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News From Our
Treasurer

Roland E. Bounds

Please, if you are a National Member, help our Secretary and Treasurer by paying your dues!

NATIONAL MEMBERS: 1998 Dues will soon be due. This is your first notice.

Name: ____________________________________ SEND TO: Roland E. Bounds
Address: _____________________________________ FM Treasurer
______________________________________________ 315 Stamford Drive
______________________________________________ Newark, DE 19711-2723

Date on my mailing label: ______________________

Number of years being paid: _______ $10.00 per person, per year

Amount enclosed: $ ______________________

Make Checks Payable to: Friends of Mineralogy

If you don't like writing annual checks, please feel free to pay several years at a time. Then simply watch your mailing label to see when you will have to pay again. You may even escape a dues increase if you are already paid ahead of time.

This is for National Members Only and not for members of the Chapters.

Regina Aumente Modreski, Nominating Committee Chairperson

Nominated for a three-year term (February 1998 - February 2001) are:

Bill Dameron
Dorothy Ettensohn
Joe Marty
Regina Aumente Modreski
Bob Reynolds
Andrew Sicree

The slate of officers for 1998
President - Nelson Shaffer
Vice-President - Susan Eriksson
Secretary - Mike Howard
Treasurer - Roland Bounds

Biographic and/or Employment Information for Board Election

Dorothy L. Ettensohn

I have a Masters degree from the University of Illinois in geology. I worked for the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago from 1980-1989 as the Collections Manager for Petrology, Mineralogy and Meteorites. I came to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History in 1989 where I am the Collections Manager for Mineral Sciences.

Dorothy L. Ettensohn, Collections Manager, Mineral Sciences Section, Natural History Museum, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007, Phone: 213-763-3327, Fax: 213-747-5187, ettensoh@nhm.org

Joe Marty

Joe Marty (3457 E. Silver Oak Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84108) is an avid field collector of minerals, specializing in micromounts from Utah and Nevada. He enjoys studying and photographing mineral specimens. He has been the president of the Mineral Collectors of Utah (MCU) and field trip chairman for MCU and the Northern California Mineralogical Association (NCMA). Joe enjoys giving lectures on micromount localities in Utah and Nevada especially the Thomas Range and Tintic District.

Regina Aumente Modreski

Regina has served one term on the FM board as Membership Chairperson. Regina has been involved with mineral collecting, clubs, and shows for more years than she cares to admit. She is currently a partner in GeoExpositions, producing mineral shows in several locations, and has served as Publicity Chair and Dealer Coordinator for the Denver Gem and Mineral Show for 15 years. Her educational background includes degrees in Psychology from Douglass College and Pennsylvania State University, but these days she uses her psych skills keeping mineral dealers and customers happy.

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Robert E. Reynolds

Robert E. Reynolds is a member, past-president, and director of the Southern California Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy; board member of Friends of Mineralogy (national); member and past-president of the Inland Geological Society, and an active member of MINMAC (Mineral Museums Advisory Council).

He has served on the nominations committee for the Carnegie Award and on the annual selection panel for Best Article, Mineralogical Record. Under his leadership, the Division of Earth Sciences of the San Bernardino County Museum and the Museum Mineral Group present twice-annual Mineral Locality Symposia, each a two-day event featuring workshops, speakers, and participants from throughout the southwestern United States. The Museum also hosts the annual meeting of the Southern California Micro-mineralists. He has organized and hosted the annual Desert Research Symposium, now in its 15th year, and serves on the board and the steering committee of the Mojave Desert Quaternary Research Center. Mr. Reynolds is an active/honorary member of several Southern California mineralogical societies, and through the museum is a regular guest exhibitor in educational divisions of local and national mineral shows. With other members of the Mineral Group, he has instructed CFMS classes, with an emphasis on mineral associations at localities. Under his curatorship, the Mineralogy Department of the Earth Sciences Division is developing major new museum exhibits and increasing its emphasis on education and preservation. The museum collections include representative display-quality specimens from world-wide localities, but emphasize minerals and mineral suites from Southern California and the southwestern United States. Research collections are organized in two categories: chemically, using the Dana system; and by locality, with efforts to obtain and preserve representative specimens of all constituents of the mineral assemblage from mines, prospects, and collecting loci in San Bernardino County and surrounding areas. Mr. Reynolds is also conducting active research and geologic mapping on the structural history of the eastern Mojave Desert, including the relationship of the distribution of minerals and rock types to tectonic and geomorphic landscape evolution.

Mr. Reynolds has been continuously employed in the capacity of Curator of Earth Sciences, San Bernardino County Museum, since 1967.

Andrew Sicree

Andrew Sicree is curator of the Earth & Mineral Sciences Museum at the Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA. He has a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in chemistry from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, and he is currently finishing up his Ph.D. work at Penn State in geochemistry/mineralogy. He formerly worked as a curatorial assistant at Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA, and has been a collector of minerals since grade school.

The Ballot Box

Six Directors will be elected. Please vote for six by putting an X in the box next to the name. Names submitted by the nominating committee are shown as well as 2 write-in spaces if you want to nominate from the "floor".

Please vote. We have had too many elections in which Board Members were elected by 20 people out of an organization of 500 or so. Return ballots by Jan. 25 to the secretary, Mike Howard, 3815 W. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock, AR 72204 or JMicahelH@AOL.com

☐ Bill Dameron
☐ Dorothy Ettensohn
☐ Joe Marty
☐ Regina Aumente Modreski
☐ Bob Reynolds
☐ Andrew Sicree
☐ ____________________
☐ ____________________
Wood Crystal System Models

There are some very well done crystal models being produced by a Spanish craftsman under the guidance of a mineralogy professor. What follows is the information on these models.

