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President's Message

Greetings, friends of mineralogy,

I'd like to take this first 'President's Message' to tell you all why I accepted this position and why I am a member of Friends of Mineralogy. I'd seen the badges at mineral shows, gone to the Tucson Symposium and knew many interesting people who are members. A few years ago, I figured I was the last person in the world who was interested in minerals that wasn't an FM member. So I sent in my \$10!

A very few years later I was asked to serve on the Board. Women were needed, so I stepped forward. A couple of years after that, I was asked to serve as Vice President. Ok, not too much work – just organize the 'Best Paper' Award. As I had received that (and was VERY proud), I accepted, vowing publicly that I would NEVER be president. However, things changed. I was spending 7 months on sabbatical in Australia last year, recharging my batteries and catching up on long overdue manuscripts, when the President's position was open again. Now it was time to 'step up' or 'step out'! I was rested and I was far away, so I said 'yes'. With a 16 year old daughter, a house, two jobs, and a middle aged body that needs constant exercise, why do this?

I've taken on the presidency for the same reason that I joined FM. I love minerals. I love their shapes and colors. I love their chemistry. I especially love what they tell me about the rocks which form our Earth. I, for the most part, like the people who hang around minerals – those who collect, fondle, trade, buy and sell, take care of, study, hoard, and share minerals.

However, there are 'dark forces' at work! Funding agencies think that minerals don't need care and tending, that mineralogy is a 'dead' science. Some geoscience departments don't think that students need to learn mineralogy. Some mineralogists can't recognize a mineral when they see one (I used to be like that!). Some people think that mining minerals is evil. What to do?

Friends of Mineralogy is the only organization with professional mineralogists, personal collectors, curators, field collectors, mineral dealers, science writers, magazine editors – the entire plethora of people who care about minerals and the state of mineralogy. So here I am! Ready to support the mission for the next two years.

And what should we do? The board now has members of long standing – those who have been the heart and soul of this organization for eons and who have done a fine job in accomplishing the mission of the organization. There are also a lot of new faces – those ready to step up and put energy and expertise toward the same goal. During 2000, a committee, led by Bill Dameron, looked at what FM should be doing. During the Tucson Board meeting this past February, the board members formed several committees to address a newly reworded mission and goals. We have our work cut out for us, and welcome any member to join in accomplishing well defined and achievable objectives.

Many organizations are interested in promoting mineralogy. The Mineralogical Society of America has a relatively new outreach committee. The Association for Systematics Collections, traditionally focused on biological collections, is changing its name in 2001 to the Natural Science Collections Alliance and will include mineral collections in its mandate. FM is a member of the American Geological Institute, an organization with a broad mission in advocacy for the geosciences. The Society of Mineral Museum Professionals is looking toward bringing minerals into the consciousness of the National Science Foundation.

This is an exciting time for minerals! I am excited about being part of this and working with you to keep the 'mineral world' viable for the present and the future.

Susan Eriksson, President

Annual FM National Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2001, Tucson, Arizona

Call to Order and Welcome:

Mike Howard, President, opened the meeting and greeted the attendees. He then announced the results of the election and welcomed the two new Board members, William (Skip) Simmons and Virgil Leuth.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Nelson Shaffer reported for the Nominating committee that their nominations for 2001 officers were: Susan Eriksson, President; Bill Dameron, Vice President; Chuck Miller, Secretary; and Jack Nieburger, Treasurer. No other nominations being offered by Board Members, the slate was elected unanimously.

Mike Howard announced that Ann Williams had resigned from the Board, and thanked her for her contributions to FM. Mike then turned the meeting over to the newly-elected President, Susan Eriksson.

Susan thanked the outgoing Board members for their efforts and appointed Ray Grant to replace Ann Williams as a Board member.

2000 Board Minutes:

The Board voted approval of the Board Minutes without change.

Officer Reports:

2001 Secretary's Report:

This year proved to be a true learning experience for me. I have been an FM member for some time but only this year did I begin to meet and work with many of my associates in the group. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mike Howard, Regina Aumente and Roland Bounds for their effort and support over the year.

Stepping into Mike's shoes as newsletter editor was a real challenge, and I only hope that have maintained a semblance of the quality that Mike established during his tenure as editor. I am pleased that communication with the key contact people at the local chapters went smoothly this year and I hope to expand that dialogue in 2001. Further, now, that I

have a year of experience under my belt, I feel I can talk somewhat intelligently about some important issues relating to the newsletter.

