



Friends of Mineralogy

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President's Letter

Well, another year has come and gone. I would like to thank all of you who took the time and effort to vote for the election of your 1997 officers and directors. We had the largest percentage of returned ballots ever this year. This in spite of serious mailing problems with the Newsletter. Your board of Directors is working to correct this problem. This year (1997) the fourth quarter Newsletter, containing the election ballot, will be sent out first class. In addition we are looking at a way for those of you with E-mail to return your ballots via that medium. It may even be possible in the future to send your Newsletter via E-mail, or post it to the Friends of Mineralogy Web Page that is currently under development by Dr. Henry Barwood.

My sincere thanks go to past board members, especially Marcelle Weber, who will continue as our liaison and reporter to the Mineralogical Record. Jean DeMouthe has agreed to stay active in FM and serve as liaison and Chair representing the Mineral Museum Curators Association. Dr. Wendel Wilson has agreed to serve as Chairperson of the committee for Guidelines for Research & Publications Requests. Martin Zinn has agreed to serve as a consultant chairperson to help the Friends of Mineralogy develop a Code of Ethics for our Dealer's Association. A new committee, under the leadership of Pete Modreski and Andrew Sicree, has been formed to investigate and suggest new programs for Education. This is a very exciting committee and we will hear from them later this year with some proposals that I am sure you all will like.

Remember, this is a service organization, so when people ask you, "Why should I join FM, what's in it for me?" The answer should be, "What can you contribute to Mineralogy?"

Beau Gordon

The New Newsletter

We have set up a slightly different procedure for getting the newsletter together. Articles from the membership at large as well as the Regional Chapters are solicited. Please note the information that follows from my letter to the Chapters. E-Mail is the preferred method of handling information. The newsletter editor reserves the right to edit and judge the appropriate submissions. I am in E-mail contact with the President and Secretary so checking with them is no problem.

The remaining deadlines are shown below:

2nd Quarter June 1st, 1997

3rd Quarter Sept. 1st, 1997

4th Quarter Dec. 1st, 1997

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Credo Schwab



Board Meeting - Tucson

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Friday, February 14, 1997, at the Quality Hotels and Suites of Tucson, Arizona. The meeting was called to order by Beau Gordon, President, at 7:30 am.

Welcome and Introductions The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Martin Zinn, who will be an unofficial advisor to the FM Committee to compose a Code of Ethics for Mineral Dealers. The following Board Members and visitors introduced themselves: Roland Bounds, Treasurer; Van King; John Ebner; Joe Marty; Henry Barwood; George Megerle; Mike Howard; Credo Schwab; Jean De-Mouthe; Andrew Sicree; Nelson Schaffer, Secretary; Terry Wallace, President of Board of *The Mineralogical Record*; Beau Gordon, President; Bob Cook; Martin Zinn; Art Soregoli; Peter Modreski; Regina Modreski; Garth Bricker; Jim Hurlbut; Marcelle Weber; Glen Miller; Susan Eriksson; and Karen Wenrich. Other members and guests that arrived after 8:00 am. included Marie Huizing, representing *Rocks & Minerals* and Kay Robertson. Other visitors included Ruby and Dan Lengelbach, Vice President RMFS for AFMS and Bob Reynolds.

New Directors by Nelson Schaffer. Some 12 to 15 percent of the membership voted this election many more than in previous years. Those re-elected included Beau Gordon, Art Soregoli, and Karen Wenrich. New Board Members elected included Susan Eriksson, Mike Howard, and Jim Hurlbut.

Election of Officers for 1997 by Nelson Schaffer. The Officer's Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for 1997: Beau Gordon, President; Nelson Schaffer, Vice President; Mike Howard, Secretary; Roland Bounds, Treasurer; Credo Schwab, Newsletter Editor. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the Committee's proposed officers, which was seconded and approved.

Minutes for the 1996 Board Meeting by Nelson Schaffer. After a call for any changes in the minutes of the 1996 Board Meeting as printed and none being suggested, a motion was made and seconded that the Minutes of the 1996 Board Meeting as printed in the 1st quarter Newsletter be approved as printed was approved.

