

FM Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to three newly elected Directors, Dan Behnke, Richard Thomssen and Art Smith. Our thanks go to Peter Megaw, Walter Lombardo and Philip Scalisi, whose terms were completed. Raymond Lasmanis, Kay Robertson and Arlene Handley were re-elected.

■ The award for the Best Article in the Mineralogical Record during 1989 was given for "Famous Mineral Localities: The Uranium Deposits of the Shaba Region, Zaire" by Gilbert Gauthier, Armand Francois, M. Deliens, and P. Piret. Mr. Gauther was present to receive the award certificate.

■ An outstanding technical program on Wulfenite was held on Saturday afternoon during the Tucson Show and was co-sponsored by Friends of Mineralogy, Tucson Gem and Mineral Society and the Mineralogical Society of America.

Karen Wenrich, USGS Denver, organized and conducted the meeting. Thank you, Karen, for a job well done.

- were expressed at Tucson during the FM meetings and during private conversations. These ranged from the increasing difficulties of collecting minerals on public lands to the decreasing support of mineral displays by museums and colleges. Friends of Mineralogy plans to address some of these issues during the year. As part of this program, I will appreciate receiving your comments and suggestions concerning any problems affecting the well-being of our hobby.
- Finally, thank you to the show committee of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society for the facilities with which you provided us.

Al Kidwell, President

1991 FM Symposium at Tucson

After a special request from the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show Committee, the board of directors voted by mail to have a symposium during the Tucson Show next year on Saturday, February 16, 1991. The subject of the symposium in keeping with the theme mineral for next year, Azurite, will be "Azurite and Other Copper Carbonates." The topic should be taken in a broad sense and papers on any aspect of this subject are requested from FM members and others. Please contact the Symposium Chairperson: Karen Wenrich, 61 S. Devinney Street, Golden, CO 80401.

Pennsylvania Chapter

■ The Pennsylvania Chapter scheduled its 1990 Spring Symposium, "Pennsylvania Mineralogy in the Eighties," for April 20-22, at Schmucker Hall, Wes Chester University. The program starts Friday night with a social hour centered around "What's New in Pennsylvania Minerals." Saturday is devoted to lectures on "Pennsylvania Mineralogy During the 1980's." The banquet Saturday night will feature Robert Middleton, Mineral Collections Manager at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. He will speak on "James Dwight Dana in Australia." His talk is based on three years of research on Dana's travels in Australia from 1838 to 1842. The over 150 slides illustrating the lecture, many taken on Bob Middleton's own expeditions to Australia to retrace Dana's travels, will show locations, sketches and maps. For further information, read Middleton's article on "Early American Interest in Australian Minerals, Mineralogical Record, Volume 19, November 1988. Sunday will be field trip day.

Indiana Chapter

- The chapter's monthly meetings feature talks on various topics. This year they have had Harlan Roepke speak on crystals and Dariana Calinescu speak on ancient carved Eyptian garnets. The chapter is planning a good schedule of field trips including a weekend trip to upper Michigan and others to Salem, Indiana; Rensselaer, Indiana; and Ohio. Another possibility is a trip to southeastern Missouri and the lead and barite mines.
- The chapter will also be involved with the 1990 Midwest Federation Show in Evansville, July 19-22.

Colorado Chapter

■ The chapter meets the second Thursday of alternate months, except for September when it is the first Thursday, in the West Auditorium of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Special reports included the following:

