. SK: Mentioned the RMFMS directory is out for 2024 and there is a library of slides that have texts for use in presentations. Each slide set can be rented for \$7 shipping and you have to provide for and cover the cost of return shipping.



- I. The 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.
- J. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH: There will be a full calendar of events during the Tucson shows, including the modified/improved symposium.
- K. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – No update provided.
- L. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – No update provided.
- M. The Flandreau Museum – PH: No update provided.
- N. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update provided.
- O. Website: No update provided.
- P. MSA Heritage Show: No update provided.
- Q. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- R. Membership report; SK: Membership is up to about 87, which is up from last year. On order of 10% higher.
- S. Charitable Opportunities: No update provided.
- T. Tax Forms: PH: asked and he and LP agreed to cooperate on completing the 990 tax form.
- U. New Business –
 - 1. DS and BY: up by Holbrook a lady is selling their inventory of petrified wood cut slab with 'bark edges" Evan said the lady's name was Connie, several dozen milk crates of wood cut into bookends and the like. Unpolished slabs, She also has turquoise, chromium wood one size of 8 by 4 inches.
 - 2. PH: Alfie had their sample of the asteroid Benu is now on display on 2 year loan with option to extend for successive 2 year loans. Be sure to visit and see the Benu Asteroid sample while it is there.

LP noted the next meetings are scheduled for April 9, May 14, June 11. He said it is unlikely that we will need a meeting in April, so, the next meeting is most likely to be May 14.

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.