Secretary's Report by Nelson Schaffer. The costs of printing and mailing the Newsletter came in near, but slightly over budget in 1996. The 1996 budget was about \$1,600 and \$1,705 was spent to produce and mail the Newsletter. There were difficulties with the timely delivery of the Newsletter, but that situation appears to be due to the Postal Service, not to when the Newsletter was printed. After a general discussion of the postal situation, the Board entertained a motion and second to do a 1st Class mailout on the Newsletter issue which contains the Ballot and leave it to the Secretary to decide what class to mail the other three Newsletters was approved. A mo-

tion was made and seconded that the budget of the Newsletter be increased to \$2,000 for 1997. The motion passed. A word of appreciation to Nelson Schaffer for his work as Secretary was expressed by Beau Gordon on behalf of the membership.

Best Paper Award Results by Van King. For 1996, two awards were given. The best paper award in *The Mineralogical Record* was given to Mirjan Zorz for *The hyalophane occurrence at Zagraski Potok near Busovaca, Bosnia and Hercegovina*. The best paper award in *Rocks & Minerals* was given to Peter Modreski and Thomas Michalski for *Colorado Topaz*. Certificates to the authors and monetary awards to the magazines in the author's names will be forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report for 1996 by Roland Bounds. The report was submitted in writing and is reproduced in its entirety here:

During last year's Board of Directors Meeting, past Treasurer, Michael Kokinos, transferred the Friends of Mineralogy, Inc. financial records and tools to me. The records were initially kept on an old Microsoft program called Multiplan. This has now been updated to a more modern and user friendly format using Microsoft's Excel Spreadsheet. The overall Structure and function of Mike Kokino's books have been retained. Mike had recently transferred the Corporation's banking to Wells Fargo, these accounts have been retained for the present.

The membership list was transferred in Wordperfect 5.0 and is presently being used in same because of familiarity with the program. I have been working with Regina Modreski (Membership Chair) in order to iron out the few inconsistencies contained in the database.

Income: Income fell slightly short of the projected levels primarily due to late payment (after January, 1997) of dues, and over expectations in badge sales. This was counteracted somewhat by nearly two and one half times the interest income as initially projected. Many of the dues problems have been addressed by the membership committee and a few changes in operating procedures should clear up most of the problems.

Expenditures: Although income fell short by around three hundred dollars, it was balanced by savings in expenditures. Many of the expenses incurred by the officers have been absorbed by them and in doing so they have saved the organization considerable expense. In addition, increased use of the Internet by many of our members and officers has reduced some of the the phone and postal expense regularly incurred in the past.

Summary: As of 12/31/96, F. M. Inc. had \$14,743.77 on hand. This was a slight increase over last year. At the suggestion of Beau Gordon, I forwarded the appropriate records to Director George Megerle for the annual audit. George can present his summary of finding for the record. Respectfully submitted, *Roland E. Bounds, Treasurer*

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws Report and Membership policy Report by Regina Modreski, in Mike Kokino's absence. Numerous items raised at the 1996 Business Meeting were considered by the four member committee, with the following positive recommendations:

Item 4. Allow multiyear dues payments, up to 3 years in advance.

Item 5. Standardize the membership application form for both National and Chapter members.

Item 7. Mailing label will include the latest year of dues paid.

Item 9. Formal notice of dues to be printed in Newsletter. Should appear in the fourth and first quarter issues and if no payment is received by the second quarter, no Newsletter will be mailed for the rest of the year without payment.

Item 10. Publication of a biannual directory to appear between April and June.

Item 11. Billing of annual dues as early as March 1st.

Among the items considered by the committee, but not recommended were:

Life membership. Makes record keeping too complicated.

Dues reduction for those over 65 years of age. Complicates record keeping and dues are low now.

Publication of a list of delinquent members.

Charging a late fee for dues. Complicates record keeping.

Charging a reinstatement fee. Complicates record keeping. As bylaws presently read, you may quit by notification, but if your dues go delinquent, then you have to pay for the years you were delinquent before you can again receive the Newsletter. This item may be considered further for next year.

Increase of dues. Deemed sufficient to cover all bills at this time so not necessary.

Increase of dues of foreign members to cover increased cost of overseas postage. Deemed unnecessary as we presently have under 25 overseas members and complicates record keeping.