Minerals of Colorado update: Work continues on revising and finalizing the mineral descriptions in the Minerals of Colorado manuscript. According to a summary prepared by Bob Cobban in November, about 46% of the (757 total) mineral entries are in "third draft" form. Each of the authors is working on finalizing certain assigned mineral

headings, and the goal for work during 1990 is to convert half of the remaining entries into "final draft" copy. In addition, photographs and maps for the book still need to be selected and/or prepared. A semi-final draft of a bibiliography for the book was completed and published in 1989 as U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 89-206. The 124-page bibliography can be purchased from the U.S. Geological Survey for \$18.75 (paper back copy), \$4.00 (microfiche), or for \$12.00 (two 360K 5½" floppy disks, report number 89-206B), \$6.00 (one 5½" 1.2 M disk, number 89-206C), or \$10.00 (one 3½" 0.72 of 1.44 M disk, number 89-206D). The computer disks are IBM-compatible WORDSTAR format. The report can be ordered from: U.S. Geological Survey, Books and Open-File Reports, Box 25422, Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

■ Report on symposium book (abstract) sales as of December: we have 41 copies of the 1988 Precious Metal Symposium volume (of a total of 300), and just nine copies of the 1986 Colorado Pegmatite Symposium volume (of the last 50 reprinted). Both are still available for \$15.00, as is the Photography Symposium volume.

■ Members and others who staffed the mineral identification booth at the Denver Show in 1989 are: Sam Rosenblum, Lee Pruitt, Bob Zartman, Howard Bachman, Don Belsher, Jim Hurlbut, Bill Smith, Bill Warren, and Dave Weller.

1990 FM Annual Meeting

■ The FM Annual Meeting for 1990 was held in the Community Center, Tucson, Arizona on Saturday, February 10, 1990. Al Kidwell, the president, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. He introduced the newly elected board members: Raymond Lasmanis, Kay Robertson, Dan Behnke, Richard W. Thomssen, Arlene Handley, and Art Smith. All were present except Ray Lasmanis who did not attend the Tucson show this year. Officers elected at the Board Meeting were: President Al Kidwell, Vice President Arlene Handley, Treasurer Dick Thomssen, and Secretary Art Smith.

■ The minutes of the 1989 meeting were approved as published in the January-March newsletter.

■ Al Kidwell announced that the 1989 Best Mineralogical Record Article Award would go to: G. Gautier, A. Francois, M. Deliens and P. Piret for "Famous Mineral Localities: The Uranium Deposits of the Shaba Region, Zaire." The decision by the judges was unanimous. The award was to be given later that night and Al reported that Mr. Gautier who was present in Tucson was very pleased and excited to have won it. He will take the other certificates to his co-authors. A check for \$200 in their names will also be given to the MR from Friends of Mineralogy. Other articles receiving consideration are given in the Board of Directors Meeting report.

■ The Mining Company Recognition Award report was given by Arlene Handley. Further study will be done before any action is initiated. Dick Thomssen will find what the reaction of some

mining companies would be to such an award.

The 20 Year Mineralogical Record Index report was given by Dick Thomssen. The index is complete and MR plans to publish it later in the year. FM will receive a 15° royalty on the 20 year index to be paid quarterly from sales. No future indexing of the Mineralogical Record is planned at present.

■ The members were told that the directors have voted not to co-sponsor a symposium with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show Committee in 1991 but to skip a year as had been done in earlier years. One of the factors influencing this was the

fact that FM had been billed for expenses associated with the last symposium. It was understood that some members of the Sho Committee were disturbed by our decision. All reported that following the board meeting several directors indicated that they might reconsider their action if the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show Committee really wanted us to co-sponsor a symposium next year. This will be reported officially in a letter to the Show Committee, and if they wish us to reconsider, they should so advise us in writing, and the directors will be contacted to see if they wish to change their votes.

■ It was announced that we will publish an updated Membership Directory in 1990 that will include telephone numbers when available.

■ A new project concerning recreational mineral collecting on public lands has been approved. The plans are to first determine what the national policy is regarding these activities and then how it is being interpreted by local government officials in response to their local problems. No confrontational activities will be involved Bill Smith expressed the view that the project was long overdue and it should be carried out as quickly as possible. There was some discussion of the fact that we are a non-profit organization and are prohibited from lobbying. Our approach will be to offer advice and assistance in framing new regulations if requested. The initial fact-finding objectives should be accomplished during the coming year.

