

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year's publication by FM of the 14-year index to the Mineralogical Record is a landmark for our group--a major published work of lasting value to the amateur and professional mineralogical community. Our past president, Mike Groben, richly deserves thanks for his great effort in seeing this project through to completion. Mike's enthusiasm has also resulted in a significant expansion of membership in FM. I hope we can follow his example and accomplish more things in this and the following years.

The preparation of a locality index will be one of our coming projects. We envision this as a compact volume giving accurate information about the names, locations, and mineralogical significance of the more important mineral localities, first covering North America and eventually the world. A loose group of volunteers has been formed to work on this project, and work on some states has already begun; we will have more information about this soon. If you want to help (and we will need lots of it!), please contact me (PJM).

We are trying to collect information about the interests of FM members, to better put people with similar interests in contact. If you have not yet filled out one of the FM "membership application/inventory of interests" forms, please do so (get them from your chapter secretary or from a national FM officer) and see that it is sent in to me; chapter secretaries, please see that each new member fills out one of these, and in send in any completed forms you already have. We want to include this information in our next FM membership directory.

Another FM-MSA Mineralogical Symposium will be held next year (Feb. 1986) at the Tucson Show; anyone who can volunteer to present a paper there, or who would like to help with the arrangements, should contact me.

Please do all you can to publicize and promote the sale of the FM-Mineralogical Record 14-year index in your local area!

---Pete Modreski, president

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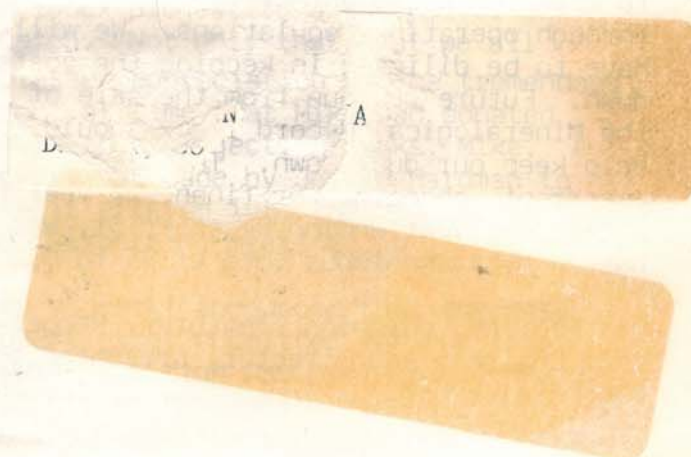
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DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy Directors was convened at 8:00 a.m. at the Santa Rita Hotel, Tucson, Arizona, on Friday, February 8, 1985. The following 1985 Directors were present: Robert Jones, Betty Tlush, Mike Groben, Ray Lasmanis, Pete Modreski, Gene Foord, Dee Belsher, Tony Kampf, Jessie Hardman, Arnold Hampson, Bryon Brookmyer, Kay Robertson, Bob Trimmingham, and Henry Truebe. Also present were outgoing Directors Richard W. Thomssen and Ron Bentley, as well as guests Walter Lombardo and Del Oswald.

Ray Lasmanis, Secretary, presented the results of the Director's election. A total of 99 ballots were received by February 1, the closing date for the election. Six Directors were to be elected from eight excellent candidates. The results were as follows: Mike Groben, 96 votes; Gene Foord, 92 votes; Robert Jones, 90 votes; Russell Boggs, 72 votes; Marcelle Weber, 69 votes; Betty Tlush, 64 votes; Donald Zowader and Walter Lombardo, 46 votes each.

Election of officers followed with the following nominations: Pete Modreski, President; Ray Lasmanis, Vice-President; Marcelle Weber, Secretary; and Arnold Hampson, Treasurer. All were duly elected.

Ray Lasmanis then presented the membership vote on the bylaw amendments. The first was to remove the amount charged for dues from Article II, Section 3 and place fees in the Operating Regulations. The amendment passed 88 to 5. Lasmanis pointed out that there was reluctance by five members to give the board authority to set fees through operating regulations. We will have to be diligent in keeping the costs down. Future revenue from the sale of the Mineralogical Record Index should help keep our dues down. The second amendment, changing our financial year to a calendar year ending December 31, was passed by a unanimous vote of 95 to 0.

