



October 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
October 27, 2025

Attendees (4 Officers; 10 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, Treasurer, T26); Catie Sandoval (CS, V. Chair T26)

Other Trustees in Attendance:

Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T26) Evan Jones (EJ, T27) John Tibbits (JT, T27)
Stan Celestian (SC, T26) Jeff Johnson (JJ, T26) Genie Howell (GH, T26)
David Tibbits (DT, T25) Don Boushelle (DB, T27), Ken Elliot (KE, T27)
Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance:

Ray Grant (RG, T25) John Weide (JW, T25) Paul Harter (PH, T27)
Frank Knipp (T25) Mike Shannon (MS, T25)
Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T27)

Show Chairman: - Vacant.

Meeting topics: Address general issues and continue active planning for the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show and the Flagg Symposium. 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.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Treasurer Report – DS gave a quick status of accounts.

B. DS moved that the August 2025 Meeting Minutes be approved. EJ seconded. Motion passed unopposed without further discussion.

C. Collection Committee:

1. LP: MS picked up a large collection last month and made donations to MSA and Flagg.



2. LP: We will start organizing the Beck collection after the New Mexico Symposium.
- D. LP opened discussion of the 2026 Flagg Show. The following points were discussed.
1. LP: Introduced DB with a proposal for Adam Milhoff at Blue Chrome Studios to begin a social media campaign. For \$2000 (labor), Milhoff will create Facebook and Instagram ads based on materials FMF provides. Ad costs would be another \$1000 to start. EJ moved that we allocate \$4000 for this effort. KE seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
 2. CWS: Asked about XPO Press, a social media advertiser with national reach. LP suggested not using them as the attendance is locally derived. CWS said they have a strong local and regional component. LP agreed to have CWS provide more information to DB for further consideration.
 3. LP: Expressed gratitude to DB for his work on the poster.
 4. SK: reported 46 dealers and 79 spaces rented which does not include the 10 or so that signed up during the show last year.
 5. LP: JW wishes to retire from the dealer chair position. LP called for a replacement for JW. KE put himself forward and said he is already shadowing JW in the position. LP asked that he also work on the website's ability to take electronic payments.
 6. LP: reviews the show planning steps and the items that remain to be done.
 7. CS: presented a draft checklist of during-show tasks as a guide for planning future show assignments. Name badges, lost-and-found, first aid kit, information booth, and security issues were discussed.
 8. LP: said he would spearhead having banners prepared for identifying the Flagg booth as headquarters for the show.
- E. Symposium
1. LP: The rooms at the SE Regional library have been reserved for March 28, 2026. LP is working with Stan on the theme.
- F. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.
- G. Membership report; SK: Membership is 66.
- H. Show Report: None made.
- I. CS: She and JT are the election committee are preparing to confirm the slate for the coming ballot.
- J. The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society: (No Report).
- K. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – No report was made.
- L. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – DS: PGMM has just held their first night time event with the Leading Edge Academy in Queen Creek. The Museum is working on improving the fluorescent display and getting new strip lights. They are also looking at



purchasing new equipment and getting a quote for a new interior door to expand the display space.

- M. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS: The advisory council is exploring alternatives to how the museum may be brought to fruition. One thing that is happening is they are considering two other venues in Phoenix.
- 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: No Update provided.
- S. AFMS/RMFMS Convention and Show – No Update provided.
- T. Charitable Opportunities: No discussion held.
- U. Tax Forms: LP: No discussion held.
- V. New Business –
 - 1. LP: The strategic plan committee is being formed to address evaluation of the FMF mission.
- W. Old Business
 - 1. No old business reviewed.

LP noted the schedule for the next meeting will 7PM December 1st.

LP adjourned the meeting at ~8:10 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.