■ The president called for chapter reports. Although there were members present from all the chapters, there were no formal reports. Dan Kyle reported that the Colorado chapter had a successful Photography Symposium and had no specific future plans. The Pacific Northwest chapter finished the MR index, has successful symposium and will have a special Washington issue Rocks and Minerals.

■ The president asked for any additional ideas from the membership concerning important problems that we should be considering and suggestions for future projects. John Sinkanka discussed an alarming trend that he has observed both in the USA and other countries toward de-emphasizing the display of mineral specimens and the study of mineralogy and economic geology in general. Fred Pough observed that he had also become disturbed over this trend. There was general agreement that is a very real problem and that Friends of Mineralogy should be thinking of ways in which to deal with it.

■ The meeting was adjourned promptly at 5:30 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting

■ The FM Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday. February 9, 1990, at the Days Inn on Broadway in Tucson. Arizona. The meeting started at 8:00 am with 15 members are three guests present.

■ The six new directors elected for the 1990-1993 term are Raymond Lasmanis, Kay Robertson, Dan Behnke, Richard W. Thomssen, Art Smith, and Arlene Handley. All were present except Ray Lasmanis, who could not attend the meeting. The directors were introduced and the slate of new officers annually Mike Groben, chairman of the Nominating Committee A. Kidwell as president, Arlene Handley as Vice President, Dick Thomssen as Treasurer and Art Smith as Secretary. The meaning was made, seconded and carried that the slate be elected by acclamation and that they assume their duties as of that time

■ The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed January-March 1989 newsletter.

■ The president commended outgoing secretary, Betty Tluster the outstanding job she did with the newsletter last year, notwithstanding the fact that she thought she had been relieble to but at the last minute had to continue. She reported there were only minor problems in getting out the newsletter

Carolyn Jones and Keith Abernathy, who handled the esetting and production were looking forward to working with

new secretary if requested.

Boss Boggs read the Treasurer's report. Our income for 1989 \$2722.53, most of which was from membership dues. Total penses for the year were \$1793.41, of which the largest item for the newsletter. Total assets as of February 2, 1990 were 20.72. Kay Robertson announced that she had audited the mort and pronounced it correct. The reports were accepted mout comment.

A Kidwell reported that the best paper award in the Moreralogical Record for 1989 was: G. Gautier, A Francois, M. Defens and P. Piret for "Famous Mineral Localities: The Uranium Deposits of the Shaba Region, Zaire" (No. 4, 265-288). This was a renimous choice by the five judges. R.A. Sloto was second for Famous Mineral Localities: The Phoenixville Lead-Silver Mines, Dester County, Pennsylvania" (No. 5, 369-386). E.E. Foord, L.B. soliding, R.A. Mason and R.F. Martin were third for "Mineralogy Paragenesis of the Little Three Mine Pegmatites, Ramona strict San Diego County, California" (No. 2, 101-127). J.E. aggart, Jr., A. Rosenzweig and E.E. Foord were fourth for Famous Mineral Localities: The Hansonberg District, Bingham, Wew Mexico" (No. 1, 31-46).

The report on the Mineral Locality Index project was given by Pere Modreski. So far eight have been published including California and Georgia in 1989. One other state, Texas has been completed and at least five others are being worked on seriously. Some work or expressed intentions involved about one-half of the setes. Pete will try to have someone committed for each state by be end of the year. It was decided that all the United States acces would be completed by February, 1992, before concentrat-

ng on the indices of foreign countries.

he Mining Company Recognition Award report was given by ene Handley. No potential recipients for such an award have seen pinpointed as yet. There was considerable discussion concerning what type of an award would be appropriate and also thether most mining companies would welcome such an award. Director Dick Thomssen was asked to get opinions from several mining companies with which he has contacts to obtain their eaction to such an award being given.