Chapters to pay dues based on membership as of December 31. No decision made concerning this issue after considerable discussion from the floor by several Board Members.

The positive recommendations were restated by Beau Gordon for the Board Member's clarification. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Committee's recommendations. The motion passed.

Membership and related topics by Regina Modreski. In 1996, there were 669 members carried on the roles, of which 155 have not paid dues for the year. There were 154 National members, with the balance of the membership in the various state chapters.

Mineral Locality Index Report by Peter Modreski. Eighteen state indices are now published in *Rocks and Minerals* and *The Mineralogical Record*. Six or seven are now either in review or in press. There remains 25 states not done. Of these, 12 states have someone obligated to work on the articles and 13 states have no formal workers at present. The eventual goal of this project is to produce the Indices data in a formal publication. Copy-write permission may be necessary from *Rocks and Minerals* and *The Mineralogical Record*, but is not anticipated to be a particular problem. Factual listings are not covered by copy-write protection. The earlier articles will have to be updated and all formatted similarly.

Record's and Archivist's Report. Dick Thomssen not present and no report was presented.

Status of Mineralogical Record Index by Beau Gordon. Keeping in mind that no solution is going to be satisfactory to everyone concerning the situation about the Index, I have asked Terry Wallis, President of the Board of *The Mineralogical Record*, to attend our Board Meeting and present us with some facts to consider before we consider a proposed solution to this problem.

Terry Wallis: Mineralogical Record has deemed the 25 year Index project important enough to have taken a loan of \$40,000 to cover its expenses. One half of this loan is now paid, thanks to the sale of the Index. The loan comes due in 1998 and the total profit to MR is estimated at \$10,000. The index cost is \$35, providing a profit of about \$3.00 per copy. This is in accordance with MR's policy to provide the best information at the lowest price. If we had it to do over again, service to our customers and our bylaw policy would cause us to have the same profit margin as we presently do. If MR honors the original monetary agreement with FM, then FM would receive approximately \$2,500 for our participation in the project. However, MR is prepared to make a more generous offering in service to FM. We propose a more prominent role for FM in our magazine by "giving" FM an entire page each issue for 3 years, similar to an ad. A page carries a value of \$3,800 per year, so the total value is around \$11,400 or some \$8,900 greater than the original monetary agreement. This puts FM in a prominent role in the magazine.

After much discussion by the Board Members including a history of how this situation arose for the benefit of the new Board Members, the Board had a motion and a second to accept the proposal by MR. The motion passed with four abstentions.

The page in *The Mineralogical Record* will be divided into four sections; one being Chapter news and the other three to be determined by a panel from FM. The page is to be designed jointly by Wendel Wilson and the FM panel members. Beau

Gordon appointed Andrew Sicree, Credo Schwab, Susan Eriksson, and Regina Modreski to this Committee, and asked to be considered an ex-officio member. Board Members should submit any design suggestions for the page to the Committee members for their consideration.

It was also suggested by Terry Wallis that Wendel Wilson had offered to redesign and update FM's logo, but Beau Gordon stated that the logo was set by our bylaws and, at this time, any redesign could not be considered.

Guidelines for research/publications requests by Beau Gordon. It was announced that Wendel Wilson is the Chair of this Committee. Wendel not being present, no report was presented.

FM Reporting in MR and Remarks by Marcelle Weber. The column is slow in appearing in MR and is highly dependent on timely news. FM is supposed to get a page every other issue of MR. The situation with the advertisement page in no way affects the FM column in MR. There was a lengthy discussion about the relationship between FM and MR and the two organizations intertwined past.

FM/TGMS/MSA/FMS Symposium by Karen Wenrich. The word is getting out about the high quality of the recent symposia so speakers are beginning to volunteer to give papers. This is quite encouraging. We wish we could get a little more space in MR with some color photography to go with the abstracts so they don't look like an "add on" in the issue. The Symposium for 1997 is expected to consist of very high quality papers.

Public Relations by Credo Schwab. I want to update a previously written, but unpublished, brochure about FM, coordinating with the Chapters so as to meet the uniform membership application. The brochure should set forth what FM is about as a service organization to the science of mineralogy and that FM was formed to connect the amateur with the professional and vice versa. No action was taken on this item. (The editor will reopen the issue when the standardized application form is available.)

