



September 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
September 24, 2024

Attendees (3 Officers; 14 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)
Jeff Johnson (JJ, T26)	Paul Harter (PH, T24)	Don Boushelle (DB, T24)
John Tibbits (JT, T24)	Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)	Catie Sandoval (CS, T23)
Frank Knipp (T25)	John Weide (JW, T25)	Stan Celestian (SC, T26)
Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T24)		Evan Jones (EJ, T24)

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Dana Slaughter (DS, T26, Treasurer T25);

David Tibbits (DT, T25); 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. BY moved that the August 2024 Meeting Minutes be approved. PH seconded. Motion passed unopposed without discussion.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Treasurer Report – BY: presented status of accounts, He had picked up and deposited 10 new dealer checks for the Flagg Show. 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. BY: Gem bowls are no longer on display at the UAANGMM (the Alfie Norville Museum), BY went down to pick them up and reported that all are accounted for and back in storage.
 2. BY: Elizabeth (UAANGMM collections manager) told BY that the Flandrau is remodeling, and Elizabeth picked up the 12 Flagg specimens that were at the Flandrau and she deposited them into storage at the UAANGMM.
 3. BY: is waiting for weather to cool so he can start going through material at the storage container.
 4. LP: Recognized BY's position as Chairman of the Collection Committee and he asked that BY forward the collection Committee spreadsheets to LP, DS, and SK.
- C. LP opened discussion of the 2025 Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
1. BY: We have 47 paid dealers, dealers for XX(not reported)XX spaces.
 2. LP: Advertising: BY mentioned we ordered 75 posters last year. Flyers, DB said we did 700 little flyers last year. LP said to order 75 posters and 350 or 400 little flyers.
 3. LP: Hasn't heard anything from John at Fairgrounds for State fair, which is unusual on the show grounds. 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.
 4. LP: I've signed the facilities lease/contract with MCC. Working on insurance certificate.
 5. LP: asked CWS von food vendors, CWS is working on it.
 6. LP: Will work on the special use permit with the City of Mesa next week.
 7. LP: Exhibits: PR is likely to be stepping back on this. We are likely looking for a new leader for this. BY suggested John Tibbits. JT accepted the task and volunteered David Tibbits as well.
 8. LP: Dealer Contract: in 2026 there will be a contractual requirement that all minerals offered will be labeled and priced.
- D. Symposium
1. LP: Terry Wallace and John Rakovan have rounded out our list of speakers.
 2. LP: we can reserve the room as of October 5th, six months ahead of the event.
 3. BY: asked about the requirement of a police security guard for cash sales. LP is exploring that.
- E. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- F. The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society: (No Report)
- G. Membership report; SK: There has been no change. Membership is 87 souls.
- 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. The museum had an exhibit presented at the Denver show. Violetta Wolf was there as Director. Susan Leib was there as the Curator of Collections.
- J. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: Thanks again to FMF for all the support. PGMM is putting up a new website. A ribbon cutting ceremony is in the works for the official opening of the new doors. Dana wears the yoke as the foreseeable leader for Ray's succession plan. RG mentioned that the electronic resources approved at the last FMF meeting have been purchased and are being put into service under by the efforts of DS. Thanks again for that support.
- K. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS (and Ivy) Reported. CS: We are still working with the planning group. Working to finalize a name, mission statement, and vision statement. The museum had an exhibit displayed at the Denver Show. Thanked Evan for transporting the minerals. Marta (director since January) supports going again next 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 and MSA Heritage Show: LP: MSA's cases in Tucson should be in MSA's storage here in Phoenix by mid-October. No updates on the show yet.
- P. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- Q. Charitable Opportunities: SK: See New Business.
- 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: PH moved that FMF provide \$300 to subsidize Les Presmyk's trip to the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies convention in Oklahoma. CWS seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
 - 2. SK: Introduced the concept of contributing to RMFM/AFMS scholarships and/or local scholarships. SC, LP, and BY contributed positive comments for this being an initiative for FMF. SC said Wickenburg Club and Daisy Mountain Club have \$2000 scholarships that they award. PH suggested that we keep it local. SK says that a small contribution to AFMS/RMFMS is also a good idea.
 - 3. Reminded the board that the UAMMNREM will also be pursuing fund raising for the \$25M goal to fund its completion.



LP noted the next meeting will be September 17, 2024 to 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.