A motion was made and passed to print an updated sembership directory for 1990, with telephone numbers. The Treasurer, Dick Thomssen will gather the information and forward to Russ Boggs who has it on his computer. Al Kidwell thanked Boss Boggs for agreeing to continue keeping the membership

secord and printing labels for the newsletter.

■ The subject of FM symposia to co-sponsor with the show committee at future Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows was sebated. There are many possibilities ranging from short half-day s mposia to full day symposia with or without registration and a

. The theme mineral for next year is azurite, and it might be ficult to build a symposium around this individual mineral. There as also some discussion over FM receiving, after last year's how, a bill for room use and equipment use, part of which was ater eliminated. There has been no feedback from the show committee as to how essential they regard our participation in sponsoring these symposia. After further discussion the board need to study these different options during the year and not co sponsor a symposium in 1991 but wait until 1992.

■ Mike Groben reported that the FM work on the 20-year Mineralogical Record Index was completed and would be delivered to Wendel Wilson soon. A letter to Marcelle Weber from Wendell confirms that they have financing and Ron Bentley said it ld be published later this year. FM will receive a 15% royalty, paid quarterly. The Mineralogical Record has been billed for expenses incurred by FM in obtaining printing estimates during

he latter stage of the project. This terminated any obligation by FM to do indexing for future volumes of the Mineralogical Record unless it is renegotiated at some future time. A motion was made

and passed to reduce the price of the current index to \$2.00 plus postage after the Tucson Show. This \$2.00 will be split between FM and the MR.

■ Al Kidwell proposed a new FM project that would study recreational mineral collecting on public lands. The idea would be to first determine the overall governmental policy on a national basis, and then find out how this is interpreted in local areas, depending on the problems that exist and personnel involved. The project was approved with the understanding that we should start with the National Policy and make the initial study strictly a fact-finding mission.

A suggested budget was submitted by Al Kidwell and approved

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Officer's Expenses	\$ 200.00
Director's Expenses	100.00
Newsletter	500.00
Membership (computer)	100.00
Locality Index	200.00
Directory Printing	1,200.00
New Project Expenses	200.00
Best Paper Award	200.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
TOTAL	\$3,000.00
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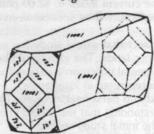
■ The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 am.

■ The above minutes are certified to be accurate to the best of our knowledge.

FM Treasurer's Report

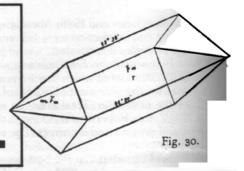
ASSETS (Bank Balance) February 1, 1989	\$9,394.28
INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$1,806.00
Mineralogical Record Index sales	
Interest	422.48
Beryl Symposium Abstract sales	6.00
Galena Symposium	53.75
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,722.53
EXPENSES	
Mineralogical Record Best Paper Award	\$ 200.00
Donation to Mineralogical Record	200.00
for Abstract publication	
Days Inn (Directors Meeting)	130.67
Bank Service Charges	4.00
Newsletter Expenses	496.27
Mike Groben (Index project expenses)	146.04
Mike Groben (Nominating Committee expenses)	36.68
Al Kidwell (V.P. expenses)	31.64
FM Meeting (Tucson Show)	114.20
Robert Trimingham (Corporation filing fee)	2.50
Pre-February 1, 1989 Checkscleared after February 1, 1989	431.41
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,793.41
BALANCE February 2, 1990	\$10,323.40
Plus checks not cleared	397.32
TOTAL ASSETS February 2, 1990	\$10,720.72
Bank Balances February 2, 1990	
Checking Account	\$ 2,411.50
Money Market Account	8,309.22
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$10,720.72

Fig. 20.



1990 FM Dues Are Due Now

■ Mail your \$7.00 to the Treasurer: Richard W Thomssen, P.O. Box 1656, Carson City, NV 89120. Chapter members pay your own treasurer. Please include your telephone number with area code so it can be added to the directory.



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