Lieber Project by Karen Wenrich. The goal of this project is to create a stand-alone outreach photo exhibit each year. This first year the project will have 4 photograph categories: juniors, amateur adult (non-professional), professional, and computer/digitally enhanced photography. A professional is defined as a photographer who has ever, even once, received payment for a photograph. The photographs may be submitted by anyone, the contest not being restricted to FM members. The photograph topic each year will be the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show mineral, starting in 1997 with fluorite. After the contest, it is hoped that each exhibit would travel about the country to be displayed at local or regional mineral shows, each club paying for the shipping costs from the previous exhibitor, and ultimately the photographs will be stored at the Museum of Pennsylvania State University. All photographs submitted become the property of FM, but the photographer retaining the negative has full rights to additional print use for

their own purposes. Prints to be submitted measure 8.5 x 11 or smaller with matting for the largest size print not exceeding 11 x 14. FM will provide frames for uniformity of the display. A flyer, designed by Karen, was submitted to the Board Members for their examination and comment.

Proposed budget by Roland Bounds. Other than the voted on increase in the Newsletter expense, the budget is anticipated to be about the same as last year - that is \$3,800.

Review of Treasurer's Financial Statement for 1996 by George Megerle. George submitted his report in the form of a letter which is reproduced below:

Board of Directors, January 25, 1997

Friends of Mineralogy

I have reviewed the financial records of the Friends of Mineralogy which have been maintained by Roland Bounds, Treasurer, for the year ending on 12/31/96. As part of that review, I examined bank statements, deposits, and expenditures. The accompanying financial information prepared by Mr. Roland Bounds fairly represents the financial condition of Friends of Mineralogy based on the records submitted for review. This review does not constitute an audit of the financial affairs of the organization.

Sincerely,

George Megerle, PhD

A motion was made and seconded that the Board accept the Treasurer's Proposed Budget and the Review of the Treasurer's Financial Statement. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Observations and Remarks by George Megerle. Concern for FM's image caused me to look at different people's views of our organization. Older hobbyists seem surprised that we still exist and wonder what we are doing presently. Younger collectors are curious about who we are and ask why they should bother to join. We need a reason for all of these people to join and become active. We also need publicity for our organization. As a group, we exist to better the advancement of the mineral sciences by interconnecting people from all levels. It is hoped that some of the advertisement space in the MR will be used to promote our organization and to assist researchers in finding the materials they need to work with, thereby advancing the science. Many of the items discussed today - the traveling photo exhibit, the brochure, the information on the MR page are all worthy items to promote FM. But we need something else - a clear mission statement. What should we do about this?

Some of the Board Members will have an FM meeting at the Springfield meeting to further discuss public relations problems. George, Jean, and Susan will have a report ready by the Rochester meeting.

Nelson noted that he will have a home page up and running soon for FM which also fits into the self-promotion cate-

gory mentioned by George. (Ed. Note: Up and running. E-mail Nelson for address)

Award Program by Beau Gordon. I have designed a Certificate of Appreciation that has the logo of FM on the front and a short summary of what FM is about and an application form on the back. A copy of this I wish to give to the show chairperson of every major show. These would then be given to every person that makes the effort to exhibit minerals in the shows around the country.

After much discussion there was a motion from the floor that the proposed program not be approved by the Board. There was no second and the motion died on the floor. There was a motion to allow a Certificate of Appreciation to be given for non-commercial displays only and an amendment to professionally redesign the certificate. The motion was seconded and passed, with one objection. Beau appointed an ad-hoc committee of Andrew Sicree, Chair; Peter Modreski; Henry Barwood, Jim Hurlbut, and Susan Eriksson to redesign the Certificate. Mike Howard volunteered his wife's services as a professional artist to do the artwork and lettering of the Certificate after the Committee has settled on a design.

1998 Symposium by Beau Gordon. Robert Cook and Beau Gordon will serve a Joint Chair for the 1998 Symposium. The mineral will be fluorite.

Election of Nominating Committee by Beau Gordon.

