



November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
November 6, 2024

Attendees (4 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]; Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24)
Steve Kaminski (SK, Secretary, T26) Dana Slaughter (DS, T26, Treasurer T25)

Other Trustees in Attendance:

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

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance:

Jeff Johnson (JJ, T26) [rsvp'd] Paul Harter (PH, T24) [rsvp'd]; 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. Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:00 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

LP: At 7 O'clock Welcome to the meeting. CWS moved that the September 2024 Meeting Minutes be approved. DS seconded. Motion passed unopposed without discussion.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Treasurer Report – BY: Dealer fees are coming in and being deposited and the Vanguard accounts are doing well. BY bought supplies for managing flats. DS and BY gave additional updates on financial accounts.

B. Collection Committee:

1. BY: Working on 150 flats that Mike Shannon donated this past spring.
2. BY: A few recent specimens have been cataloged (prehnite, stibnite, and a third).

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



1. LP: Marc Fleishman is ramping up advertising/promotion effort.
2. BY: We should take advantage of Rock and Gem on line ads for show.
3. DS: Discussed the Loomis' website which charges a fee to advertise. Also asked if MCC sells time on their sign. BY, said that MCC has a policy against it. KW said MCC will put it on the sign if it is a Geology club event.
4. SC: Asked about sign along roadways, highways, possibly digital signs.
5. MW: has been advertising on Facebook since August and will look at paying to boost these messages.
6. JW: Currently 80 dealers renting 140 spaces. LP requested the sales tax report on the registered dealers.
7. BY: Bill Garner will be across from FMF with blacklight tent right across from ours.
8. LP: Still working on insurance certificate. MCC contract is in place, LP is working on special use permit.
9. BY: will contact Canyon State Waste.
10. CWS: we have 4 of 6 food vendors paid up.
11. JT & DT: No major news on exhibits. Mike Fleeman may take a booth.
12. EJ: is doing a tribute case to for Bob Jones.

D. Symposium

1. LP: Will get with Don on speaker list including Terry Wallace and John Rakovan.
2. LP: If there is to be cash sales, a duty officer will be required to be present at an extra cost to the dealers.

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

F. Membership report; SK: There has been no change. Membership is 87 soles. Les asked SK to issue an email to remind members that dues are due.

G. 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.

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

I. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH absent – no report.

J. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – RG: A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the official opening of the new doors. The entrance is perfect. Thanks again for that support.

K. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS (and Ivy) Reported. CS: The planning group is still working to finalize a name, mission, and vision statement. CS just helped with the installation of a special exhibit at the visitor center at south Mountain. LP: advisory council meets monthly.



- L. The Flandreau Museum – PH: No update provided.
- M. The Superstition Mountain Museum; BY stated that the Peralta stone are on loan to this museum.
- N. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update provided.
- O. Website: No update provided.
- P. MSA and MSA Heritage Show: CWS: no update.
- Q. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- R. Charitable Opportunities: SK: See New Business.
- S. Tax Forms: LP: This is ongoing.
- T. New Business –
 - 1. LP: I attended the RMFMDS Convention and Arizona made sure that the RMFMS made quorum. I will be putting together
 - 2. CWS: Recognized SK as he is now Vice President of the RMFMS.
- U. LP: PH, CS, and JT were asked to be the FMF nominating committee for this year.
- V. Old Business
 - 1. LP: FMF needs to consider its plans for donating to charitable causes, especially as there is a pending need by the UAMMNREM.
 - 2. SK: Will research other club's histories of scholarship.

LP noted the next meeting will be December 11, 2024 7P.M.

LP adjourned the meeting at ~8:06 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.