



President's Message: Thank You!

We had a higher turnout for the FM General Meeting than we have had in years. The board members were greatly encouraged. We needed that show of support after years of lean attendance, and I hope it nudges us to work harder.

This was the first year that we held the general meeting before the Board meeting, and the first time in recent memory it has not been during the TGMS "main show." The Clarion space seemed about right, and refreshments were more easily available. Timing the meeting the day before TGMS setup made it possible for the largest number of people to attend. On the other hand, those who only come to Tucson after the main show has started could not join us. After about 45 minutes of socializing we started the meeting, slightly early, since some were anxious to get back "looking at rocks." Others did not like starting early and would have been comfortable with the full social plus meeting. Next year, we won't start the meeting before the scheduled time. I welcome your recommendations to increase participation.

Special thanks to Marty Zinn for providing the refreshments for the social. Connecting refreshments to the meeting seems to attract more attendees. Thank you, Marty!

At the meeting we recognized Kay Robertson, who had told us this might be the last time she would make the trip to Tucson

as it is increasingly strenuous for her. Kay has supported FM since its inception, and was a board member longer than anyone else. On leaving the board she donated funds for the successful educational case awards at the main show. We recognized Kay with a round of applause, but perhaps due to the layout of the room or the nature of the meeting she said later she was unaware of it. If you have the chance, you might make a point of thanking her.

At the general meeting we discussed the rumored sale by auction of the important mineral collection at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. The board later asked me to express FM's dismay to the leadership of the Academy and to underline the harmful consequences of such a move. My April 26 letter is reproduced on following page, and copies were sent to numerous potentially interested persons. Board member Allan Young also sent a copy to his Senator, who has ties to the Academy. We have since learned that an auction may not now be planned, but the collection will be sold and the evaluation is so high it will likely be beyond the means of museums, which should curate the significant specimens and suites. Academy officials have reportedly been unresponsive to the appeals of the mineral community and tight-lipped about their plans.

The board meeting minutes are reported in this newsletter. I would like to note we expressed appreciation for long service to outgoing board member Jim McGlasson, whose business has made in increasingly harder for him to participate fully, and we welcomed new director Allan Young.

Please urge your chapter leadership to report briefly your activities for each newsletter. The chapters are the heart of FM, and the publicity can bring you new members as well as well-deserved recognition.

Bill Dameron, President
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Board of Director's Meeting—Denver

There will be a *short* Board of Directors Meeting for Officers, Directors and Chapter Presidents that are in attendance at this year's Denver show. We are hoping to have enough voting directors present for a quorum, so please plan to attend if you are in town.

The meeting will be held on **Friday, September 16th at 3:30 p.m.** The meeting room will be announced at a later date.

FM Letter: The Academy of Natural Sciences

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April 26, 2005

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Dear Dr. Baker,

The Friends of Mineralogy is a national not-for-profit organization of earth-science educators, museum professionals, scientists and mineral collectors. It is devoted to promoting, supporting, protecting and expanding the recovery, preservation and study of mineral specimens, and to furthering the recognition of the scientific, economic and aesthetic value of minerals.

We were saddened to learn about the Academy's intention to dispose of its famous and historic mineral collection by auction. In view of the tremendous loss this action could entail for the science of mineralogy and the damage it could do to the reputation of natural history museums in general and the Academy in particular if handled unwisely, we respectfully ask that you consider a suggestion.

Any collection as celebrated as that of the Academy contains among its holdings significant specimens which have been studied and written about, including many that are the original specimens from which new species were described. These specimens have unique and irreplaceable value to science, and must be preserved so as to be permanently available for reference. In addition, the Academy has many important specimens from historically significant collections and from mines and mineral deposits that are no longer extant. This mineral heritage is widely known and respected.

We believe there is a fiduciary and moral responsibility to preserve this core portion of the Academy collection together in a public institution, a duty which overrides immediate financial needs and which goes beyond any written letter of the law. The Academy was entrusted with the specimens by well-known scientists so that they would be available in a museum setting for fellow scientists and the general public. That is a trust which no scientific institution can ignore in good conscience.

In addition, collector support has long been a fundamental pillar of museum acquisitions, and widespread knowledge of your decision would have a chilling effect on future specimen donations to other museums.

The Friends of Mineralogy urges that you reconsider wholesale disposal of your collection, especially via auction, the least likely way to insure integrity of the collections. We request that you invite a small group of respected and knowledgeable mineralogical curators from other natural history institutions to come to the Academy and identify critical specimens that should be preserved, individually or as suites. We ask that, by whatever means, these core specimens of greatest value to science and history then be transferred to a respected and responsible institution devoted to the mineral sciences.