The following Board Members were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1997: Regina Modreski, Chair; Robert Cook; and Susan Eriksson. There being no nominations from the floor, the Board elected the above to serve on this committee.

Local Chapter Reports.

Ruby Lengelbach (AFMS) requested a variety of FM materials, but especially books aimed at more basic types of presentations for school children. Beau Gordon stated that at this time the Board could not take on such a project, but that this project sounded ideal for the Chapters. George Megerle:

Could FM generate a speaker list and topics? This list could then be circulated to the Chapters to assist them. Regina Modreski stated that she could generate a list from her existing computer files on the members. Kay Roberts stated she was willing to help with locality information for European sites.

As the time allotted for the use of the room had passed, the meeting was closed with an admonition from the President to turn over any written Chapter reports to Mike Howard, Secretary. All remaining business (Chapter Reports) would be taken care of at the General Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Friday, the 14th.

Report of the Midwest Chapter

The Midwest Chapter of FM has under consideration three projects. They are:

- ☐ To sponsor a mid-western mineral symposium. The target date is Spring of 1998. A theme has not been selected, but will likely be focused on mid-western mineral localities and mineralogy. A planning committee has been selected and an announcement of the theme and symposium date will be forthcoming.
- ☐ The consolidation of quarry ownership in the mid-west, especially Indiana and Ohio, has further reduced access to mineral collecting localities. To attempt to gain access for FM members, the Chapter is investigating the possibility of offering a 1 - 2 day mine safety course. This might offset quarry owner's fears of admitting collectors to active quarries and facilitate collector access.
- ☐ The Chapter is considering a field trip to Arkansas for late Spring. Dates and localities will be announced later.

Henry Barwood, President

The Board Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

J. Michael Howard, Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, February 14, 1997; Turquoise Ballroom, Tucson Convention Center 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Welcome and Introductions by Nelson Shaffer. Beau Gordon, having an extremely sore throat, requested that the Vice President preside at the General Meeting. Approximately 40 members were in attendance.

Results of Elections. Nelson Shaffer announced the results of the Board of Directors elections. See summary in the Board of Directors Report, this Newsletter.

Election of Board Officers for 1997. Nelson Shaffer presented the slate of Board Officers as elected for 1997. See summary in the Board of Directors Report, this Newsletter. The membership wish to recognize the contributions of the Board retirees: Jean DeMouthe, Marcelle Weber, and Van King. Our thanks to them for their years of service to FM.

Minutes of the General Membership meeting of February 10, 1996, which were published in the January-March 1996 Newsletter were approved, with no corrections or additions.

Best Paper Awards. Nelson Shaffer announced the winners in both *The Mineralogical Record* and *Rocks & Minerals* magazines. See the Board of Directors Report, this Newsletter for results. All the authors will receive Certificates from FM and each magazine will receive a check in the respective authors names.

Treasurer's Report. Nelson Shaffer summarized the report presented at the Board of Directors meeting. See Treasurer's report in Board of Directors Report, this Newsletter. The proposed budget for 1997 is \$3,800, which must be approved at the General Meeting. Objections being called for and none made, the 1997 Budget stands approved.

By-laws. Nelson Shaffer stated that no by-laws had been changed after the General Meeting of 1996.

OTHER FM PROJECTS

Mineral Locality Index by Peter Modreski. Pete summarized his report that was given at the Board of Directors meeting. See the minutes of said meeting, this Newsletter.

Membership and Related Topics by Regina Modreski. Explanation of efforts to standardize the membership forms to improve service to members. See minutes from Board of Directors meeting, this Newsletter.

FM Dealers Association Report by Beau Gordon. The membership of the dealer's organization is growing, presently at 25. The advantage to the membership is that these dealers offer an additional discount to FM members. Martin Zinn will assist as an advisor to the Dealer's Association to assist in writing a dealer's Code of Ethics. An explanation of why such a code is deemed necessary was given.

Leiber Donation Use Report by Karen Wenrich. A summary of the photo contest and traveling exhibit was given. See Board of Directors minutes, this Newsletter.

