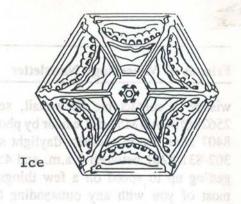
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the most frequent questions that I hear these days at mineral shows is "What ever happened to The Friends of Mineralogy organization?". If you are a "national member" and not a member of a local chapter, you may have good reason to ask a question like that. The Friends of Mineralogy started out with a "bang" in 1970 when it was formed as an organization devoted to the advancement of the interest in minerals. It was founded by professional mineralogists, but has grown to include curators and collectors from all facets of the hobby. Anyone who shares the bond of loving mineral specimens and has a desire to spread the appreciation and knowledge of minerals is welcome. We now have approximately 600 members, three-fourths of these members belong to one of our six local chapters. But still we get the question "What ever happened to The Friends of Mineralogy organization?". We get this question because we, as an organization, do not do a very good job of communication.

I hope, during my term as President, to start a trend of reversing this problem and correcting the "communication problem." The first step in this direction has already been activated. The formation of the Friends of Mineralogy Dealer's Association. This association started as a group of 12 dealers who wanted to offer the membership something special, an additional discount on their purchases. The Dealer's Association has now grown to over twenty-five members with one British and one German member. These dealers pass out membership forms at shows and support our efforts, please support them. As you know, our annual business meeting is held in Tucson each year and those that are able to attend are limited, so the second step is the establishment of Social Hours sponsored by the Friends of Mineralogy at major shows across the country. We now have them at Denver, Colorado, and Springfield, Massachusetts. Word of additional events will be in the Newsletter as they occur. These events may in the future lead to a second official meeting at a major event in the East. The third step that I would like to address

at this time is the stagnation that has resulted from the apparent lack of interest in being on the National Board of Directors and serving as a National Officer. It was never intended for the National Board to be repetitive in members as it has become over the years. Board members are elected for a term of three years, but there is no limit, in our constitution or by-laws, as to the number of consecutive terms one can serve. I, therefore, would suggest that members of the National Board voluntarily limit their participation to three consecutive terms. I would also ask all of you as members to consider offering yourselves as candidates for office (we elect 6 Directors a year for a term of 3 years). The only requirement is that you attend the annual business meeting in Tucson each February. If you have any interest in being a National Director please contact one of the current board members and let them know.

Any comments or constructive suggestions that would help the National become better at communications would be most welcome, we are here to help the local chapters and serve the National members, but we can not do a good job if we do not know what you want.

★ Beau Gordon, President

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

I would first like to thank everyone who put their trust in me to do the job which Mike Kokinos did so well. I would also like to thank Mike for making it relatively painless to take over for him. As Mike said in his last message, dues for 1996 are now delinquent as of February 1. Prompt payment will, however, keep you on the roles for another year and minimize costs to the Chapters and National by cutting the number of dues reminders which have to be sent out. Remember, only National members or those returning our generic form should send their dues to me. All other chapter members should send their dues directly to their Chapter Treasurer. This minimizes confusion over which chapter you want to belong to and cuts mailing costs again by making query letters unnecessary. For anyone who

wishes to contact me by e-mail, send your letters to 25628@BRAHMS.udel.edu or by phone call, 1-302-731-8407 after 5 p.m. eastern daylight savings time, or 1-302-831-8261 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. I am still getting up to speed on a few things but by mid April most of you with any outstanding business should be getting a response. If you need to write, my address is 315 Stamford Drive, Newark, Delaware 19711-2723.

