



August 2025 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
August 19, 2025

*Attendees (4 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)  
Dana Slaughter (DS, T26, Treasurer T25); Catie Sandoval (CS, V.Chair T23)

Other Trustees in Attendance:

Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T26)	Evan Jones (EJ, T24)	John Tibbits (JT, T24)
Frank Knipp (T25)	Stan Celestian (SC, T26)	Jeff Johnson (JJ, T26)
David Tibbits (DT, T25)	Paul Harter (PH, T24)	Don Boushelle (DB, T24),
Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)	Ken Elliot (KE, T27)	John Weide (JW, T25)
Mike Shannon (MS, T25)	Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T24)	

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance:

Ray Grant (RG, T25) Genie Howell (GH, T26)

Both absences were explained by an RSVP in advance.

Show Chairman: - Vacant.

Meeting topics: Address general issues and continue active planning for the Flagg Symposium and Flagg Gem and Mineral Show. Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:00 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – DS: A quick status of accounts was provided by DS. Discussion was held regarding replacing BY as primary signature on the accounts.
- B. SK moved that the December 2024 Meeting Minutes be approved. DS seconded. Motion passed unopposed without further discussion.
- C. DS moved that the March 2025 Meeting Minutes be approved. DB seconded. Motion passed unopposed without further discussion.

D. Collection Committee:



1. LP: In February LP picked up 15 specimens that had been taken off exhibit at the UAANGMM.
- E. LP opened discussion of the 2026 Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
1. LP: Has reached out to Marc Fliescher regarding advertising. He has not heard back.
  2. LP: Suggested that the group consider establishing a budget for advertising. LP asked if \$5K would be an appropriate budget. DB said we should hire a social media consulting firm and abandon print media. DS agreed. Discussion was held on City produced papers. An ad for ~\$375 in a Mesa published paper was picked up in a number of papers in other SE valley city paper.
  3. KE: Brought up how we might estimate attendance for the show. LP will discuss crowd size estimations with the Gilbert Parks and Rec folks.
  4. General discussion on dealer's social media was discussed. JW sends the electronic advert media to all dealers to support their efforts.
  5. LP: Proposed a show theme of chrysocolla and druzy quartz on chrysocolla. This theme was adopted
  6. JW: Will resign as dealer chair after the 2026 show. We need an understudy to replace him.
  7. LP: discussed contracts with vendors.
  8. JT and DT: will manage exhibits. CWS will coordinate food trucks again.
  9. EJ: brought up hours: suggested the previous show hours be reconsidered. He suggested the hours be set at 10-5 Friday and Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. The suggestion was accepted by group acquiescence without opposing comments.
  10. CS and CWS: brought up a volunteer focus position to coordinate volunteers and services to volunteers, including:
    - a) Recruiting and staffing and coordinate sales positions
    - b) Food and drinks provided for volunteers
    - c) FMF T-shirt, lanyards and name badges made
    - d) Someone to make the Bob Jones Chili
    - e) Distribute advert material earlier
    - f) Show map to advertise in mid-December
    - g) Flag Show table cloths
- F. Symposium
1. LP: Interest has been raised in doing the symposium at the Gilbert Historical Center (HD South) in 2027. CWS commented that the current venue has excellent projection technology. LP said both venues have the overhead projector equipment.
  2. LP: for 2026 March 28<sup>th</sup> or April 11<sup>th</sup> are the options. It was decided that the 2026 symposium would be April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  3. LP: Requested input for the theme of the symposium. SC suggested a "collection theme", speaker encouraged to discuss their favorite specimens including the background of the locality. This met general approval.
- G. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.



- H. Membership report; SK: Membership is 66.
- I. Show Report: None made.
- J. The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society: (No Report).
- K. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – PH reported that this summer a UA faculty member developed a youth education program for the Museum. This was part of the Bob Jones endowment. The Museum was a featured exhibitor at the Sault Ste. Marie Aux Mines with three cases at the end of June. The exhibits were received very well.
- L. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – DS: The PGMM received a few donations: SRP donated a 20 by 8 shipping container. Twink Morad, of Oro Valley, donated a suite of meteorites. Ron Gibbs donated about a dozen Arizona type locality specimens. The PGMM has received several new specimens on loan. RG has moved back up to Mesa.
- M. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS: The UAMMNREM has put 30 specimens and the dining table exhibit up at the Sun City Museum. Go see it. They are also exhibiting at the Denver Show.
- N. The Flandreau Museum – PH: No update provided.
- O. The Superstition Mountain Museum; No update.
- P. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM): No update provided.
- Q. Website: No update provided.
- R. MSA and MSA Heritage Show: CWS: the Show will be June 6, 7, and 8.
- S. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- T. Charitable Opportunities: SK: Research on scholarships continues.
- U. Tax Forms: LP: This is ongoing.
- V. New Business –
  - 1. LP: Proposed the FMF consider establishing an annual donation to the PGMM. PH moved that the FMF make a \$25K donation over a five-year period, \$5K per year, to the PGMM. CWS seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.



2. LP called for a motion to accept BY's resignation from the board and Vice Chair position. PH moved. DB seconded. No discussion occurred. The motion passed unopposed.
3. LP, with the money we gain each year, we should be considering a strategic plan for how we approach our mission and charity. We should attempt to get the first meeting for this some time in October.
4. LP: The Brian Beck collection is available for purchase. MS has seen it and has suggested a price. PH asked if they are labeled. LP said they are. PH moved the FMF purchase the material up to a limited amount (not stated here). DB seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
5. LP: The Smith collection represented by Chuck Hauser was appraised at \$52k by Cal Graber, who said they should expect 40 to 45% of that value. Generally, those in the FMF who have seen the offered material commented that a number of around \$12K would be more appropriate. The Smiths said they would not back off of the \$23K. The decision was made to not acquire the Smith collection.
6. LP introduced SK's request for \$300 funding to support the attendance of the RMFMS. PH moved that \$300 be provided to cover those travel expenses. EDB seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
7. LP brought up the suggestion to set up Venmo and Square accounts so that FMF can accept these electronic payments. LP will look into a mint phone service from Mint to be able to set up this service.

#### W. Old Business

1. PH: Regarding the database, four officers have received the database. DS, CS, KE, and DB(?) have copies.
2. LP: The collection committee needs to be re-established. The collection needs to be repacked. JT requested that an audit of the collection be performed. LP said two versions of the database need to be made available, a complete one with values for the Board (and committee) only and an abridged version for public consumption.
3. LP: Called for volunteers for the collection committee. MS, PH, SK, JT, DB, DT, and LP stated interest. LP will put some dates out and committee can begin holding its own meetings.
4. SK: Will research other club's histories of scholarship. PH commented that the group should promote and protect a scholarship program as a core function of our mission. SC suggested that donations be made to help particular school's scholarship program(s). High School programs might be good place to start, but focus on elementary and secondary school ages would likely be more widely received and create more synergistic interest in the Foundation and clubs.
5. CWS: suggested making an annual donation to the Bob Jones Fund for Youth Education and Outreach. At the UAANGMM.



LP noted the schedule for the next meeting will 7PM October 6<sup>th</sup>. Th Strategic Planning meeting will likely be held on October 11.

LP adjourned the meeting at ~9:18 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.