Ron Bentley, outgoing Treasurer, Membership Chairman and Director, presented the financial report.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1984

Submitted by Ron Bentley, Treasurer

Cash balance as of 1/31/84 \$6,380.02

Receipts

Index advertising & dues	8,625.35
Savings Interest	321.87

15,327.24

Expenses

Operating*	1,426.05
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President:

Member Drive	442.32
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MR Index	11,568.74
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Vice-President	136.42
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Secretary	995.45
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Treasurer	215.20
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Total	14,784.18
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Cash balance 12/31/84 543.06

* Operating

MR-Lifetime Subs.	900.00
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Liability Insurance	275.00
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Misc.	251.05
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1,426.05

Cash balance as of 12/31/84 543.06

Receipts

Dues	300.00
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Savings Interest	4.55
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847.61

Expenses

Operating	43.50
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President-MR Index	209.14
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Vice-President	70.76
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Secretary	48.95
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Total	328.85
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Cash balance 1/31/85 518.76

It was pointed out that the extraordinary 1984 income consisted of donations and block advertisements toward the printing of the Mineralogical Record Index. Seventy-five individuals and dealers donated \$50.00 each. By December 31, 1984, four FM Chapters had donated \$100.00 each toward the project and, during the Directors' meeting, an additional \$100.00 was received from the remaining Chapter.

Special thanks were given to Randolph Rothschild, Barry Yampol and Hazel Radcliffe, who made substantial donations.

During the discussion, it was pointed out by Jessie Hardman that membership cards serve no useful purpose besides being an extra expense. There was agreement with Bob Jones that membership badges can serve the same purpose as cards and are more visible at meetings. The problem of having the Treasurer also serve as Membership Chairman was discussed. It was decided to separate the two offices. Pete Modreski will appoint a new Membership Chairman. Ron Bentley reminded us of a point made by Hal Steacy at the 1984 Directors' meeting, whereby FM should have a base dollar limit in the national treasury. There was a consensus that \$1,000.00 should be the base limit. Withdrawal of funds below \$1,000.00 cannot be made unless approved by the Executive Committee. This will be implemented as soon as sufficient cash flow is realized from the sale of the Index. Ron Bentley passed around copies of award certificates which will cost \$14.00 each. The Board instructed Bentley to get them printed.

Then, Ron Bentley pointed out that our liability insurance policy contains exclusionary language which does not cover employees of FM. Any future work done for FM should be on a contractual basis only. Mike Groben explained that the \$500,000.00 liability insurance policy costs us \$275.00 per year. A discussion followed to see if the limits should be increased, but it was decided to keep it at \$500,000.00.

Mike Groben then gave the Directors an overview of how the Index project was financed, the costs of publication and division of proceeds. At that time, the final billing was not in, but the numbers should be relatively accurate. The printer's original quote was for \$13,200.00. As the product came close to realization, with consultation, certain changes were made to improve the Index. These were: more pages, a change in the cover and use of a heavier

paper-stock. The final printing cost will be close to \$17,500.00. With all other costs, such as computerization, telephone charges, etc., the total cost of the Index will be around \$26,000.00. The Mineralogical Record Index is being sold by The Mineralogical Record for \$18.00 or \$20.00 postpaid. After repayment of loans made to FM by The Mineralogical Record, the proceeds will be divided equally. Bryon Brookmyer expressed the opinion that MR is receiving a proportionately large share of the proceeds. It was pointed out by Mike Groben and Dick Thomssen that the financial agreement was approved by vote of the Directors. Also, our charter states that one of our objectives is to support and assist in the publication of The Mineralogical Record--a journal that benefits all collectors. Mike Groben and Ron Bentley were asked to prepare a written financial report on the Index project so that it can be included in our newsletter. The Board did vote to amend our agreement with MR to change handling and postage charges from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per copy. This was necessitated by increased weight, change in class of mail because of the block ads, and increased mail rates. Since substantial sums of money have been involved in the indexing project, Ray Lasmanis made a motion that the financial records of national FM and those of Mike Groben be audited. Letters are to be prepared on the condition of those accounts.. It was approved by the Directors and Kay Robertson agreed to conduct the audit, with Bob Trimmingham as co-auditor.