The newsletter is a critical element in FM's philosophy of educational outreach and communication. The responsibility for its content should not be left exclusively in the hands of the newsletter editor. It is incumbent on the members of the Friends of Mineralogy to contribute articles, notes, photographs and alerts (regulatory or otherwise) for dissemination in the newsletter *in addition to the chapter updates*.

The cost of publishing the newsletter continues to escalate. We must ensure that we maximize the content of every issue. To that end, I suggest we consider establishing a two-member editorial advisory team to work with the editor in developing content. I fully recognize the problem with "committees"- especially where volunteers are required. I call on members of the board to assist in this endeavor.

I believe strongly that the newsletter would benefit from the increased use of photography. Publishing in color is prohibitive and black and white doesn't do mineral photos justice. However, I believe we can capture the best of both worlds by publishing the hardcopy in black & white while uploading complete color versions of the newsletter to an FM Homepage. Members with computer access could then download and print the color version at their leisure.

In closing, let me remind the chapters to provide me with any changes to your officers and directors, and please continue to forward timely updates on your activities.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Miller

Treasurer's Report: Fiscal Year- 2000-

This year's financial status appears slightly worse than last year on initial observation of the reporting sheet (e.g. a loss of \$163.88). In reality we would have made a small profit if I hadn't included the fourth quarter newsletter cost until January of 2001, as we usually do because of billing delays. But it was included so that all accounts would be balanced out for the transfer of the Treasurer's position. In other words, there are five quarters of newsletter expenses in this fiscal year, not just four. As mentioned last year, \$5,000 was transferred from the checking account to the Money Market CD. New bank fees instituted by Wells Fargo shortly after the transfer necessitated changing the checking account type to avoid a

fairly substantial monthly fee. We might want to consider eventually finding another bank.

INCOME:

Income was down slightly compared to last year, due primarily to lack of contributions. Dues income increased considerably (nearly \$900), most likely in response to the Membership Committee's effort to get past due members current or off the books, and new members in our new chapters. Interest was also up slightly, but the slight increase was balanced by a similar decrease in badge sales.

EXPENDITURES

Once again, the increased use of internet and the generosity of many of the officers and Board members involved have kept many of the operational expenses of cross-country contact at or near zero, helping reduce costs in most categories. The AGI dues item was well below the amount budgeted. The newsletter and directory expenses were both over budget by a combined amount equal to the extra quarter of newsletter costs mentioned above. \$192.00 was attributed as a membership expense when a reimbursement of dues overpaid was made to the Colorado Chapter (64 people paid @\$8.00 instead of the required \$5.00).

SUMMARY

As of 12/31/00, FM, Inc. had \$20,629.01 on hand in its bank accounts. The draw account used by the Secretary for printing the newsletter and directory was zeroed for the transfer of the Treasurer's position. The lost checks to the Mineralogical Record are still a mystery, and until the mystery is solved, I recommend that no more be written. This should not affect the announcement of Best Paper.

AUDIT

The annual audit of the books was done by Michael Kokinos. The report of the auditor will be presented at the Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Roland Bounds

Analysis of FM Finances:

The financial records and statement of receipts, disbursements and funds were analyzed. The December 31 bank statements were compared with the

The California Secretary of State changed from an annual report and \$10 fee for nonprofit corporations to a biannual report with a \$20.01 fee. Officer changes as of February 2001 should be reported to the Secretary of State. A letter listing the new officers and their addresses will suffice. The corporation is a California corporation, as such; a California resident must be listed as the agent for process with the California Secretary of State. At present, I am listed as the agent. I do not mind being listed but if the Directors prefer they can appoint someone else.

I highly recommend banking deposits and posting transactions to the records at least monthly.

Signature cards were obtained to change the authorized signatures on the Wells Fargo bank accounts. Two signatures currently on the account are Roland Bounds and myself. One of the two signatures must remain on the account. It is up to the Directors to decide which signature to replace with the new Treasurer.

The analysis was performed as a member of Friends of Mineralogy, as such, it does not constitute an audit accordingly no opinion is expressed.