American Lands Access Association Report by Jon Spunaugle. Activities involve a fossil-collecting bill, which we hope to have introduced in the House of Representatives within the next 60 days. There has been some criticism of the narrowness of this bill. We want to hand out a copy of a bill proposed originally in 1995 and written through the cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service and Al Kidwell. The title of the bill is "Rock and Mineral Specimen Collection Act of 1997". We want this bill as widely circulated as possible and comments from all interested parties, not just FM members. We must have all comments by May 1st. Please write or telephone me to receive a copy if you have been unable to obtain a copy: Jon Spunaugle, 11,400 NE 132nd, Woodlake G-206, Kirkland, WA 98034. Telephone: (206) 821-4795. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the General Meeting to have a copy sent. This is your opportunity to provide input into the law-making process. There followed much discussion by the general membership and an explanation by Jon of what precipitated the bill-writing process and who had been involved.

1997 FM/TGMS/MSA Symposium Report by Beau Gordon. Bob Cook and I will jointly chair the 1997 Symposium. There will be calls for papers in the Newsletter and some personal contacts made. The topic is Fluorite and Alpine Minerals.

LOCAL CHAPTER REPORTS

Colorado Chapter:

Denver Show: We identified a lot of rocks. We ate low-fat donuts. And, we told all the little crumb-grabbers and rug-rats to go see Pete Modreski at the Children Booth. It was great fun. And, by the end of the show, Pete was able to draw a smiley face as well as his crew of volunteer Moms. Thanks to all involved with the ID Booth: Howard Bachman, Bill Chirnside, Susan Eriksson, Mark Jacobson, Pete Modreski, Barb Muntyan, Ed Raines, Sam Rosenblum, and Jack Thompson.

Also it should be noted that Glen Allen, Dan Belsher, Roger Bennet, Dave Bunk, Jean DeMouthe, Bruce, Geller, Beau Gordon, Ed Gray, Paul Hlava, Terry Huizing, Jim Hurlbut, Bob Jones, Bryan Lees, Marcus Lieberman, Jim McGlasen, Regina Modreski, Jack Murphy, Fred Olsen, Carmen Piekenbrock, Carol Smith, Dick Thomssen, Chauncy Walden, Dave Weller, Karen Wenrich, Eunice York, and Marty Zinn (and most likely some more FM members doing things that I never even thought about) ran things, herded people, put things up, took things down, put in exhibits, dealt in rocks, gave lectures, judged exhibits, managed supporting shows, and contributed to the overall success of the show.

The Colorado Chapter has contracted with Fulcrum Publishing to publish *Minerals of Colorado* by Ed Beckel, and revised by Robert R. Cobban, Donley S. Collins, Eugene Foord, Daniel E. Kile, Peter J. Modreski, and Jack A. Murphy. Final editing is now being completed, and the book will be out in September, 1997. A Pre-publication Offering (\$90) is being made until that time. Advertising for the book has been carried in the National FM Newsletter.

The Colorado Chapter completed a revision of its By-laws and operating Procedures, incorporating the changes made to the National By-laws and Operating Procedures. We sent a copy to Susan Eriksson to serve as a model for the new Virginia Chapter of FM.

Great Basin Chapter:

The Great Basin Chapter had a good year maintaining a membership of around 30 members. We had a monthly newsletter informing members of chapter news and events. Also, there were monthly meetings at various members homes with a few meetings at the Las Vegas B. L. M. office. Most of our meetings had between 10 - 15 members in attendance with a somewhat informal atmosphere with the meetings starting out with show and tell mineral talks and finishing up with a plan topic or lecture.

The membership was very active in field collecting and there were many trips to local collecting locations. Many members donated extra specimens to students in the Clark County School District. This gave members and opportunity to clean out their yards and garages. In March, many members displayed mineral specimens at the Las Vegas Gem Club Show in

Henderson, Nevada. In May we had our annual collecting trip to Topaz Mountain, Utah.

In October, we had our annual Symposium at the Clark County Heritage Museum. It was a fun event for all participants especially the annual Saturday evening Great Basin Mineral Auction. This event is our main fund raiser of the year and with the money we were able to buy a Trinocular Stereo Microscope for the Museum. Next year our Symposium topic will be "Copper and Base Metal Deposits of the Southwest", October 18-19, 1997.

We finished our year with our annual Christmas Dinner and annual gift exchange.