There are 54 in the set and they represent all symmetry elements. For detailed information you can E-mail Joann Socash at Socash@bah.com. The set is very reasonably priced at between $450 to $500 depending on the exchange rate with Spanish pesetas. Mr. Martinez does not speak English. Joann may be able to help you since she is fluent in Spanish and has already ordered 4 sets of the models for various people.

The craftsman is:
Mr. Faustino Martinez
Alvaro Florez Estrada, 2 – 9
Oviedo, Asturias, SPAIN 33006

You can check internet address
www.cryst.bbk.ac.uk/BCA/wooden.html for further information. The cost for a single collection:
40,000 pesetas plus shipping costs of 18,800" pesetas

Special Requirements: International Draft drawn on a bank in Spain. (Costs are about $30.00 @ bank)

** The actual cost in US$ fluctuates depending on the exchange rate

The professor who works with Mr. Martinez on the design is Damaso B. Moreiras-Blanco. He does speak English and can be reached at moreiras@asturias.geol.uniovi.es

Round trip time: 2 weeks from placing order to receipt

Abe Rosenzweig and the author recently examined a set of these models. There are 54 models in the set on a 2 to 3 inch scale. Each model is numbered and a book is included with a SHAPE drawing of each crystal and the pertinent information for the model. They are very well done and come in a cypress box for storage. If you are into serious crystal study, this is a must buy. Comparable models are much more expensive. I have a set of these models.

If you have questions fire away. A sample scanned from the manual is shown below to give you an idea of the data for each model. I have added an approximate dimension.

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Pacific Northwest Chapter

New president Bob Meyer has started quickly with a article in the newsletter. He wants to coordinate group activities, work with others to set group direction and be creative in developing new activities that will encourage participation. Finally, he would like to increase chapter membership. In essence, as with all good leaders, he wants to serve as well as command.

Meeting Notices And Upcoming Events

Winter Meeting

The Winter Meeting will be on January 10, 1998, in the mineral museum of St. Martin’s College, Olympia, Washington and will start at 1:00 PM. The museum is located on the bottom floor of Building D. Parking nearby is available.

Pacific NW Field Collector’s Rendezvous

On Saturday March 28, 1998 the PNW Field Collectors Rendezvous will be held at the Clackamas Meeting & Banquet Facility in Clackamas, Oregon, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Address 15815 SE 82nd Drive, Clackamas, OR. Buy, sell, trade, visit and swap. Special exhibits and free field trip on Sunday.
AGENDA FOR THE FM ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN:  SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1998, TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
WHERE:  TURQUOISE BALLROOM, TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER,
          TUCSON, ARIZONA

Introduction and Recognition
of New Directors and Officers  Mike Howard
Welcome and Introductions  President
Best Paper Award Results  Nelson Shaffer
Treasurer's Report  Roland Bounds
Bylaw Report (if given)  Mike Kokinos

Other FM Projects:
Mineral Locality Index  Need Chair
Membership and Related Topics  Regina Aumente Modreski
Lieber Photo Contest  Karen Wenrich
1999 FM/TGMS/MSA Symposium  New Chair

Local Chapter Reports:
Colorado  Bill Chirnside
Great Basin  Steve Scott
Indiana  Henry Barwood
Pacific Northwest  Wes Gannaway
Pennsylvania  Roland Bounds
Southern California  Bob Reynolds

Other Business/Open Discussion  Open
Utah 1998

Wes Gannaway is forming a schedule for a field trip to Utah in late spring 1998. If you have a locality idea please call him at 360-384-4209. Gold Hill and the Tintic District are already on the list. The return trip will pass through fossil localities (Wheeler Shales, Green River and Pogonip Group). A visit to Zion or Bryce Canyon may be included.

1998 Symposium

The 1998 show chairman will be John Lindell. If you want to be involved with the symposium please call John at 206-432-4939 to volunteer.

Colorado Chapter

September Meeting

Dan Hausel of the Wyoming Geological Survey presented a program on the State Line Kimberlite Pipe Trend and other diamond bearing areas in Wyoming.

Minerals of Colorado

Apparently this book is going to be sold out before you know it. Very popular – as of the November Newsletter there were 45 copies in stock. To order send check or money order for $150 plus $4.55 US Postage (book rate) to Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, P.O. Box 11005, Denver, CO 80211-0005.

New Membership Chairman

Our faithful and competent Membership Chair person for the last 3 years, Regina Aumente Modreski would like a replacement after many years of service. We are looking for someone who can take over her management of the membership list and the publication of the biannual directory for the organization. It is a job that requires some computer expertise, E-Mail and the ability to attend the Board Meetings in Tucson. Once organized, the job should not take very much time except to put out a directory every other year. The design and imple-mentation of membership forms is also included in this function. Our present forms are badly outdated and need simplification.

If this opportunity interests you and you would be willing to help this organization function as it should, please contact Nelson Shaffer (Vice-President and President elect) or the Secretary, Mike Howard. Addresses and E-Mail can be found on the Masthead of this issue. (Notes by Credo Schwab)

Can We Find You

A new FM Membership Directory will be published next spring. We would like to be sure that our information about you is correct and complete. Please check the information on your mailing labels and let us know if it is incorrect. In addition, we do not have telephone numbers or E-mail addresses for many of you. Please drop Regina Aumente Modreski a note with any corrections or additions. Technology has developed enough that we could begin to consider an E-Mail newsletter to save money – assuming enough of you have an E-Mail Account.

Submitted by: Regina Aumente Modreski.

Scapolite drawn with SHAPE by Shape Software
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