Sincerely, Michael Kokinos, Member

President's Report:

As your President for the past year, I have seen some significant accomplishments in our organization, and witnessed some short-term problems that I was able to resolve and some long-term problems that we continue to work toward resolving.

Newsletters from our chapters have kept me up-to-date on their activities and they had many. I now ask that you drop me from your mailing list and add the new National President to your mailings. I had hoped to attend several of the annual symposia, but was only able to get to the first Symposium for the Mississippi Valley Chapter. If all symposia are as good as this one, I know I missed out on a lot!

By staying in contact with Wendell Wilson at the Mineralogical Record, I was able to keep the MR Page reasonably well updated. The incoming President may want to change the entire format of that page, it will be her decision as to what goes on it. So, if you want your FM project announced, get the information to the President soon and often!

The most significant long-term problem FM faces, in my view, is apathy. You get out of our organization what you put in-so the more active you are, the more you will enjoy

it. We had to drop nearly 20% of our membership last year due to nonpayment of dues. This also occurred each of the three years I was National Secretary. I have heard from a few chapters that it is difficult to get members to even attend meetings, much less participate, unless the meeting is held in conjunction with a show. It is pretty obvious that continuing to do the same thing, and even more of it, will not invigorate the apathetic. I am excited this Board meeting to hear reports from the Committee of FM's Aims and Goals and to note that Chuck Miller, national Secretary, has started a new National FM website. Every member that can access this site should do so, and let Chuck know what you would like to see posted there.

Aside from the goal of growth by recruiting new members, we must also revitalize the existing membership. Ideas for new projects that will excite active members into continuing their relationship with FM and invigorate the inactive portion of our membership need to be forthcoming, while we continue and enhance our present projects. If you have such projects in mind, submit them to me or to the new President and we will see that they are circulated for comments among the Board Members and Chapters.

Finally, I wish to thank all the Board Members and Chapters for their assistance, suggestions, and even criticism during my year as President. Whatever I got done this past year, it would not have been accomplished without your help.

Respectfully submitted, J. Michael Howard

Vice President's Report: The winners of the "Best Paper" awards were announced. The Vice President has taken on the responsibility for the FM Educational Award.

Committee Reports:

Archivist Report: Mike Howard gave a verbal report concerning the condition of the archived material. It was requested that he save both paper and electronic format for each year.

Awards: Karen Wenrich announced the winners for the Werner Lieber Contest for 2001. Sugar White won in the adult amateur division and Bruce Gaber won in the digital category. Karen further pointed out the need for more applicants for the

contest. The winning photos will be published in an upcoming Rocks and Minerals issue and Fm will publish the winners names in the FM page in the MR. Efforts will also be made to include the photos on the new FM homepage.

Best Paper Awards:

Friends of Mineralogy picks the best paper from our two major mineralogical journals each year and gives a certificate to the author(s) and \$200 to each of the journals. The winners for the 2000 journal articles are:

Rocks and Minerals:

A series of two articles by Ed Raines of the Colorado chapter:

Raines, Ed, Part I, A historical overview of the Telluride District, San Miguel county, Colorado and the Smuggler Union and associate mines and veins of Marshal Basin, v. 75, #5, p. 318-343

And ;

Raines, Ed, 2000, The mineralogy, geology and mining history of the Telluride District, San Miguel county, Colorado, Part 2, Other mines and veins of Marshall Basin and the mines and veins of Coronet, Savage, and Ingram Basins, v. 75, #6, p. 378-401.

Mineralogical Record:

Henderson, William, A., Jr., R. Peter Richards, and Donald G. Howard, Elongated twins of sodalite and other isometric minerals, v. 31, p. 141-151.

Mineral Locality index: Phil Goodell provided an overview of activities. Discussion centered on Wyoming, New Hampshire, Iowa and Arizona. Bill Dameron noted that Oregon needs to be revised.

Membership: Regina Aumente reported that, as of this date, our total membership stands at 516. Chapter memberships break down as follows:

NAT: 54	PA: 95
CO: 71	PN: 107
MW: 71	SC: 55
MV: 29	SE: 44

Note: Numbers may not add due to dual memberships.

The 2000 Directory was published in December. It

was made as accurate as possible based on current information. Individuals and chapters have the responsibility of keeping the treasurer and membership chair advised of their current contact information. At present, communication has been poor. Many memberships are submitted without even addresses, much less phone numbers and email addresses.