Our new officers for 1997 are: President Glen Miller, Vice President Steve Scott (Symposium Chairman), Vice President Jim Abbott, Secretary Marsha Hilmes, Treasurer Marilyn Mills, and Board Members - Don Cercone, Jerry Anderson, Walt Mason, Sam Cercone, and Walt Lombardo.

I want to thank all our members for their wonderful support this last year. Steve Scott, President 1996, Great Basin Chapter.

Midwest Chapter:

Full record is given in the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting in this Newsletter and were summarized by Henry Barwood, 1997 Chapter President.

Pacific Northwest Chapter: presented by Mark Mathner:

Our Symposium will be held in Tacoma, Washington, and is to be September 26 - 28th, the fourth weekend. The theme will be Pegmatites. There is a field trip planned for August, the details of which will be announced later. Several projects are in the planning stages, but I have no details on them presently.

Pennsylvania Chapter, by Marcelle Weber: The Pennsylvania Micromount Symposium was the first weekend in November, and began on the preceding Friday night, with lectures on Saturday, and a field trip on Sunday. This year the trip was to Glen Mills quarry at Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, which is near Mexico.

The book concerning Arthur Montgomery's memoirs is almost ready for publication, thanks to Juliette Reed's efforts.

Southern California Chapter by Garth Bricken. Work on the California Locality Index proceeded slowly this year, but progress was made.

The Chapter's Outreach Program involved the Samuel Anderson Museum and their mineral collection, which, at one time, the Museum was contemplating throwing out. It is a worldwide collection of specimens.

The FM Chapter members involved with the Museum managed to convince the Museum management to simply put the bulk of the collection into storage. The reason this situation arose was because of a Museum management decision to specialize only in displays and materials from the area encompassing southern California and Baja.

The Chapter has been active working with school children of both the local and County school districts, supplying two different mineral kits which are composed of samples collected by Chapter members. This has proved to be a way to turn the kids on to minerals and the hobby.

The Symposium was held this year in connection with the California Show. Many Chapter members volunteered for the show activities, especially those involving children.

OLD BUSINESS:

Questions from the Floor concerning Old Business:

A question concerning the mail out of ballots. Answered by Nelson Shaffer: The Postal Service was the problem. Ballots were counted up to the day of the Board Meeting, despite the January 6th deadline, because of the timing problem. The Board is fully aware of the problems this caused everyone - including some of the Board Members. We hope we have remedied this situation by the actions taken in the National Board's Business Meeting. See minutes of Board of Directors Meeting in this Newsletter.

A question about the FM and MR situation. Answered by Beau Gordon. The issue was resolved. See minutes of Board of Directors Meeting in this Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Modreski requested that all FM members please give his Committee any ideas they might have for traveling exhibits and various types of outreach programs.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by *J. Michael Howard*,
Secretary.

Quartz crystals drawn by C. Schwab using SHAPE© by Shape Software.



Call for Papers

19th FM - TGMS - MSA MINERALOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

The 19th Mineralogical Symposium sponsored jointly by the Friends of Mineralogy, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mineralogical Society of America will be held in conjunction with the 44th Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998. The topic of the symposium will be **fluorite; and other Alpine minerals** - the theme minerals for the show. Papers concerned with descriptive mineralogy, paragenesis, classic and new locations, and other types of data dealing with the symposium topic are invited. An audience of knowledgeable amateurs, as well as professional mineralogists and geologists, is expected.

If you wish to present a paper, please write or call (**immediately**) Robert B. Cook Symposium Co-chair (Department of Geology, 210 Petrie Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36849: Ph. (334) 844-4282; e-mail: cookrob@mail.auburnL.edu) or Beau Gordon, Symposium Co-chair (Jendon Minerals, P. O. Box 6214, Rome, Georgia 30162-6214: Ph. (706) 2359121; e-mail: jendon6214@aol.com), with your topic, a few sentences describing the paper, and your address, phone number and e-mail. Presentations will be 15 or 20 minutes in length followed by a period for questions. Upon acceptance of topics all authors will be required to submit a 200—300 word abstract by September 15, 1997 (*firm date*). Those abstracts will be published in the January-February issue of *The Mineralogical Record* (subject to the approval of the editor), which will be available for sale at the 44th Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

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