

**MINUTES of the SOCIETY OF MINERAL MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS  
Board & General Annual Meetings, 12 February 2015  
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 Williamson

PW suggested changes to the internal board elections, wherein four people would be elected (pres., vice-pres, secretary, treas) and the office of past president would only exist until the next presidential election.

The by-laws were consulted. AD reminded the group that bylaw revisions must be done in writing and voted by the members.

It was generally agreed that it would be beneficial to have more new people on the board.

IMA CM needs representative from SMMP; discussion followed regarding whether to become a voting or non-voting member & PW will contact IMA.

The agenda for the general meeting includes a budget report & committee reports.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

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***GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING***

Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm by President Williamson, who welcomed visitors and asked everyone present to sign the attendance log being circulated during the meeting. Individuals introduced themselves around the room.

PW 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 \$230.39 in the savings, \$47.15 in checking, and \$4,806.98 in the money market account. All accounts are now at the Pima Federal Credit Union.

AD reported that there are about 150 paid members, and encouraged people to check the roster on line to find their dues status. She encouraged members to pay their dues, which is still only \$10/year (a bargain)!

Lueth reported that no new orphan collections are known.

Kampf urged members to make sure their email addresses are correct on the web site. And he announced two open positions at the Nat. History Museum of L.A. County.

Hart announced that Robin Hanson is the new curator at the Nat. Hist. Museum of London.

Mike Caridos talked about the National Museum of Kosovo, and suggested a mineral exchange between museums. He had handouts, and suggested that this could be done through the diplomatic service.

Patrick Yee discussed the M&M 8 meeting in China. He gave our fliers and flash drives in support of their efforts. He also asked that an SMMP-China group be set up.

PW asked if the Chinese had dates for the meeting or a web site, and was assured those things would be resolved by June 2015. And the official language of the meeting will be English.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of funding, and whether all visitors would have to bring specimens for display. No definite responses were obtained.

Julian Gray ran the election. Three people were nominated and elected by acclamation. Anna Domitrovic, Alan Hart, and Virgil Lueth.

Peter Davidson reported that Brian Jackson had a stroke after the Denver 2014 meeting, but is getting better. He is getting more physically active, but his speech is still poor.

Bruce Geller brought up the Wells Fargo gold theft in San Francisco, and JD added more information.

The Natural History Museum in Paris has opened a new mineral section, and visitors are welcome.

Bill Wray asked if any stolen specimens are even recovered, and discussion followed.

Sarah Timm encouraged museums to be vigilant.

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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
Virgil Lueth	past-president	2013 – 2016
Julian Gray	vice president	2015 - 2018
Jean DeMouthe	co-secretary	2013 - 2016
Katherine Dunnell	co-secretary	2013 - 2016
Anna Domitrovic	treasurer	2015 - 2018
Tony Kampf	board member, webmaster	2013 - 2016
Alan Hart	board member	2015 - 2018
Terry Ottoway	board member	2014 - 2017

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm by president Williamson.

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**lecture program: Social Media in Museums: The New Normal by Katherine Dunnell**