The position of membership Chair was originally created for two main reasons: to assist the Treasurer, and to produce mailing labels and a directory. The current arrangement is inefficient, as work is duplicated by the Treasurer and Members Chair. Prior to producing the directory, it was necessary to go through every entry comparing membership and treasurer lists, researching numerous discrepancies between the two. I recommend that the Board consider whether the Membership Chair should be continued.

FM Goals and Directions: The committee, chaired by Bill Dameron submitted a formal written report which is reproduced in its entirety elsewhere in the newsletter.

Insurance Committee: Joe Marty reported that the committee had read through all the materials furnished last year and had decided to recommend that each chapter may wish to associate with their local region of AFMS to take advantage of their low cost liability field trip insurance. The Board approved this recommendation. The Board also approved \$600 in the 2001 budget to obtain liability insurance to protect the Board members from law suits.

Other Old Business:

FM Page in MR: Mike Howard reported that cooperation had been good between MR and FM this year, but the new President may wish to change the format of such as small typeface and use the page to emphasize something different about FM in each issue of MR.

MSA/FM Speaker Initiative: Bruce Gaber reported that the most recent Lattice carried Andrew Sicree's message and form. Presently, Fm has 8 members who have filled out the form.

AGI: Nelson Shaffer reported on the current activities of the AGI and outlined the issues of interest to FM. The Board voted to include money in the 2001 budget to continue FM's affiliation with AGI.

2001 Symposium: Ray Grant spoke about the problems and cooperation he had encountered during his effort to put the symposium on Russian Minerals together. The Board thanked Ray for his efforts. Susan Eriksson announced his appointment to the Board to fill Ann Williams' remaining term.

New Business:

2001 Budget: The budget was approved as presented by Roland Bounds, with Board modifications resulting in a short term deficit of approximately \$1800 for 2001.

FM Website: The Board reviewed a working draft model of a stand-alone FM website developed by Chuck Miller and approved an additional budget for 2001 of \$450 to cover the costs of maintenance of the site. A website Committee was established composed of Chuck Miller as Chair, with Mike Howard, Skip Simmons, Joe Marty and Roland Bounds.

2002 Symposium: The 2002 Symposium will focus on African Minerals. Chairman is to be announced.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Mississippi Valley Chapter, February 9, 2001

The Mississippi Valley Chapter accomplished the following during the year 2000, its first year of existence:

- * Attained a membership of (estimated) 20 members, about 70% new to Friends of Mineralogy.
- * Held three general meetings.
- * Held the First Annual Mississippi Valley Seminar at Park Hills, Missouri. .
- * Obtained Not-for-Profit Incorporation Status from the State of Missouri.
- * Submitted Not-for-Profit Corporation Tax Exemption Status Request to the Internal Revenue Service. At this time, determination has not been received from IRS.
- * Ended the year financially in the black.

For 2001 the following activities are planned:

- * Complete Federal Tax Exemption process.
- * Address chapter funding issues through fund raising projects and create a fund-raising committee.

* Hold chapter meetings in conjunction with major shows at Kansas City, Park Hills, and, St. Louis, Missouri in March, June, and August.

* Hold the Second Annual Chapter Seminar in October. The theme is tentatively planned to address the mineralogy of the Magnet Cove and related intrusive bodies in Arkansas.

* Address issues related to the index of mineral localities.

* Create a standing membership committee to increase membership enrollment and participation.

Submitted by Mark Sherwood, President 2001

Year 2000 Chapter Activities Report– Pennsylvania Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy

The year 2000 was another successful one for the Pennsylvania Chapter of friends of Mineralogy. The usual Board and planning meetings were held early in the year, and the annual mineral symposium was held during the weekend of November third through the fifth, with a theme of “ A Tribute to Dr. Arthur Montgomery and 30 Years of the Friends of Mineralogy”. One of the preliminary events to the symposium was the announcement of Kutztown University student, Richard J. Omer, as the recipient of the Memorial Fund Research Grant for the year.

The symposium started Friday night with an open house and social evening at the Delaware County Institute of Science, in Media, Pennsylvania. The evening was hosted by volunteer mineralogical curator, J. Roger Mitchell. In addition, to a fine local mineral display, and a complete U.S. Geological Survey reference library, Roger had a special surprise to show the group from his own collection. He had recently acquired, from a small local estate auction, a fairly large (number wise) set of wooden crystal models from R.J.Hauy.