I have sent copies of this letter to some publications and curators of scientifically significant worldwide mineral collections in hopes they may have other ideas they could convey to you.

We look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
William H. Dameron, III, President
Friends of Mineralogy

cc: Editor, *The Mineralogical Record*; Editor, *Rocks & Minerals*; Editor, *Mineral News*; Editor, *Geotimes*; Editor, *American Mineralogist* (NOTE: actually sent to Editor, *Elements*); Editor of the Editorial Page, *The Philadelphia Enquirer*; Edward A. Montgomery, Chairman, Board of Trustees, The Academy of Natural Sciences; The Hon. John F. Street, Mayor of Philadelphia; The Hon. Chaka Fattah, U.S. House of Representatives; The Hon. Robert A. Brady, U.S. House of Representatives; Dr. Carl A. Francis, Harvard Mineralogical Museum; Dr. Jeffrey E. Post, U.S. National Museum of Natural History; Dr. George E. Harlow, American Museum of Natural History; Dr. Anthony R. Kampf, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County; Marc L. Wilson, Carnegie Museum of Natural History; Joel A. Bartsch, Houston Museum of Natural Science

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Record Retention for Not-for-Profit Organizations *by Mike Kokinos*

A number of FM chapters have expressed confusion about required administrative functions that a chapter needs to perform in order to maintain its not-for-profit status. California CPA and FM member Mike Kokinos has graciously provided an overview of the process of establishing and maintaining a not-for-profit organization.

Watch this space for additional articles on how to avoid loss of tax exempt status and responses to any organizational questions sent to Mike at zeileitz@directcon.net

If an organization requests his help, Mike will provide guidance free to Friends of Mineralogy chapters and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. He does ask that the organization make a donation to the AFMS or FM.



These guidelines give consideration to the retention of documentation required by the Internal Revenue Service, the states, and for historical purposes.

The biggest administrative problem that non-profit mineral and/or gem societies has is loss of records, which are the result of death, fire, resignation, relocations, failure to turn over records by outgoing officers and chairpersons, and destruction.

A club's storing records in an officer or member's home is the most common reason that records are lost. It is imperative that a common facility be used; one

that is accessible to all officers and committee chairpersons.

Records should be neatly organized and stored in lidded record storage boxes of a uniform size. Permanent records should be stored in a fireproof file cabinet. For non-permanent records, the date of destruction should be noted on the outside of the box. A listing of the contents should be kept both inside the box and a separate listing stored with the association's current general files.

Permanent Records

Permanent records must be retained for the life of the organization. These include:

- Board Minutes
- Minutes of member meetings if business is transacted.
- Original Articles of Incorporation including amendments and by-laws.
- Reports to state organizations that oversee non-profit public benefit corporations.
- Letters granting exemption by the Internal Revenue Service and State of incorporation.
- General ledgers, financial statements, sales tax reports, non-profit reports to both the Internal Revenue Service and the state of record.
- Records of purchase of major assets and special payments.
- Membership Records.
- Newsletters.
- Correspondence legal and/or other important matters.

Records to be retained 5 – 7 years

- Bank statements, reconciliations, deposit slips/advices/cancelled checks.
- Cash receipts and disbursements records.
- Correspondence – general.
- Insurance records unless involved in litigation or other problem.

Following my article in the last newsletter, I received questions that I thought all of the chapters might like to see answered.

Q: Does a non-profit organization have to spend all of its monies by the end of the year?

A: Usually there is no requirement to spend all monies received. An organization should maintain reserves in the event expected dues or donations do not materialize. Setting aside reserves for future programs or acquiring a facility are also acceptable reasons for retaining funds. On the other hand, if an organization builds a substantial portfolio and spends little or nothing on programs benefiting the purposes of the organization, it could create problems including possible revocation of tax exemption.

Q: We want to exclude non-members from field trips. Would that affect our tax exemption?

A: Many mineral and gem societies attempt to exclude guests, based on insurance considerations, from field trips, lapidary workshops, etc.

One possibility is to invite guests but require approval by the board of directors. The board could then ensure guests invited will not create an extraordinary risk. Keep in mind liability insurance covers guests. The risk of claims by non-members, however, could substantially increase insurance premiums.

Organizations that only benefit members can obtain an exemption as a social club. Charitable and educational organizations receive tax exemption only if their functions support their purposes. Excluding the public from an event would make the event a member benefit and could cause reclassification from charitable and educational to social club.