★ Roland Bounds, Treasurer

SECRETARY'S SCRATCHINGS

Another exciting year begins for FM! New Officers elected at the Tucson meeting and new initiatives begun there promise to make this an exciting time. Roland Bounds of Delaware, Bob Cook from Alabama, and George Megerle from New Jersey were elected as new members of the Board of Directors and Mike Kokinos, Kay Robertson, and Nelson Shaffer were reelected. Art Soregaroli of Vancouver, British Columbia, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Joel Bartsch and Jean DeMouthe from California agreed to fill the seat on the Board vacated by Mike Groben. National officers for 1996 are Beau Gordon, President; Van King, Vice President; Roland Bounds, Treasurer; and Nelson Shaffer, Secretary. Any Board Member would be glad to hear your suggestions about how to improve FM. Be sure to look over the minutes of our annual meetings. Also note biographical information below for newly appointed Board members.

We plan to publish four national newsletters and an expanded membership directory this year. contributions or corrections to the newsletter are, as always, welcomed!

★ Nelson Shaffer, Secretary

NEW DIRECTORS MANAGEMENT MODELS AND MANAGEME

Jean DeMouthe has been a geologist with the California Academy of Sciences for over 23 years. She is Senior Collections Manager for Geology, and is responsible for three large geologic collections (minerals, fossils, and diatoms). Jean is active in a number of professional organizations in mineralogy and geology, and is a long-time member of FM. She belongs to the Southern California Chapter.

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Art Soregaroli is an economic geologist working out of Vancouver, British Columbia. He holds a doctorate from the University of British Columbia and has worked extensively as an exploration geologist for industry and government. He is active in several organizations and is a former president of the Society of Economic

Geologists and the Association of Exploration Geochemists.

CHAPTER NEWS

Colorado Chapter

Dr. Karen Wenrich spoke about Breccia Pipe Mineralization at the group's January 11 meeting. The manuscript and most photos for the Minerals of Colorado book have been turned in and final touches on maps and appendices are being completed. Plans are underway to offer the book at a prepublication sale price. The Chapter plans an auction in May to help support publication of the book. The group will continue to produce a newsletter. The Chapter still has copies of the Antero Aquamarine book. These can be purchased from L. Ream, 208-664-2448. A book giving a geologic tour of Denver's buildings written by FM member Jack Murphy is available from the Colorado Geological Survey. Tom Rosemeyer gave the March presentation about the Michigan Copper Country. Robin Wright, Dave Weller, and Ray Berry are drafting an update of Chapter bylaws. A nice listing of members was sent along with a call for dues payments. It was noted that the U.S. Bureau of Mines was shut down after 85+ years of service to the minerals industry.

Great Basin Chapter and Washington and the ew line

The January 17 meeting featured Walt Lombardo who spoke about current status of some classic U.S. mineral locations including the Sweet Home (Rhodocrosite) Mine near Alma, Colorado, Michigan copper mines, and the Minerva (fluorite) Mine in Illinois. The recently published books Mineral Locations of Utah and Mineralogy of Arizona were also displayed. A trip to collect amethyst crystals near Tecopa was planned by Don Cercone. Steve Scott led a small group to a copper prospect near the old Potosi Mine.

President Steve Scott and Walt Lombardo shared their experiences at the Tucson Show at the February 21 meeting that was held at Don Cercone's home. The group held a mineral swap and planned a mineral auction that was postponed until March due to intense swap activity. The group also enjoyed viewing Don's mineral displays.

The March 9 meeting was held at Jerry Anderson's home and featured a successful auction. Bruce Hurley summarized FM activities at the Tucson Show. Plans were made to provide displays for the Henderson Gem Show in April and a trip to Topaz Mountain was planned. The newsletter featured the ALAA-sponsored fossil preservation bill.

'idwest Chapter

President Fred Lewis presented a slide talk about Discovering Dinosaurs at the January 14 meeting held at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. New 1996 officers are Fred Lewis, President; Jim Nowacki, Vice President; Kim Greeman, Treasurer; Pat Westby, Field Trip Chair. The Chapter geode display is on display at the Greenwood, Indiana Library. Jim Nowacki led a field trip to Falls of the Ohio March 30. A trip to collect celestite at Salem, Indiana was led by Pat Westby March 24.

The group met March 9 at the Richmond, Indiana mineral show. Nelson Shaffer spoke about mining in Indiana (yes, there is mining there!). Fred Lewis spoke about his first visit to the Tucson Show. He represented the Chapter at several FM events while there.