The core of the symposium was a group of talks by Jay Lininger (Matrix Magazine) on “The Life and times of Arthur Montgomery”, Dr. Robert C. Smith, II (Pennsylvania Geological Survey) “Growing Up a Collector and Becoming a student and Friend of Arthur Montgomery”, John S. White (founder, Mineralogical Record) “The Mineralogical Record and FM”, and Roland Bounds (Delaware Geological Survey) “Cedar Hill Quarry, Lancaster County, PA.” The symposium portion of the weekend was capped off by the annual benefit auction to support the Memorial Grant Research Fund.

The final day of the symposium was a field trip to the D. M. Stolfus and Son Cedar Hill Quarry, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This quarry is known for serpentine, and the associated fissure alteration minerals. Many of the rarer minerals were quite prominent, in-

cluding nakauriite,mcguinnessite, coalingite and pokrovskite.

Planning is just getting started on the 2001 symposium but will be well underway by mid year. The currently proposed dates are November second through fourth.

2000 Annual Report From the Colorado Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy

Officers for 2001:

President: Bill Chirnside
 Vice President: Eunice York
 Secretary: Peter Modreski
 Treasurer: Jim Hurlbut
 Director: Bruce Geller, Judy Peterson*,
 Jack Thompson*

(*2 yr term)

The following significant Chapter activity occurred during 2000.

January meeting: The Colorado Gemological Association joined us for the presentation by Dudley Blauwet on Minerals and Mineral Localities of Pakistan.

March meeting: Urban Turzi presented: The Willet Raney Willis Micromineral Collection at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

May meeting: Ed Raines, presented: The Minerals and Mines of Caribou, Jamestown, Ward and the Tungsten Belt.

June: Annual Mineral Auction.

September Meeting: Bill Chirnside, gave a slide presentation on the Chapter trip September 21—24 to the pegmatites at Black Mountain and the Copper Mountain District, Wyoming.

Denver Gem and Mineral Show: Chapter members staffed the mineral identification booth during the three days of the show.

November meeting: Jim Hurlbut, presented: The Micro Diamonds of Paul Seel.

Meeting dates in 2001:

January 11, March 8, May 10, June 8 Auction, Sept. 7th, November 1, 2001.

Bill Chirnside, President

Pacific Northwest Chapter:

The Board of Directors and Symposium Committee met in March at the home of Secretary John Lindell in Ravendale, Washington. The program schedule for the year was presented. The chapter budget was approved, the symposium theme selected, and symposium budget approved. All present enjoyed the swapping of specimens and collecting tales.

In June, the regular membership meeting, board and symposium committee meetings, plus a swap and sales meet with evening barbeque was held at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals in Hillsboro, Oregon.

The 26th annual symposium, "The Minerals and Mines of Nevada" was held September 22-24, 2000 in Tacoma, Washington.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on November 11, 2000. The activity schedule for 2001 was approved:
Board Meeting in Kelso Washington— March 17
Membership Meeting at Pacific Mineral Museum, Vancouver, B.C.— June 16
Washington Pass Campground Cleanup Weekend— August 11
"Rainbow of Minerals" Symposium, Kelso/Longview, Washington— September 28-30.

Respectfully submitted, Sharleen Harvey, President

Midwest Chapter:

The Midwest Chapter meeting was held on November 4, 2000 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in Cleveland, Ohio in conjunction with the Cleveland micro-mineral symposium.

The May 5th, 2001 Mineral Symposium will be held from 2-6 PM at the Cincinnati Convention Center in conjunction with the Cincinnati Mineral Society and Cincinnati Dry Dredgers Show. The theme will coincide with the show's theme: "Colorful Carbonates".

Dwaine Eddington, President

Southeast Chapter

The Southeast Chapter Board Meeting and General Meeting was held on November 23, 2000 at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke. VA..

The Fall Symposium for the South East Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy will be held on October 13, 2001.

A business meeting will be held on Saturday morning October 13 followed by a mini symposium - Mississippi Valley Deposits II - The Fluorite - Barite - Base metal Deposits of Tennessee and Georgia. On Sunday morning, October 14th we will hold a field trip to the Ballard Barite Mine to collect fluorite, barite and possibly sphalerite, pyrite, smithsonite and sulphate minerals. Housing will be hotels in the Sweetwater Tennessee area. A meeting site will be announced.