Social clubs must derive 85% of their gross receipts from members or their exemption could be revoked. Social clubs are taxable on income derived from non-members after an exclusion of \$1,000. Think private golf clubs and other totally social activities.

A few years ago a mineral society noted in an IRS application for charitable exemption that they had guests pay more for an event than members. The IRS made the organization sign a statement that the practice would be discontinued. At that point, the IRS granted the exemption but placed them on a form of probation for 5 years. The organization had to file information to prove they had ceased the practice and that all expenditures benefited the public and members equally.

Pacific Northwest Chapter submitted by Aaron B. Wieting

The Noble V. Witt Memorial Outstanding Service Award is presented each year by the Pacific Northwest Chapter in recognition of perpetual service above and beyond the call of duty to our organization. In 2004, the award was presented to Lanny Ream for his long-time support of the PNWFM Chapter and his many contributions toward the preservation of mineral locality information.

Lanny has contributed to our organization as chair of two North Idaho FM Symposiums and as a committee

member. Lanny has also conducted extensive research, exploration, discovery, and documentation of numerous mineral localities primarily in Idaho, but also in Washington, Montana, and Utah.

Lanny was the long-time publisher of *Mineral News*. He was present at the PNW chapter Symposium in September 2004 with copies of his recently released 2nd edition of *Idaho Minerals*.

Upcoming events for PNWFM include a June 4 Benefit Auction at the Rice

Museum; a July 16 meeting in Coeur d'Alene; and Aug. 13 Washington Pass Cleanup; an Aug 20-21 Fundraiser for the Northwest Gallery at the Rice Museum; Richardson's Ranch collecting trip on Sept 24; and the 31st annual Symposium Oct. 14-16.

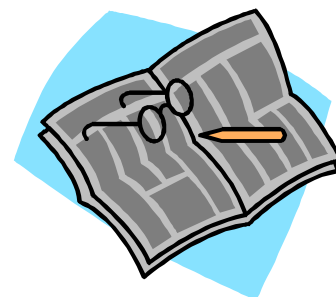
In the Spring 2005 meeting, we presented the Rice Museum with two \$500 checks: the first was for a general club membership in support of the museum; the second was a donation for completion of the Northwest Gallery.



PNW chapter President Aaron Wieting (left) presented Lanny Ream with the Noble V. Witt Memorial Outstanding Service Award. The award was presented at the PNW fall symposium.
Photo Al Liebetrau

FREE Publicity for FM Events

The *Mineral News*, *Rocks & Minerals*, and *Geotimes* have all offered to list symposia and other FM events at no charge in their "Coming Events" sections. Event listings can be sent to *Mineral News* editor Mitch Portnoy (mitchpnyc@aol.com); *Rocks & Minerals* editor Marie Huizing (rocksandminerals@fuse.net); and to Nelson Shaffer (shaffern@indiana.edu) for forwarding to the *GeoTimes*. Chapters are asked to submit their listings at least two months prior to the scheduled event. The sooner event notices are received, the more often they will be listed.



State Mineral Locality Indices submitted by Art Soregaroli

There are 11 state mineral locality indices in various stages of completion at this time. Assuming publication of one index per year in *Rocks & Minerals* (subject to available space), in my opinion, we should not actively pursue additional coverage at this time. As each index is published, we will pursue another.

States with Locality Indices in Progress

Alaska	Doug Tolland	new
Florida	Leonard Himes	new
Hawaii	Art Smith	
Illinois	Art Smith	renewed effort
Kentucky		in press
Montana	Micheal Gobla	new
New Hampshire		in press
Oregon	Aaron & Jade Wieting	new
Tennessee		in press
Washington	Lindell & Cannon	new update
Kansas	Mark Sherwood	

States without Published Locality Indices

Arizona	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Rhode Island
Maryland	South Carolina
Massachusetts	West Virginia
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Nebraska	
New Jersey	
New York	
North Carolina	
North Dakota	



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: Tucson 2005

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2005,
TUCSON, AZ

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Bill Dameron. Twenty-two board members out of a possible twenty-six possible were present—a high turnout.

Minutes of the Last Meeting—The minutes of the last meeting in Denver were accepted as recorded in the Winter 2004 newsletter (Vol 34; issue 3).

Treasurer's Report—Jim Hurlbut presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted as read. Regina mentioned that a line item for the Board of Directors' meeting expenses should be added to the 2005 budget. Mike Kokinos was not present but submitted a letter dated January 23, 2005 reporting his satisfactory audit of FM's

books, which he found to be well maintained and in compliance with the require-

ments of the California Board of Accountancy. Mike requested that the incoming Treasurer meet with him to discuss FM use of accounting software.