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The group met at the Rice's home where they viewed the Rice collection and held a mineral auction. Carl Harris will chair the Chapter's annual mineral symposium that will feature Northwest Localities. The Chapter discussed possible additions and changes for the symposium and appointed a committee of Wes Jannaway, Carl Harris, and John Lindell to solicit and review suggestions. President Gannaway urged members to support the fossil preservation bill (HR 2943). It was noted that the UBC Geologic Museum had been reduced and director Joe Nagle terminated. John Cornish contributed an extensive column about field collecting in the desert to the Chapter's newsletter.

Pennsylvania Chapter

The Chapter is still recovering from their Phosphate symposium and related field trips. President Roland Bounds thanked the Penn-Maryland Materials Corp. for allowing access to their quarry. The Winter newsletter contained abstracts for papers given at the phosphate meeting. The Chapter is seeking student applicants for their Memorial Grant Fund award that is supported by the Symposium Auction. Publication of a new book about Mines of the Dillsburg, Pennsylvania area was announced. Chapter member Dr. Deane K. Smith, was honored by A. C. Roberts, et. al., who named a new mineral "deansmithite" after him. Lanny Ream reported in Mineral News that the new mineral dozyite (regularly interstratified amesite and clinochlore) occurs in a serpentine at the Wood Chrome Mine, Lancaster Co. Pennsylvania.

Southern California Chapter

The group met in November at the large California

Show at Pomona. This meeting hosted the Chapter's annual symposium which featured Wallace Kleck speaking on care and training of your personal collection and Bob Griffis who talked about computerizing your mineral collection. Chapter members Tony Kampf taught how to recognize mineral fakes and Kay Robertson showed some old fake specimens of European Alpine minerals. Cindy Black told how to file and keep a claim. Mary Gonzalez, Bob Reynolds, Bob Housley, Garth Bricker, and other members also helped make the symposium a great success.

Officers elected for 1996 are Garth Bricker, President; Bob Reynolds, Vice President; Bob Housley,

Treasurer; and Mary Gonzalez, Secretary.

Dorothy Ettensohn, collections manager for the Los Angeles Natural History Museum hosted the January 13 meeting there. She spoke about practical tips on collection care. George Rossman, member of the Mineralogical Society of America's outreach committee, discussed working with the Chapter to put California mineral locality data onto the internet. Tony Kampf, Bob Reynolds, and Dorothy Ettensohn were voted honorary memberships.

Werner Lieber Photo Contest and Traveling Museum Exhibit

The Werner Lieber donation will be used by FM to sponsor a photo contest and subsequent traveling Museum Exhibit that will be created from the best photographs submitted for the contest. The primary purpose of this project is to create an educational display and to encourage mineral photography amongst amateurs, including school kids. To meet that goal we have created 3 categories: (1) Juniors, (2) Amateur adults, (3) Professionals (defined as an individual who has received payment for mineral photography). Contest rules will be published in the next FM newsletter.

CALL FOR PAPERS-18TH FM-TGMS-MSA Mineralogical Symposium

The 18th Mineralogical symposium sponsored jointly by Friends of Mineralogy, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mineralogical Society of America will be held in conjunction with the 43rd Tucson Gem and Mineral show, Saturday, February 15, 1997. The topic of the symposium will be copper and copper minerals—the theme "mineral" for the show. Papers on the descriptive mineralogy, paragenesis, classic and new localities, etc., are invited.

If you wish to present a paper, please write or call Dr. Karen Wenrich, Chairperson (GeoExpositions, P.O. Box 5054, Golden, CO 80401; 303-278-1218) with your

topic and a few sentences describing the paper. Presentations will be 15 or 20 minutes in length followed by a brief period for questions. Upon acceptance of

topics all authors will be required to submit a 200-300 word abstract by September 15, 1996 (firm date). Abstracts will be published in the Mineralogical Record.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - February 9, 1996

Karen Wenrich called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Tucson Quality Hotel. Twenty one members of the Board

or representatives of local chapters introduced themselves (see list of attendees) and signed in.