A South East Chapter business meeting will be held at the Ashville North Carolina Gem Fest, Ashville, North Carolina on June 16th, 2001. For additional information on this business meeting contact the Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum at P.O. Box 1617, Asheville, NC 28802. Telephone: (828) 254-7162

Respectfully submitted, David Babulski, President

FM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was convened at 4:30 PM, Saturday, February 10, 2001 at the Tucson convention Center.

Mike Howard gave the general introductions for the elected Board members and announced the new officers for 2001. He then turned the meeting to Susan Eriksson, the new President.

Susan gave five minutes to two visitors to speak about the discovery of a tremendous new pocket of selenite sword crystals at the Naica Pb-Zn mine in Mexico and plans by the mining company for development of the site into a tourist attraction.

Susan then summarized the various activities during the Board meeting, stressing the formation of new committees. Bill Dameron, new Vice President, presented a portion of his Directions and Goals Committee report, which lead to a general discussion of the officers and membership about a variety of matters, including the web site, liability and Board of Directors insurance, etc.

Mike Howard, representing the web site committee, passed around several photocopied articles from Geotimes relating to the growing importance of being digital.

Nelson Shaffer, FM representative to AGI, spoke about some of AGI's activities during 2000 and upcoming events.

The Werner Lieber Poster was on exhibit and Karen Wenrich spoke about the winners, Sugar White and Bruce Gaber. Susan Eriksson then announced the winners for the Best Paper (for MR and R&M Magazines) and the Education Awards for the TGMS displays. The

institutional winner was the Colorado School of Mines for "Fakes".

Susan presented a summary of the budget for the fiscal 2001 year and explained the expected \$1800 shortfall due to the new initiatives.

The time being short, the President suggested that the Chapters not repeat their reports, which had been placed into the minutes of the Board meeting. A motion from the floor for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

REPORT OF THE FM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE:

At Tucson last year several of us agreed to look at FM's objectives, what the organization was doing, and what it should or could be doing. Rather ambitious, but it was generally agreed that all organizations need to reflect on their mandate and adjust their goals.

We looked at FM's existing long-term objectives and made some wording changes and added some new ones. There was also agreement we should identify some short-term goals and suggest a process for achieving them.

MISSION STATEMENT AND LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

The Friends of Mineralogy (FM) is a national organization with local chapters and is open to membership by all. FM's objective is to promote, support, protect and expand the collection of mineral specimens and to further the recognition of the scientific, economic and aesthetic value of minerals and collecting mineral specimens.

FM seeks to accomplish this in several ways:

FM promotes and supports its regional chapters in order to further regular interaction among mineral collectors, collecting trips, symposia and other projects at the local or regional level.

FM, nationally and through its local chapters, supports increased outreach and education on the beauty and importance to humankind of minerals, the scientific value of minerals and mineralogical research, and the rewards of collecting and maintaining a mineral collection.

FM sponsors comprehensive reference articles

and publications on mineral localities in the United States and Canada, with an emphasis on providing information of value to mineral collectors on a state or provincial basis.

FM works actively with educational institutions, museums and others to preserve collections accessible to the general public.

FM actively cooperates and has affiliations with other mineralogical organizations and publications.

FM supports policies and agreements designed to preserve access to mineral specimen collecting localities or mining areas in order to assure the preservation of natural wonders.

SHORT-TERM GOALS

Identifying worthwhile short-term goals is not the problem. Getting them done will be. We have established one-year ad hoc working groups of three or four board members to address each short term goal.

Proposed Short-term Goals and Working Groups

Group 1. Provide for a permanent reference "home" for FM through a web page with appropriate links to other mineralogical associations and FM chapters, publicity and events calendars, feedback, photos and membership applications and information. Provide for permanent updating by a qualified webmaster: Chuck Miller, Joe Marty, Roland Bounds, Mike Howard, Skip Simons

Group 2. Explore potential cooperative projects with other mineralogical associations: Susan Eriksson, Jim McGlasson, Nelson Shaffer

