



August 2024 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
August 13, 2024

*Attendees (3 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)

Other Trustees in Attendance:

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

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24), Evan Jones (EJ, T24): John Tibbits (JT, T24); Stan Celestian (SC, T26); Chuck Kominski, (CK, T25), Phil Richardson (PR, T24), Mike Shannon (MS, T25), Show Chairman: - Vacant. All of those not in attendance provided Negative RSVP with regrets.

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: At 7 O'clock Welcome to the meeting. DS moved that March 2024 Meeting Minutes be approved. PH seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

PH moved that May 2024 Meeting Minutes be approved. CWS seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Treasurer Report – At the request of DS, LP reported the balances in the FMF accounts. DS reported on about \$1500 of deposits from incoming dealer applications.

B. Collection Committee:



1. LP: No Report Needed
- C. LP opened discussion of the 2025 Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
1. JW: We have 34 dealers for 60 spaces.
  2. LP: I will contact MCC and secure the contract. I will attend a special events workshop this Monday, would anyone else like to attend, FK showed interest, LP will send the invite to everyone.
  3. LP: Exhibits: We will start talking about exhibits in the next month or two.
  4. Advertising: JW brought up brochures. LP and DB said we need about 300 three-fold flyers. LP said let's do 25 or 50 posters.
  5. Mineral Sales: LP: Please donate stuff.
  6. LP: I will bring Marc Fleischer in to help.
- D. Symposium
1. LP: We can't hold it at the Pinal Museum, RG will be on a cruise. Other choices are SE Regional Library or the UA Alfie Norville Museum. The UA Museum is problematic for holding sales. The library requires a sworn police officer for any event with cash sales. The library cannot be reserved more than six months in advance, that is October 1.
  2. Speakers: LP said 6 of the 8 speakers are committed: Erin Delventhal, Anna Domitrovic, David Joyce, Stan-Erin Celestian/Ray Grant, Ron Gibbs on AZ Minerals, Will and Pam Wilkenson. We are looking for two more speakers.
  - 3.
- E. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- F. The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society: (No Report)
- G. Membership report; SK: Membership is up to about 87.
- H. Show Report: PH spoke regarding the East Coast Show, West Springfield MA. The show was fantastic and the breadth and depth of silver specimens were spectacular and more than exceptional.
- I. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH had little to report. New exhibits have been installed.
- J. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: There is a guy who is donating a collection of some giant boulders. Christine New and Dana Slaughter are doing a lot to help with the day-to-day operations at the museum.
- K. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS (and Ivy) Reported. CS: We are still working with the planning group and hosting the Governors appointed advisory council to review options for a new name. The new name may be announced by the end of the month. Once that is done,



they can restart the design build process. Marta is working on the raising of an additional \$25 M. UAMMNREM is displaying at the Denver Show this year.

- L. The Flandreau Museum – PH: No update provided.
- M. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update provided.
- N. Website: No update provided.
- O. MSA Heritage Show: LP: MSA’s cases have arrived in Tucson.
- P. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- Q. Charitable Opportunities: DS: presented a proposal for \$1100 for audio-visual equipment for the museum laptop, docking station, laser printer cartridges. A new projector is not needed. DS moved that the foundation fund this request up to \$1200 for the Pinal Museum. PH seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
- R. Tax Forms: (No Update): PH reminded us that we should be regularly expending some moneys to support our stated mission for the 501.3C status. PH suggested establishing a small scholarship.
- S. New Business –
  - 1. LP: a new 4500 square foot expansion for the Gilbert Museum is getting ready to break ground in within a couple of weeks. Caliente Construction is the selected contractor.

LP noted the next meeting will be September 17, 2024 top allow folks to attend the Denver show.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~7:39 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.