

MINUTES of the SOCIETY OF MINERAL MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS
Board & General Annual Meetings, 13 February 2014
Tucson, Arizona

BOARD MEETING

Board members present: *Virgil Lueth, Anna Domitrovic, Penny Williamson, Jean DeMouthe, Terry Ottaway, Tony Kampf, Julian Gray, Alan Hart, Katherine Dunnell*

3:30 pm called to order by President V. Lueth

VL went over the agenda for the general meeting. This includes the budget report & committee reports (the usual stuff).

TK said he purged the roster of people who had not paid dues since 2009.

AD reported that all SMMP accounts have now been moved to the Pima Credit Union in Tucson.

JD said she would report on the Tucson exhibit, and the themes of upcoming shows.

TK brought up the listserver archives and will begin a conversation on this in the general meeting.

VL mentioned the possibility of an Asian SMMP meeting, and said that Peter Davidson would report on SMMP Europe activities.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by President Lueth.

Lueth welcomed members and guests, and asked everyone present to sign the attendance log being circulated during the meeting. Individuals introduced themselves around the room.

VL called for a vote on the Denver minutes, which was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved without corrections.

Domitrovic gave the treasurer's report. As of 11 February, there was \$840.26 in the savings, \$274.65 in checking, and \$4,002.36 in the money market account. All accounts are now at the Pima Federal Credit Union.

AD reported that there are 208 members, less than half of whom are current with their dues through 2014 or after. She encouraged members to pay their dues, which is still only \$10/year (a bargain)!

Lueth asked if anyone has experienced trouble getting through to the listserver. Problems should be reported to Tony Kampf, Webmaster.

VL told about the Univ. of Texas museum, which may close soon.

Lara Brown reported that she was leaving the Rice Museum in Oregon, which meant there would be several jobs open there.

DeMouthe urged people to visit the SMMP case on false diamonds, and said that the theme for Denver 2014 will be agate, and that for Tucson 2015 it will be minerals of western Europe.

Lueth put out a call for more best-practice documents for posting on the web site. Because of complaints about some members' displays over the last few years, he suggested we establish standards for exhibits.

Peter Davidson reported that SMMP & IMA Museum Committee met at Munich in Oct 2013. The new IMA committee chair is Federico Pizzota, vice-chair is Alan Hart and secretary is Peter Davidson. The next IMA meeting will be in Johannesburg in early September 2014.

John Ko talked about SMMP Asia, which has support in China and elsewhere. He said that the current museum organization in China has 350 members, and there are many new museums in that country. The two competing locations for M & M 8 in 2016 are Japan and China.

DeMouthe asked for any archival records or photographs from the early days of SMMP (then MMAC).

Williamson suggested that a group photo be taken, which was accomplished at the end of the meeting.

Three board members' terms had run out: Ottoway, Gray, and Williamson. They were all re-nominated and elected by acclamation.

Following the general meeting, officers were chosen from among the board. Board terms are from February to February, with elections always held at the Tucson meeting. Board members' terms are for three years.

Penny Williamson	president	2014 – 2017
Katherine Dunnell	vice president	2013 – 2016
Anna Domitrovic	treasurer	2012 – 2015
Jean DeMouthe	secretary	2013 – 2016
Virgil Lueth	past-president	2013 – 2016
Tony Kampf	board member, webmaster	2013 – 2016
Julian Gray	board member	2014 – 2017
Alan Hart	board member	2012 – 2015
Terry Ottoway	board member	2014 – 2017

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 by new president Williamson.

Program: Katherine Dunnell spoke on Social Media in Museums: The New Normal