Group 3. Develop a means to have an FM case at as many mineral shows as possible. Such a case would include at least several mineral specimens and information about FM and about joining FM, either National or a regional chapter. The case might include information on some aspect of mineralogy if desired and if there is also space for such information. These cases can be sponsored and put in by volunteers from National FM or from one of the regional chapters. The Working Group is authorized to spend up to \$800 to put in such cases before the next annual meeting: Pat Gray, Charlene Harvey

*Group 4. Compile a list of all state and Canadian provincial mineral indexes already sponsored by FM and its chapters, whether in *Rocks and Minerals* or otherwise. Compile a list of FM-sponsored indexes which*

have been partially completed and identify precise steps required to complete them. Initiate some of those steps. Begin compiling a list of other, non-FM related existing state or provincial indexes with an emphasis on information of value to mineral collectors. Begin identifying the next states or provinces which FM should sponsor. Budgetary implications are judged to be minimal at this stage: Nelson Shaffer, Marie Huizing, Art Soregaroli

Group 5. Werner Lieber Photo Contest will promote the photographic contest and look for ways to make the photographs more accessible to the public: Karen Wenrich, Jim McGlasson, Skip Simmons, Charlene Harvey

Group 6. Membership should be centralized in one database under the direction of the Treasurer. We should look for new members and look at retaining members. Membership brochures should be revised and be readily available at multiple venues throughout the country throughout the year: Jack Nieberger, Roland Bounds, Regina Augmente

Group 7. Publicity should be increased: Susan Eriksson, Marie Huizing, Bill Damron, Jim Hurlbut

Group 8. Write a draft statement to start addressing the last of the long term goals of preserving mineral and mining sites: Wendell Wilson, Art Soregaroli, Bill Damron.

The Executive Committee. Monitor progress of all working groups and examine FM's coming needs; recommend prior to the 2002 annual meeting which working groups to disband, which to renew, and new ones needed.

Please note, some FM members who are not on the board have already stepped forward to participate. If you are interested in participating in one of these working groups, please contact Susan Eriksson.

FM ON THE WEB!

The Friends of Mineralogy has now established its own stand-alone website. The new site can be found at www.friendsofmineralogy.org. It our objective to provide a quality comprehensive information source for our members in all areas of mineralogy and mineralogical education.

FM Chapters may now post their newsletters on the homepage along with other key announcements. Back issues of the national newsletter in adobe acrobat format will be found on the site as well as links to important educational sites. With time, we hope to

expand the site to include the Werner Lieber Photo Contest Winners and other great mineral photos submitted by the members.

The site is "a work in progress". We're open to any and all suggestions for improvements. The website oversight committee is composed of Joe Marty, Roland Bounds, Mike Howard, Skip Simmons and Chuck Miller.

THE WERNER LIEBER PHOTO CONTEST AND TRAVELING MUSEUM EXHIBIT

CATEGORIES INCLUDE: JUNIORS, AMATEUR ADULT (A) MICRO AND (B) MACRO MINERALS, PROFESSIONAL, AND DIGITAL/COMPUTER ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY. CONTEST DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2001.

CHECK THE FM WEBSITE AT WWW.FRIENDSOFCRYSTALSUL.COM FOR MORE DETAILS OR CONTACT DR. KAREN WEINRICH, PO BOX 5054, GOLDEN, CO 80401 EMAIL:CRYSTALSUL@AOL.COM

First Announcement and Call for Papers

Gemstone Deposits of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region

Sep. 7-10, 2002, A symposium on the mineralogy, geology, and field occurrence of gemstones in the Rocky Mountains states.

Sponsored by the Colorado Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, and U.S Geological Survey.

The symposium will be held on the Colorado School of Mines campus, Golden, Colorado, the week before the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. "*Gemstones of Colorado*" will also be the theme of the 2002 Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Sep. 13-15. It will include 1 1/2 days of lectures (Sep. 7-8) and two days of field trips to selected Colorado gem localities (Sep. 9-10). The symposium will endeavor to bring together professionals and amateurs involved in mining, collecting, mineralogical research, lapidary and jewelry use, and curation and display of gem materials from the Rocky Mountains area. We hope to include papers on all the best known gemstone deposits of the region. Persons wishing to give a paper at the symposium (or to receive further information about attending) should submit a title and a 50-word summary by Jan. 1, 2002 to Pete Modreski, U.S. Geological Survey, email pmodresk@usgs.gov, or to FM-Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO 80401-5276. Further details will be available soon.

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