A big hand of commendation was given to Mike Groben for leadership in bringing the Index project to a successful conclusion. Not only that, but we all expressed appreciation of the tremendous amount of time that Mike had donated toward this project. Thanks, Mike. A request was made by Jessie Hardman to have it entered into the minutes of the 1985 Director's meeting.

Pete Modreski announced that the best student paper submitted for the 1985 FM-MSA Symposium was by Thomas J. Campbell titled "Phosphate Minerals from the Tip Top Pegmatite and some new Phosphates

from the Black Hills, South Dakota." He received a \$150.00 award and \$200.00 toward his travel expenses so that the paper can be presented at the Symposium. The best article published in The Mineralogical Record for 1984 was "The Sterling Mine, Antwerp, New York" by George W. Robinson and Steven C. Chamberlain. Both authors will receive Award Certificates and \$100.00 will be donated in their names to The Mineralogical Record.

Friends of Mineralogy is on the verge of adding several new chapters. Ray Lasmanis stated that he has been in touch with Tom Tucker of Billings, Montana. In their region there already exists a group known as the Montana Crystal Collectors. They have had several independent symposiums and now wish to join FM as a regional chapter. Betty Tlush reviewed her plans for the November 9 and 10 New Mexico Symposium. There is a potential for a new FM chapter in that region. Betty also asked for assistance or co-sponsorship of their 1985 symposium, as they have incurred a deficit from 1984. Mike Groben explained that he has been in touch with the Victoria Mineral Club in Australia. They have expressed a desire to join FM. This would make FM a truly international organization. After considerable discussion, the Directors agreed that we would accept the Victoria Club as an affiliate of the Friends of Mineralogy for the purpose of exchanging newsletters and membership lists. An annual membership fee of \$7.00 (U.S.) would be charged to the Victoria Club so that we can recover our postage fees. Walt Lombardo gave us a progress report on the formation of the Great Basin Chapter of FM. About 25 members will band together in Nevada and Utah to form the nucleus of this chapter within the next two months.

Jessie Hardman handed out preliminary draft copies of our bylaws. They are badly outdated. She requested that each Director review the draft and send her any suggested changes. A final draft will then be prepared for approval

by the Directors and a vote of the membership. This should take place in the latter part of 1985. Work will continue on the operating regulations with assistance from Pete Modreski.

Pete Modreski then reviewed his preliminary plans for a locality index project. Details are yet to be worked out so suggestions were requested. Pete is also soliciting volunteers to assist in the project. Jessie Hardman informed the Directors that the California locality index has been completed and placed on computer. She expressed the opinion that California should be allotted more localities in the proposed national index since it is such a mineral rich state.

The block ads in the national December newsletter came up for discussion. Mike Groben explained the idea behind the ads and that it was done on a trial basis. Bryon Brookmyer brought to the meeting a message from three Pennsylvania members that the ads were too "commercial" and do not belong in our newsletter. There was a consensus of the Directors that, in the future, the ads will be confined to exchange of minerals and announcements of new finds.

Bryon Brookmyer asked that national FM endorse and support a joint symposium at Rochester. Perhaps this can be demonstrated by a FM-MSA guest speaker. The Directors agreed that this was a good idea.

The Directors' Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Ray Lasmanis
Outgoing Secretary

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., was held in the Greenlee Room of the Community Center, Tucson, Arizona, on Saturday morning, Feb. 9, 1985. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M., Peter J. Modreski, President, presiding. He welcomed those present and introduced himself.

The President read the results of the election of Directors and announced that, in addition to President, the Directors elected Ray Lasmanis Vice-President, Marcelle Weber Secretary and Arnold Hampson Treasurer.

The President thanked Mike Groben for all his help on the Index to The Mineralogical Record project, and for seeing it through to completion. It is now available. The fourteen people who worked on the Index are named on the first page. The names were read by Jessie Hardman. Following his detailed report, Mike pointed out that FM is a non-profit organization and ideas will be needed for using the profit.