Nominating Committee—Alan Young was nominated to replace a seat on the Board of Directors vacated by Jim McGlasson. Gloria reported that the directors nominated for 2005 were approved by the 17 FM members that cast ballots. Tony Nikischer nominated the 2005 Offi-

cers: President Bill Dameron; Vice-President Virgil Lueth; Secretary Gloria Staebler; Treasurer Regina Aumente. The proposed slate of officers was unanimously elected by the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee (Tony, Art, Skip) itself was applauded for its efforts; the Board reconfirmed the committee members, who were approved to serve for the coming year.

Awards and Cases—Virgil announced the 2004 winners of FM's best article awards. "Green Monster Mountain" by Doug Tolland (35:5) won



the award for best article in the *Mineralogical Record*. Jesse Fisher's "Properties of Fluorite from the North Pennines England" was this year's best article in *Rocks & Minerals*. Herb Obodda's reminiscences of Pakistan's early mineral market won the Werner Leiber award for best article in *extraLapis English*.

Bill reported that prior to the meeting, the Executive Committee had agreed that FM should pay for the award winners' TGMS Saturday night banquet tickets.

The Werner Leiber award winning photos are being auctioned to raise money for an as yet undetermined spe-

cial project. A selection of photos will be sold at various auctions throughout the year until all have been disbursed. Pete Modreski will coordinate photo distribution and sales.

Dan Kile reported that all went smoothly with the FM display cases this year. He thought we might put flyers under the case, but the idea was determined to be cost prohibitive.

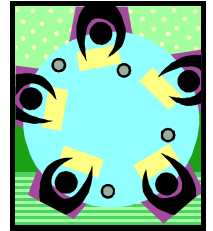
Information Booth at TGMS—At the meeting of the general membership, Nelson Shaffer accepted responsibility for the FM information booth located in the entry foyer of the Tucson Convention Center. At the Board Meeting, he asked for volunteers and stated that the booth was effective.

State Mineral Locality Indices—Art Soregaroli continues to coordinate the publication of the indices of state-by-state mineral localities. Art's written report of his committee's progress is published on page 5 of this newsletter.

Bylaws—Bill and Virgil continue to work on proposed revisions of the bylaws. One suggested change is that the rules about the timing of the General Meeting be changed to offer more flexibility. Virgil suggested that the General Meeting should be held within one week of the Board of Directors' meeting. There will be a ballot to amend the bylaws in the Winter newsletter.

Meetings—Questions were raised about when the Board of Directors' meeting should be held in the future, as the

Tuesday night before the main show is not a good time for a number of board members – an informal poll revealed that most members preferred Friday morning.



The above led to a discussion about the timing of future general meetings. Bill was very satisfied with having the social before the meeting as this encouraged attendance at the general meeting, and turnout in 2005 was indeed good. Some board members lamented the loss of a true FM social, which was very successful in 2004. Sharleen suggested that we try having the social immediately after the meeting.

Newsletter—Gloria reported that the newsletter was coming along. Many of the chapters submitted reports and a number of additional articles were submitted. The new look of the newsletter was well-received.

Affiliations—Nelson, the AGI liaison, mentioned that we are not taking full advantage of the affiliation with AGI, for example, if we print press releases, they will be published in *Geotimes*, we could also be using their events listing on the web. Sharleen enjoys receiving their materials for use at the Rice museum. We pay \$2.00 for each professional mineralogist (estimated 200) in our organization.

BOD Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Marie noted that FM chapters may list their events in *Rocks & Minerals* free of charge as part of our new affiliation with the magazine.

Wendell stated that he is establishing a foundation to support the *Mineralogical Record*. Bill Dameron asked the Board if they saw any problems with his supporting Wendell's initiative (by signing a solicitation letter) as a private individual although he would be identified as President of FM. No objections were raised.

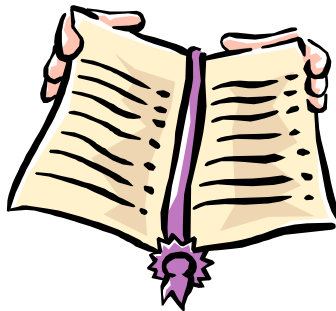
Sharleen would like to change the way we use our ad space in *Rocks & Minerals* and the *Mineralogical Record*. She would like to highlight a few of FM's good works or mention chapters etc. on a revolving basis rather than trying to fit too much information into the ¼ page ad space.