Election Results - Karen recognized Art Soregaroli who will fill out the term of Joel Bartsch. Karen asked Secretary Nelson Shaffer to announce results of elections for new directors. The slate as nominated by Mike Groben and his committee was elected. New members are Bob Cook, George Megerle, and Roland Bounds. Mike Kokinos, Kay Robertson, and Nelson Shaffer were reelected. This group will serve until February 1999. Art Smith, Arlene Handley, and Dick Thomssen will retire from the Board. Voters unanimously approved changes in bylaws and operating procedures as proposed by Mike Kokinos and the Bylaws Committee and published in the September newsletter. Most voters also assigned their proxies to chapter presidents or national officers. Mike Groben resigned from the Board.

Nominating Committee - Mike Groben nominated a slate of officers and the Board elected that slate. Officers for 1996 will be Beau Gordon, President; Van King, Vice President; Roland Bounds, Treasurer; and Nelson Shaffer, Secretary. Mike noted some difficulty in finding good candidates to serve as officers in part because Board members serve as officers and stay on the Board without serving again. Karen noted that there is need for continuing members who serve as "institutional memory" to remind the Board of past actions. Karen emphasized the importance of having a permanent historian to serve this role and keep records. Dick Thomssen is current historian and agreed to continue this task.

Beau Gordon thanked Karen and Mike for their fine service. He noted that reports from officers do not require

discussion or questions. Minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved.

Secretary - Nelson Shaffer reported four newsletters were produced. His budget was slightly exceeded because several newsletters were large because they contained detailed bylaws changes. Steps are being taken to reduce costs and he suggested removing non-paying members from the mailing list early in the year. A directory will be produced this year. Dick Thomssen will archive back issues. He asked for regional Chapter news.

Vice President - Dick Thomssen showed new award certificates for best paper awards. Best Paper in

Mineralogical Record went to Michael Menzies for "Mineralogy, Geology, and Occurrence of Topaz" that appeared in the January-February issue. Other highly ranked papers were "The Kipushi Mine, Zaire" by J. Loest; "A Guide to Mineral Localities in the Frmer Soviet Union" by Bill and Carol Cook; and "The Gold Quarry Mine, Carlin-Trend, Eureka, Nevada" by M. C. Jensen, J. C. Rota, and E. E. Foord. Susan Erikson won best paper in Rocks and Minerals for her paper "Only a Calcite?!". "Idaho Mineral Locality Index" by

L. Ream; "Mont Saint-Hilaire Revisited" by Q. Wight and G. Chao; "Minerals of the Wilson Springs Vanadium Mine" by J. Howard and D. Owens; and "Geology and Mineralogy of the New Idria District" by M. Wise were also well

regarded.

Treasurer - Mike's written report was accepted as was the auditor's report. Total income was \$4,250.18 and expenses

were \$4,281.27. A budget of \$4,275 was proposed for 1996.

Bylaws - Vote has been overwhelmingly in favor of proposed change. Final vote will be concluded at the general meeting. There are a few typos that Mike is repairing. Marcelle Weber asked to change her title from publicist to MR columnist in article A number 6.

Locality Index - Pete Modreski noted that status of indices was reported in newsletter. The Nevada index is in press. He sought authors for New York, Pennsylvania, Arizona and several other states. Travis Paris has offered to contribute

data for Tennessee. That work is properly formatted and on disk.

Records and Archives - Dick Thomssen has held and organized extensive past records. He volunteered to continue even though not on the Board. He offered to provide a report and inventory to the Board. Mike noted that there is a standing committee for FM history.

Mineralogical Correspondent - Marcelle Weber is FM correspondent to the Mineralogical Record. We get one page

every other issue. MR Editor wants new information. FM contact person should be updated.

