June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
June 1, 2026

Attendees (3 Officers; 7 Trustees; 0 Members; 0 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)]
Steven C. Kaminski (Secretary, T26)
Dana Slaughter (Treasurer, T26)

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (T26)	Don Boushelle (T27)	John Tibbits (T27)
Genie Howell (T26) (VZ)	Christian Gort (T28)	Dr. Ray Grant (T28)
Mike Williams (Webmaster, T27)	Stan Celestian (T26)	Ken Elliot (T28)

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance:

Catie Sandoval (Vice Chairman, T26)	Mike Shannon (T28)	John Weide (T28)
Evan Jones (T27)	David Tibbits (T28)	Jeff Johnson (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 ~7:00 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (LP). The meeting was held via Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. 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.

B. JH moved that the October 2025 Meeting Minutes be approved. DB seconded. Motion passed unopposed without further discussion.

C. DS moved that the January 2026 General Meeting Minutes be approved. JH seconded. Motion passed unopposed without further discussion. SK mentioned a couple of minor corrections to be made.

D. Collection Report:

1. LP: A renewed list of the collection committee membership is forthcoming and LP called for expressions of interest from those who wish to participate.

E. Flagg Gem & Mineral Show

1. Show theme: CWS suggested a theme that would connect to the memory of Paul Harter. LP said the show could simply be dedicated to PH.

2. Dealer Chair: No report. SK gave a general update on KE's current status and progress.

3. Transition of duties was discussed. LP is attempting to engage youthful leaders with more direct tasks.

4. CWS: traffic cones will no longer be provided by MCC. Strategies for blocking off drive entrances are to be explored. Tape and hurricane fencing were discussed.

5. Advertising: LP: A renewed discussion was held. Mission of balancing attraction of kids/parent on one hand and buyers/collectors on the other. LP spoke on the TV coverage. SK moved that a budget of $5000 be established for advertising (including ~100 poster) and be assigned to the management of DB. SC seconded.

6. MW requested info for the website: Dates 8,9,10 of January; MW needs a dealer contract. *{post-meeting informational amendment: This has been resolved; 2026 dealer contract is available on the website}.*

F. Symposium

1. LP: the 2026 Symposium was a typical success, attendance was down a bit. But prior 2025 symposium had a special draw for Terry Wallce.
2. DS mentioned a couple of people visiting the Pinal museum mentioned
    a) Their Coffee wasn't hot (can you get urns, not cardboard cartons?)
    b) Not enough coffee, and
    c) Lunch was pretty good, but layout was a little wanting otherwise particulary for breakfast.
3. CWS mentioned that the name badges should be printed.
4. Les ask for a decision on the location, it was decided that 34th Annual Arizona Mineral Symposium will be held at the Gilbert Southeast Regional Library. The date of April 3, 2027 is the tentative working date. LP will check for conflicting shows. SK chimed in that

the RMFMS insurance renews in late March. The certificates cannot be obtained prior to the renewal date. That leaves a really short window for us to obtain our certificates prior to April 3rd. Most venues want these certs weeks prior to the event. Some facilities are ok with certificates that end before event, with the understand that they will have the updated certificates by the time of the event.

5. Theme: SC: Suggest\speaker bring in more physical examples/specimens; have speakers speak about their own personnel collections; importance of having a collection as a theme; and possible having a keynote speaker Aaron Celestian.
    a) DB and SC: Let's have a talk on cleaning and trimming workshops
    b) DB: lets bring back field trips
6. Let's have workshops on cleaning, trimming, preparation.
7. Discussed bringing back Dr. Melchior with his XRF.
8. Dealers: There will be a half-dozen local dealers.

I. Newsletter: no report was submitted.

J. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UAANGMM) – A short discussion was held about honoring Paul Harter - ideas and planning are developing slowly around arranging of a memorial fo Paul at the Museum

K. Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Dana Slaughter presented on the PGMM. He expressed gratitude for the generosity of the FMF. There just held the Fossil Fest; they have a new newsletter editor who is revamping that missive, they got a huge donation of reference from Nyal Niemuth of reference materials, they have field trips planned for the next several months. Things are looking pretty good for the Museum. The museum says thanks again for all the help and the recent 2026 $5,000 donation from FMF.

L. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS and LP: Looking to open on some level in spring of 2027.

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

N. Strategic Plan: We need a cell phone and a statutory agent.

O. Website Status – no report provided.

P. Membership report – SK reported that we have about 58 existing members.

Q. Dues are now due

R. 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.

S. Old Business –

1. LP: costs for the climate-controlled storage unit has gone up to $380/month.

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

1. LP We are looking for new donations.
2. SK spoke on the upcoming RMFMS convention in Tulsa. He stated that we will be looking for a new AZ/NV State Director as of November.
3. CWS moved that the FMF provide SK with up to $300 for reimbursed expenses to attend the RMFMS Convention in Tulsa. DB seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

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.