



January 2024 General Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
January 4, 2024

Attendees (4 Officers; 15 Trustees; 25 Members; 1 Guest)

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). The (VZ) notation indicates attended Via Zoom.

Walter Lesley "Les" Presmyk [Chairman, Show Chair & Trustee (T25)]
William Steven "Bill" Yedowitz (Vice Chairman, T24)
Steven C. Kaminski (Secretary, T26)
Kelli Wakefield (Treasurer, T25)

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (T26)	Don Boushelle (T24)	Dana Slaughter (T26),
Mike Shannon (T25),	John Tibbits (T24),	John Weide (T25)
Stan Celestian (T26) (VZ)	Evan Jones (T24) (VZ)	Genie Howell (T26)
Jeff Johnson (T26)	Paul Harter (T24)	Frank Knipp Jr.(T25)
Mike Williams (Webmaster, T24)	Catie Sandoval (T26)(VZ)	Phil Richardson (T26)

Members and Guests:

William Kerr (VZ)	Terry Dyer (Guest)	Vicki Huntman	Michael Cline
Joey Philpott	Wendy Brodhagan	Hannah Brodhagan	Nathanael Brodhagan
Tony Occhiuzzi	Ken Elliot	David Tibbits (T25)	Neal Bearce
John Mooney	Phil Richardson	Diann Knipp	James Armstrong
Marcus Origlieri	Lynne Dyer	Nancy Spraggins	Gary Spraggins
Dan Fortunado	Kyle Hunter	Chris Carlson	Jackie Peel
Steven Scott	Gordon Byrn (VZ)	Erin Delventhal (guest)	

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Dr. Ray Grant (T25), Chuck Kominski (T25),

Officer, trustees, members and guests listed above are referred to by their initials through the body of these minutes.

Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:00 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (LP). The Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599.



I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. The January 5, 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes provided with the announcement and link for this meeting were called for approval. Jim Armstrong moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Diann Knipp seconded. Genie Howell requested that a typo in the header be fixed. The motion, with Genie Howell's stipulation, passed without question, opposition or additional comment.

B. Treasurer Report – Bill Yedowitz (BY) presented on the Foundation's account balances and on investment re-alignment and closing one of the existing funds. He reported that he got the management authorizations on the Vanguard account updated to the FMF name and the current appropriate people authorized as signatory authorities.

C. Collection Report:

1. BY: The Kerr family donated the final portion of the A.L./Richard Flagg collection to the FMF, primarily comprised of the A.L. Flagg thumbnail collection. A half dozen of the thumbnail boxes were reserved for the FMF collection along with a sphalerite specimen from the Sierrita Mine out of Richard Flagg's collection.
2. LP: was recently in California to pack and transport the U.S. collection of Robert Weaver. Les added that the U.S. minerals went to the UAMMNREM and the Arizona material went to the UAANGMM. Robert had eleven flats of miscellaneous specimens he graciously donated to the FMF after discussing the various possibilities for its disposition with LP.

D. Flagg Gem & Mineral Show

1. John Weide (JW) stated as of the time of this meeting we will have about 150 dealers and 15 clubs for tomorrow's show.
2. LP noted that the exhibits this year are in the brand-new display cases purchased by FMF.
3. Jackie Peel asked about the Peralta Stones, which are on loan to the Superstitions Mountains Museum (SSM). BY confirmed that the SSM has documentation confirming that the Peralta Stones do, in fact, belong to the FMF.

E. Symposium

1. Les informed the group that the 31st Annual Arizona Mineral Symposium will be held at the Gilbert Southeast Regional Library. The UAMMNREM is unavailable. The theme is "Celebrating the Field Collector, Part 2". There will be a half-dozen local dealers, including Michael Shannon with a 10,000 thumbnail and micromineral collection.



F. 2024 FMF OFFICER & TRUSTEE POSITIONS FOR 2024 Through 2026.

1. Les Presmyk offered a list of trustee recommendations provided by the Chair-appointed Nomination Committee (Les Presmyk, Bill Yedowitz, Steve Kaminski, John Tibbits) including:

Trustees:

- (1) Dana Slaughter – 2026
- (2) Steve Kaminski – 2026
- (3) Jeff Johnson – 2026
- (4) Genie Howell – 2026
- (5) Catie Sandoval – 2026
- (6) Chris Whitney-Smith – 2026
- (7) Stan Celestian - 2026

And Officers/Chairs:

- (1) Chair: Walter Lesley “Les” Presmyk
- (2) Vice Chair: William Steven “Bill” Yedowitz
- (3) Secretary: Steven C. Kaminski
- (4) Treasurer: Dana Slaughter
- (5) Show Chair: Les Presmyk

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. Diann Knipp made a motion to accept the above nominees as 2026 trustees. Steve Scott seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unopposed by vote.

- I. Newsletter: no report was submitted.

J. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – Paul Harter reported that about 20% of the displays are fresh this year. Please check the museum website for information on the many upcoming events.

K. Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Dana Slaughter presented on an upcoming book give-away event on January 13. Books are free, please donate. A project is underway to install a new front door dedicated to the museum. This project is funded by the FMF. Dana thanked the FMF, for without our support, “...the Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum would not exist.” Additional projects completed by PFMM with funding and support from the FMF’s include: purchase and installation of new carpet and purchase of a wooden pull-out drawer specimen storage cabinet.

L. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – LP presented on behalf of Catie Sandoval. LP stated that the \$12M funding is only about 40% of what is needed. The current budget looks to be at least \$30M. A new director has been hired and the announcement of the name is to be announced on January 22, when she starts in her position.



M. Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM) – No update

N. Website Status – no report provided.

O. Membership report – Steve Kaminski estimated that we have about 45 existing members, we expect the total number will rise quickly over the next few days.

P. Dues are now due.

Q. Old Business –

1. LP announced the recent bylaw change to require a minimum level of participation by officers and trustees.

R. New Business – From last board meeting not discussed:

1. John Mooney was recognized for his tireless assistance with managing the trash containers for the show. It is difficult for us to say how much that assistance is appreciated.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~7:40 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.