Kay Robertson proposed that "we give a vote of thanks to the entire group". The proposal was seconded and adopted by acclamation.

A question was raised concerning the discs. Mike stated that they are in Dick Thomssen's hands. An effort will be made to put them all into one or two types of program. Discussion followed. The discs will continue to be updated. FM agreed to index the next six volumes as they are produced and Vol. 15 is now being indexed by Larry Heustis, Tacoma, Wash. MR may do as they wish with it. At the end of six years, a twenty year index will be ready to go.

Ray Lasmanis, Secretary for the past year, was asked to summarize the minutes of the Directors' Meeting held Friday morning.

Art Roe, Gene Foord and Henry Truebe were commended for their work on Sunday's Symposium. Pete Modreski announced that the Symposium Abstract was available for \$1.00 and could be purchased from Henry Truebe.

Pete Modreski reported that he had prepared a letter covering the present state of the locality index and had a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping. Kay Robertson pointed out that there have been no volunteers for countries other than the United States. The Colorado Index was published in The Mineralogical Record, the Michigan Index in Rocks & Minerals, Virginia's is in

preparation and will be published in Rocks & Minerals, and the Southern California Chapter has been hard at work on California's, with close to 850 localities. By this time next year, there should be a hard-working group. Decisions will have to be made regarding foreign countries.

The President reported that a Membership Chairman would keep the records. A question was raised as to whether there should be a symposium in Tucson next year. Discussion followed. A Chairman is needed, but it will be held.

Last year, a membership questionnaire was sent out. Pete Modreski would like them returned to him. Kay Robertson suggested that mention be made in the newsletter that the information is to be used in a directory. It was also suggested that the form be reworked.

The President called for reports from the Chapters.

Jessie Hardman and Tony Kampf reported for the Southern California Chapter which will hold a conference Nov. 17 and 18, 1985. 1984's topic was "Minerals of San Bernardino Co." A County-by-County mineral display has lost its home and a new building is being erected at Gateway to Yosemite to house it, as California's Heritage. The Chapter is trying to get the amateurs and professionals to work together to preserve the localities.

Pete Modreski reported briefly for the Colorado Chapter. There are still some people hard at work on the book

"Minerals of Colorado" to update the 1858 existing volume. It should be available sometime in 1986. The Chapter put on another half-day symposium at the Denver Gem & Mineral Show in September. There are plans for a new symposium in 1986, end of May, on Colorado pegmatites, at the Museum of Natural History, Denver, a four day event with two days of talks and two days of field trips.

There was no one present to report for the Michigan or Pennsylvania Chapters.

Ed Godsey, reporting for the Pacific Northwest Chapter, said they had had two full days for a symposium in September, with 130 paid attendees. This was the third year it was held in Tacoma, and the 10th year for the symposium. In 1985, a symposium on Classic Localities will be held the last week-end in September. Mike Groben read the list of speakers and their topics. They are also planning two competitions.

Walt Lombardo, who is organizing the Great Basin Chapter, reported approximately 25 members will get together March 29-31 for a mineral lecture series in conjunction with a show at the Hacienda Hotel.

Pete Modreski recommended joining a Chapter even if you are not living near the region.

Art Roe proposed a vote of thanks to Mike Groben for his work on the MR Index and it was adopted.

Pete Modreski reminded members to attend the Symposium on Sunday, to see Henry Truebe for abstracts, to buy the Index, and to sign up for the localities project.

The attendance averaged 35.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Marcelle Weber, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Membership badges are sent to new members of Friends of Mineralogy. For various and sundry reasons, some members never received a badge. Since the badge is to be the only evidence of membership, everyone should have one. If you NEVER received one, please advise Donald Zowader, Membership Chairman.

It has been suggested there be a small charge to replace "lost" badges, but this is yet to be determined.

MEMORIAL FUND

Southern California Chapter has set up a Memorial Fund for Jo McGuinness, who died suddenly last May, to purchase a specimen for the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, in her memory. She was the wife of Al McGuinness, a member of the Southern California Chapter.

Any contribution by the many friends of Al and Jo should be sent to Kay Robertson and designated as such. It will be gratefully received.

