

SMMP Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016

As only 3 Board members were present, a quorum could not be formed and the Board meeting was adjourned.

PLW: Call to Order 2.00 pm

Present: Penny Williamson, Virgil Lueth, Julian Gray, Jeff Self, Kevin Czaja, Rick Sauers, Jeffrey Post, John Zawiskie, Dmitriy Belakovskiy, Bruce Geller, Sarah Christensen, Carl Francis, Jolyon Ralph, Jamie Newman, Kelsey McNamara.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Statements and balances held in Pima Federal Credit Union

Checking	\$125.05
Savings	\$787.81
Money market	\$4,313.04
PayPal	\$107.14
TOTAL	\$5,333.04

Best Practices:

- Nothing to report
- Share if there are any things that have been newly worked on.

New Business:

PLW: **We have money to do something with: What could we do? We should think of positive ways to spend the money.** We have limited expenses: pay membership fees, website cost.

Ideas /Thoughts:

- Create a grant program (already in place). Create an application process.
- Sainte Marie Mineral Show committee was enthusiastic about hosting our SMMP meeting.
- Create a social event for members with the purpose to help grow organization.
 - Have food and beverages for future meetings.
 - Make it productive in nature, not just socializing.
 - Lunch? Evening gathering? Use Sainte Marie as positive example.
 - Could host cocktail party at Comfort Inn at 5:00 PM during Denver Show. (Concern that there are several events and that timing may be difficult for some, hence make it short, but an opportunity for folks to socialize.) SMMP funds for cocktails.

Concern for why this meeting is so small: There is a significant decrease in number of museums participating. While it used to be 70, there are only 16 participating for this show. Lodging used to be in one place, which provided camaraderie with museum peers—perhaps this is affecting museum curators' attendance and is something to look into?

Grant Program:

- Something that inspires future generations
- in sciences – donation to support some effort.
- school programs
- something to give kids
- Offer gift to young speakers at the Denver Show – this year there were 4 young speakers
 - i.e. \$50 gift certificate or give a specimen voucher for dealers
- Give \$ to show committee to distribute?
- dealers that would agree, can list eligible dealers.

Motion: that SMMP offer a \$50 voucher for each mineralogy speaker at the Denver Show, aged 16 or under, to be spent at one participating vendor at the Show, details to be worked out in conjunction with the Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Possible for Tucson too?

Tucson Show 2017 theme: Midwest Minerals – an email will go out for suggestions, feedback.

Bruce Geller asked about MM8. PLW noted that at the Sainte Marie Show, Alan Hart & Federico Pezzotta (IMA reps) said they were working on getting M&M8 in Europe for 2017 and SMMP members asked that it be held in conjunction with 2017 Sainte Marie Show.

Peter Davidson (via email): There will be IMA/SMMP meeting at Munich Show. There can be free entry to Munich Show if you go to the SMMP meeting.

Sarah Christensen: 2017 Tellus Mineral Symposium March 25: - Hydrothermal mineralization. With field trip. See www.tellusmuseum.org.

50 Earth Sciences Week folders were distributed for Outreach, courtesy of AGI.

Other business:

- Marty Zinn Show currently at the Ramada, has been sold to new promoter, Sandra Gonzales and is moving to Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center, Aurora, near I70/Piña Boulevard, next year.
- Carl Francis: Can we ship display straight to Denver? Would simplify greatly. Shipping issue to be discussed with GDAMGC

Meeting adjourned 4.00 pm