



January 2026 General Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
January 8, 2026

Attendees (4 Officers; 11 Trustees; 7 Members; 2 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 (T28)]
Catie Sandoval (Vice Chairman, T26)
Steven C. Kaminski (Secretary, T26)
Dana Slaughter (Treasurer, T26)

Other Trustees:

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| Chris Whitney-Smith (T26) | Don Boushelle (T27) | John Tibbits (T27) |
| John Weide (T28) | Evan Jones (T27) | Genie Howell (T26) (VZ) |
| Christian Reichert (T28) | David Tibbits (T28) | Jeff Johnson (T26) |
| Mike Williams (Webmaster, T27) | Kelli Wakefield(T25, Not Renewing) | |

Members and Guests:

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| Ken Elliot | John Mooney | Artem Kovalev | Dan Fortunado |
| Steven Scott | Jodi Brewster | Vicki Huntman | Joe Mercer (Guest) |
| Steve Knox (Guest) | | | |

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Mike Shannon (T28), Dr. Ray Grant (T28), Stan Celestian (T26),

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

This in-person meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:20 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (LP). The meeting was broadcast to member witnesses via Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. The January 4, 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes were previously approved by the Board of Trustees.



- B. Treasurer Report – Dana Slaughter (BY) presented on the Foundation’s account balances. LP commented that the FMF will need to submit a new Organization Resolution Form to Vanguard.
- C. LP mentioned that FMF mission is to spend it money wisely on things that advance the goals and conditions of our mineral community. He mentioned the 5-year recurring annual donation of \$5K FMF started in 2025 to benefit the Pinal Museum.
- D. Collection Report:
1. LP: A large donation of accumulated mineral materials was donated to the FMF and MSA. This was the only collection that was picked up this year.
- E. Flagg Gem & Mineral Show
1. John Weide (JW) stated as of the time of this meeting we will have about 130 (including 30 new) dealers and more are expected as walk-ins. There are about 8 clubs signed up. We have sold well over 200 spaces. JW gave thanks to Ken Elliot for stepping up to be the new Dealer Chair.
 2. DT spoke on the exhibits which were set up for the show.
 3. DB: A quarter of a million people were reached by the online effort (Instagram and Facebook), 97.6 percent were not already associated with the FMF or its on line presence. There were thousands of reactions; hundreds of comments, and about 100 shares. We added 73 new followers. We are on track to spend approximately \$2,000 on advertising.
 4. LP poke on the TV coverage.
- F. Symposium
1. Les informed the group that the 33rd Annual Arizona Mineral Symposium will be held at the Gilbert Southeast Regional Library March 28, 2026. The overall theme is “Carbonates”. There will be a half-dozen local dealers.
- G. 2026 FMF OFFICER & TRUSTEE POSITIONS FOR 2026 Through 2028.
1. Les Presmyk offered a list of trustee recommendations provided by the Chair-appointed Nomination Committee (CS and JT). including:
 - Cs and JT nominated the following as Trustees:
 - (1) Christian Reichert – 2028
 - (2) Mike Shannon – 2028
 - (3) David Tibbits – 2028
 - (4) Ray Grant – 2028
 - (5) John Weide – 2028
 - (6) Les Presmyk – 2028



Christian Reichert was nominated from the floor. Nominations were closed. LP called for a vote. The slate was accepted and approved by vote without opposition.

- CS and JT nominated Officers/Chairs:
- (1) Chair: Walter Lesley “Les” Presmyk
 - (2) Vice Chair: Catie Sandoval
 - (3) Secretary: Steven C. Kaminski
 - (4) Treasurer: Dana Slaughter
 - (5) Show Chair: Les Presmyk

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. LP called for the vote. The motion was accepted and approved by vote without opposition.

I. Newsletter: no report was submitted.

J. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – Paul Harter is under the weather and LP had no new information to report. Please check the museum website for information on the many upcoming events.

K. Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Dana Slaughter presented on the PGMM. Ray and Cynthia got back from Australia on Christmas day. Foot traffic is increased with the influx of winter visitors. Displays are being rotated. SRP has donated a shipping contain and the museum is looking for a place to put it. The Museum has had a Mystery Mineral Day, an Arizona Fossil Fest, and a Fluorescent Mineral Frenzy. They have had two geology book/mineral give aways events. PGMM has received past major contributions including office equipment upgrades, new mineral cabinets, a new front entrance. The Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10-4. Give DS a call if you want to come in on a day that we are not scheduled to be opened. We get a lot of support from FMF, Florence Copper and Collidge Chamber of Commerce. The PGMM is working on an AZ type locality display. Florence Copper may be funding the addition of an interior door and window to increase the functional space of the museum. Currently the PGMM is planning a “Hazardous Minerals” exhibit.

L. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS and LP: The UofA is looking at potential optional sites. The hoped-for ground-breaking did not happen in 2025. LP: A new name for the museum is forthcoming. We have \$12M to \$14M to start construction (upgrade A/C and gut and fix infrastructure) and prepare the building for installation of exhibits, The museum needs another \$18M to \$20M to put those exhibits in and open the full facility.

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



N. Website Status – no report provided.

O. Membership report – Steve Kaminski estimated that we have about 40 existing members.

P. Dues are now due

Q. CWS: The Phoenix Heritage Mineral Show is scheduled for April 24 through 26, 2026 at West World in Scottsdale, Arizona. There are two new awards Best Arizona Specimen is going to be the Les Presmyk Trophy and Best Single Specimen will be the Wayne Thompson Trophy. The Bob Jones Trophy is the Best Case of Minerals. Best Junior Case is the Arthur Flagg Trophy; the best Field Collected specimen is the David Shannon Trophy, and the Best of Theme specimen.

R. Old Business –

1. LP that the cost for the climate-controlled storage unit has gone up to \$380/month.

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

1. LP We are looking for new donations.

2. John Mooney: Suggested having gift cards to thank the volunteers that show up to help at the show.

3. LP: United Site Services has been fired as the porta-a-john provider for the show due to their abysmal performance last year. We have returned to a former provider with which we accidentally lost touch.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~8:16 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.