NEW PENNSYLVANIA BOOK OFFERED

The Mineralogical Society of Pennsylvania has announced publication of a new book, Highlights on the Life of Charles M. Wheatley, by F. Harold Evans, Doylestown mineral collector and historian. This 48-page volume on the "famous Chester County, Pennsylvania, mine operator, mineralogist, palaeontologist, naturalist, conchologist, and copper metallurgist," with Forward and Appendix by geologist Dr. Allen V. Heyl, was sponsored by Jay and Paula Lininger, who are responsible for the book design and type-setting. In addition to the biographical story, there are portraits of Wheatley, sketches of the old mines as well as maps and cross-sections, extensive references (both historical and geological), and data on several mines, including up-to-date mineral lists.

The co-sponsoring Mineralogical Society is distributing the book. Write the Society c/o Dr. Arnold Fainberg, 598 N. Prince Frederick St., King of Prussia, PA 19406. (\$2.50 ppd. for members and \$4.50 ppd. for others)

Pennsylvania Chapter, FM, Newsletter

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Chapter members pay your treasurer. All others, send \$7.00 to National Treasurer, Arnold G. Hampson, 1003 Dolores Road, Cortez, CO 81321.

"BUY AND USE A GOOD MINERAL MAGAZINE"

Neal Yedlin, FM Charter Member, used to close his micromounting article with "Buy and use a good mineral book." Substitute magazine for book, and the advice is just as good. (And, might we go further and advise a good index?)

The Mineralogical Record, into its sixteenth year, is "a new kid on the block"--a teenager. It is expected that all FM members are familiar with MR and know where to find one, in their own libraries or someone else's.

There is a Grandparent among the mineral hobby magazines, though, which has watched the others come, and in some cases, go. First published in 1926, Rocks & Minerals will be 60 years old next year. To reach such a ripe, old age took more than luck. R & M has appealed to collectors of many degrees and interests.

You will find R & M's block ad on page 104 of The Mineralogical Record Index.

MR, YE--CHAPTER PRESIDENTS-----

The July issue of the newsletter will be devoted to Chapter activities, present and future. Will you please send the Secretary a report before mid-June? Let's have 100% coverage.

GREAT BASIN CHAPTER ORGANIZES

The Great Basin Chapter (Las Vegas area) held an organization meeting in March at the Las Vegas Show, under the leadership of Walter Lombardo. Attending and giving their support were MR President Richard Thomssen, MR and FM Director Dr. Anthony Kampf, and Walter Rich, MR volunteer and member of the FM Colorado Chapter.

Members who live in Nevada and Utah, interested in joining the Great Basin Chapter, should contact Walter Lombardo, 28 Elm Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89110.

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The Mineralogical Record Index, covering Volumes 1-14, 1970-1983, published by FM, may be ordered from Mineralogical Record Book Dept., P.O. Box 1656, Carson City, NV 89702, \$20.00 postpaid. One more word might have been added to the title--"Comprehensive".

The Index will be of use even to those who do not have a complete set of MR for it is also a reference book. And, the sale of the Index has another objective--the financial well-being of FM.

In the Mar.-Apr. issue of MR, Wendell Wilson mentions that libraries seldom purchase indexes. FM members can help by contacting libraries known to them to have MR, reminding them that the Index is available. If they will not purchase it, Chapters and clubs may consider presenting a copy.

[Note: On foreign orders, add 50¢ overseas.]

INDEX SALES PROGRESS

It is a pleasure to report that sales of the MR Index reached 392 on February 10th whereby our first loan of \$4,900 (advanced by the Mineralogical Record) was paid off. On March 1st, MR loaned FM \$5,759.75 so that our debt to The Courier of Reedsport, Oregon, could be discharged. As of March 15, an additional 141 copies of the Index had been sold giving us a credit of \$1,762.50 toward our second loan.

All members should acquire a copy of this important reference. The quicker our final loan is repaid, the sooner our treasury can start reaping the financial benefits of all the work done by Mike Groben and the index team.

--Ray Lasmanis--
Vice-President

As of April 15, an additional 193 had been sold.

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