Membership - Regina Modreski reported that membership stood at 591 in December. This is about the same as the previous year. Credo Schawb prepared a brochure many of which have been distributed. Regina exhibited a new membership application and encouraged chapters to use it. It includes member profile data. She plans a directory after

Tucson meeting. Joe Marty asked if FM could offer long term (i.e. 10 years) memberships. Karen noted that the matter has been discussed previously. Beau appointed Regina, Mike, Art, and Roland to craft comprehensive membership policy for next year.

Dealer's Association - Beau Gordon noted that currently there are 19 members and 14 new applications have been

submitted. Isaias Casanova of IC Minerals will be new chair of the Dealer's Association.

Symposia - Pete Modreski reported that 1996 symposium will take place on February 10. Abstracts of 13 talks have been printed in MR. Topic is Fluorescence and Luminescence in Minerals. He noted that there would be a special laser demonstration following the symposium.

Karen Wenrich, organizer of the 1997 symposium, called for papers about copper and copper minerals. The Tucson

show will be held February 13-16.

Public Relations - Credo Schawb will update brochure but wanted to wait until new officers were in place. Efforts will

be made to make an FM home page for the internet.

Lieber Donation - The donation will be used to sponsor a mineral and mineral-related photo contest. Winning photos will be used to prepare and distribute a traveling exhibit according to Karen Wenrich.

Art Montgomery Book - Roland Bounds reported that the Art Montgomery manuscript has been edited. The book will

probably appear by the end of 1996. Juliet Reed and Jay Lininger are working on production aspects.

Other Old Business - President Gordon explained that the producers of the new index to MR articles asked to revise their original agreement to pay FM fifteen percent (15%) of royalties on sale of that item. He outlined the publisher's alternative. A lengthy discussion ensued. Dick Thomssen moved that Friends of Mineralogy reiterate their acceptance of the original agreement with Mineralogical Record. The motion was seconded and passed with one nay vote and one abstention.

New Business

roposed Budget - Mike Kokinos moved to accept the proposed budget (attached) of \$4,275. It was approved.

Nominations Committee - Credo Schawb, Chair, Nelson Shaffer and Robert Cook were elected as nominating committee for 1997.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting - Feb. 10, 1996

Beau Gordon, new President, called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. in the Turquoise Ballroom of the Tucson, Arizona, Convention Center. He thanked past Chair, Karen Wenrich. Beau Gordon introduced Art Soregaroli who is filling out the unexpired term of Joel Bartsch. He noted that Mike Groben had resigned from the Board of Directors and lauded Mike for his long service.

Secretary - Nelson Shaffer reported results of the election for new members to the Board of Directors and officers for 1996. He also reported that the membership had accepted changes in Bylaws and Operating Procedures as published in

the newsletter.

Vice Chair - Beau Gordon cited best paper awards for Dick Thomssen who was not present.

Treasurer - Past Treasurer Mike Kokinos noted that the group spent \$31 more than it took in during 1995 which was a normal year. Expenses will be somewhat greater in 1996 than in the past because a new membership directory will be produced.

Bylaws - Changes in bylaws and operating procedures as voted upon by mail were 100% in favor of published changes. New bylaws are on computer which should make it easy to update. Technically if anyone did not get a ballot in the mail they were allowed to vote at the membership meeting. Beau called for additional votes -none were made.

Membership - Regina Modreski, Membership Chair, reported 591 members. About 100 were dropped because of non

payment of dues. That number was about the same as 1995 values.

FM Dealer's Association - Beau reviewed that the Dealer's Association is a group of 19 mineral dealers who will offer a discount to members of FM. Names of Dealer's Association members appear in the Directory. Applications have been received from 14 new dealers. Beau encouraged members to look for signs designating FM Dealer's Association members and to support them. The new Chair for this group will be Isaias Casanova of IC Minerals of Golden Colorado. Theme for 1997 FM Symposium - Karen Wenrich reported that the 1997 theme mineral for the Tucson Show will be copper and copper minerals with emphasis on those from Arizona and Michigan. FM will hold a symposium on copper and copper minerals. Karen will chair that symposium and called for contributions.