Website—Mike Howard is updating and plans to continue to update the website. The cost of the website is \$120 per year. Jim Hurlbut suggested that we make the membership list available on the web, but the Board was concerned about protecting members from SPAM and, while technically possible, it decided that at present the means to do so are too complex and the costs outweigh the advantages of providing a membership list on the web.

Membership List—Sharing the membership list with the members continues to cause concern among board members. The potential misuse of an electronic membership list was again

weighed against the cost of "publishing" a hard copy. Bill Dameron suggested that those members willing to receive their newsletter via email should also get their membership list electronically; other will have both their newsletters and membership list mailed.

Historian—Ray Grant is writing a history of the founding



and early days of FM.

Symposium—Symposium co-chair Skip Simmons proposed that speakers be invited individually to speak at the annual Tucson symposium, as the call for public call for papers alone has not been successful in recent years; instead personal contacts have built the slate of speakers. Wendell suggested and it was generally agreed that a "core" program be based on speakers invited by the chair, but that we should continue to call for papers making room in the program for those presenters that "answer the call."

New Business—Tony Nikischer raised the issue that the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia is planning to auction off its entire collection piece by piece to the highest bidder.

The sale is of concern as the collection includes historically and scientifically significant pieces. The museum plans to auction the collection through a commercial auction house, without regard to its scientific and historic value. It was agreed that Tony would draft a letter expressing the board's concern over the dispersal of the collection. Bill will edit and sign the letter on behalf of the board.

Nelson would like FM to consider a policy encouraging state and federal authorities to form a consistent land use policy. Alan Young noted that many times policy is determined at the local level, even for federal land and that a consistent policy would be a positive step. All were in agreement, but the project seemed too big for FM to take on at the moment.

Chapter representatives requested that new board members be given a list of issues currently being discussed as well as newsletter deadlines etc. Bill agreed to

produce a "packet" for new board members. Jim Etzwiler (PNW chapter) added that a "Welcome Aboard" letter might be nice thing to send to new board members.

Jose Santamaria (SE chapter) reminded all chapters to encourage their members to ask for their newsletters via email, as each e-member saves national \$3 to 4 annually.

Nelson Shaffer suggested that rather than asking the chapters for regular updates for the National website, that the National website simply provide links to chapter websites, which are presumably kept updated.

Sharleen noted that the Pacific Northwest chapter was looking into changing the dates of its symposium to create some distance between the Denver show and the Symposium.

Bill thanked Jim Hurlbut for serving as the Treasurer of FM for the past three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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will cosponsor a mineralogical symposium on

Agate and Other Cryptocrystalline Quartz Sat.-Sun., Sep. 10-11, 2005

(the weekend before the Denver Gem & Mineral Show)

Green Center, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO

2 days of lecture presentations

Saturday evening banquet

reception and tours of CSM Geology Museum

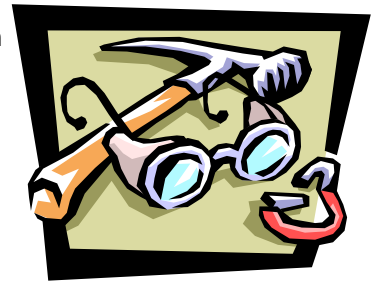
field trips to Colorado mineral localities, Mon./Tues., Sep. 12-13
registration fee \$40

If interested in attending and receiving further information about the symposium, please send your name, address, and phone number and/or email address to: pmodreski@usgs.gov, or to Friends of Mineralogy, P.O. Box 5276, Golden CO 80401-5276

If you would like to offer to present a paper on some aspect of cryptocrystalline quartz and related topics (agate, chalcedony, jasper, chert, opal, geodes, thunder eggs, etc.), please contact: Pete Modreski, USGS, Denver CO, pmodreski@usgs.gov, 303-202-4766

Midwest Chapter *submitted by Marlene Edington*

Our January meeting was held at the Indiana State Museum with speaker, Leonard Gritzer, on The Tourmaline Minerals. The April meeting was held in conjunction with the Columbus, Ohio, Gem & Mineral Show. Our next meeting will be at Bloomington, Indiana, on June 25 at the mineral show sponsored by the Lawrence County Rock Club.



President Ernie Carlson is in the process of finalizing the 2005 Symposium to be held later this year with collecting trips to the Northwest region of Ohio. For more information contact Mr. Carlson at ecarlson@kent.edu.

Our September meeting will be at Greenfield, Indiana, and the November meeting at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the Micro Mineral Symposium.