Werner Leiber Donation - A committee of Karen Wenrich, Bob Reynolds, Kay Robertson, Bruce Hurley, Regina

Modreski, and Pete Modreski outlined a photo contest to be supported by the donation. The contest will be of prints from three categories, 1) Juniors, 2) Amateurs, and 3) Professionals. An exhibit will be prepared with the fifty (50) best photos. The exhibit will travel to various museums. The first year will focus on copper and copper minerals. Karen called for submissions of matted 8½" X 11" prints with captions that include locality, scale, etc. to be sent to her. She also asked for suggestions concerning the contest. Current plans are to have members vote on photos at the Tucson Show. Mineral-related photos will also be considered. Nonmonetary awards will be made to first, second, and third places. The main costs will arise from preparing and shipping the exhibit.

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Colorado Chapter - Jim Hurlbut reported that Chapter efforts were dominated by final preparations of the Minerals of Colorado manuscript that has been turned into the Denver Museum of Natural History who will publish the huge (370,000 word) book. The Chapter plans to have a prepublication sale that will be publicized to FM members. Regina Modreski noted outreach activities of the Chapter especially their activity at the big Fall Denver show that included organization work, exhibits, and identification booth.

Great Basin Chapter - Steve Scott emphasized the very large area covered by the Chapter. Their main activity is the annual symposium and collecting. The group also studies mining history. Last year the group tried to involve kids and

have more educational projects. They hope to expand into a new building.

Midwest Chapter - President Fred Lewis reported that the Midwest chapter also covers a large area with 59 members. Meetings are held bimonthly at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis and at regional mineral shows. Main efforts have been field collecting. A display of geode minerals developed by the group has appeared at several shows.

Pacific Northwest Chapter - Former president Arlene Handley reported for this largest Chapter. They meet in several

places. They have an annual symposium at Tacoma and a clean up of the Washington Pass area each year.

Pennsylvania Chapter - The Chapter will hold a fall symposium featuring phosphates. They underwrite several awards and will publish a book of Art Montgomery's collecting memories.

Southern California Chapter - Garth Bricker reported that the Chapter has been doing workshops on California minerals index. They are making rock kits for school kids in San Bernadino County. They meet six times a year in many parts of southern California. The sponsor speakers for the MSSC show and assist at the county museum.

Mineral Locality Index - Pete Modreski reported that the status of locality indices had been published in the December newsletter. Nevada and Oklahoma by Art Smith are in press. Perhaps a dozen states have not been begun including New York, Pennsylvania, and Arizona and will not be done by year's end. He sought volunteers to do unpublished states. Pete mentioned that there is interest in doing indices for the rest of the world but wants to finish the U.S. first.

Federal Lands - Al Kidwell who has worked extensively with the ALAA reported on developments concerning collecting on federal lands. He encouraged members to support that group. Dave Fredley, a supervisor for the U.S. Forest Service, visited the Tucson show. He is familiar with collecting issues. A bill has been drawn up that would legalize collecting on federal lands but there is no congressional sponsor at this date. The President of ALAA reviewed legislative developments. Al noted the presence of Forest Service geologists at the show and their efforts to encourage young collectors.

Future Projects - Andrew Sicree expressed concern about lack of educational content of displays at mineral shows. He suggested that FM might wish to encourage educational efforts by offering a prize for best educational exhibit based solely on educational content. Karen Wenrich suggested that individual chapters begin such an efforts.

Beau recognized and thanked Gene Foord for his service as our longtime representative to the Mineralogical Society of America.

Andrew Sicree announced that Penn State Mineral Museum is sponsoring a symposium about carbonate mineralogy on September 27 to 29. He requested speakers for that symposium and welcomed attendees.

Beau adjourned the meeting at 5:45 and those who wished were treated to a special display of the Eximer laser's fluorescence capabilities.

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