



**Minutes for the SMMP Meeting in Denver, Colorado
Friday, September 13th, 2019
Denver Mart, Room K40-42**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions and details on Institution cases for Curators Tours
3. Technical Report/Discussion
4. Collections/Curators Committee Report
5. Education Committee – Tucson 2019 and Denver 2019
6. Jean DeMouthe Legacy Update
7. General Business

1) Meeting was called to order at 2:36pm.

Attached is the list of members in attendance. Quorum was satisfied.

K Dunnell reported that [agenda item 2](#) would be moved to the end of the meeting.

3) Technical report on listserv to Google Groups and the slight differences in functionality. K. Dunnell also reported that she manually added the last 44 people who didn't accept multiple invites to the new platform. Some members in attendance were surprised that we moved platforms. There was discussion on reply and reply all functions being the same and pushing to the whole group. To reply to ONLY the sender, one must click on the sender's email address in the sender heading, not to mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com. If anyone is having issues with functionality with Google Groups, they have been asked to email K Dunnell directly at katherin@rom.on.ca

4) Collections-Curators Committee

V. Lueth reported there is no news. He explained the role of this committee is to be active in orphaned collections, curatorial positions and any sweeping changes that could affect collections care. Please send any pertinent info to V. Lueth

5) Education Committee -

K Dunnell thanked all the participants and Leslie Moclock for organizing the case, and participants and the show organizers for a successful case at Denver. The theme for Tucson was discussed and A. Domitrovic suggested that we consult with the TGMS website as Peter Megaw defined the theme for Tucson 2020, which is 'World Class Minerals'. A call out via email on Google Groups for ideas on what we want to theme SMMP case on, both virtually and on site will be in the

next few weeks and it is something for discussion at Munich. **Action item – E. Gaillou – Munich**

6) Jean DeMouthe Legacy Fund

A. Domitrovic announced we had \$248 in the memorial fund. An official call on Facebook and via Google Groups will happen after Denver meeting. We are checking in with AGI (who hosts our website) to ensure they don't have any policies that prohibit fundraising. If you are using Paypal, please include in the comments section that the funds are for Jean DeMouthe fund.

7. General Business

a) **Update on M&M, Bulgaria 2020.** K Dunnell pointed to the flyer posted on SMMP website with info and a second circular is due out this Fall with a call for posters and speakers. <http://www.smmp.net/M&M9-Circular1.pdf>

b) **Call for help in Education Committee** K Dunnell announced that we would like designates at each of the shows to aid in setting up and facilitating the SMMP cases. Not everyone is able to attend each of the shows, and the commitment would be minimal and more “on the ground”, with the bulk of the work being done via email prior to the show. After the meeting, we had one member approach to volunteer, and her name will be forwarded to the Education committee.

c) **Open to the floor**

~ C.C. reported that U of Arizona, Mining, Mineral and Natural Resource Education Museum had an executive director search, had three candidates and no one filled the position. They have revamped the scope of the role and will be going back out to market with a new search.

~ J.N. reported the AMNH gallery is moving along and the tentative date for opening in October, 2020.

~ K.C. reported that Harvard Mineral Museum has a special exhibit called “Best of the Best” opening in May, 2020, part fabulous mineral specimens, part fabulous jewellery. As well, they are adding some fluorescent minerals into the mix.

~ K.V. reported that Perot is hosting an exhibit, Origins, Fossils from the Cradle of Humankind, October to March.

2) **Introductions and Check-ins for case content for inclusion in the Curator Tours.**

Tellus had similar fossils to the Burgess Shale, Desert Museum had micromounts with images of minerals of Canada, New Mexico Bureau had an entire case of Mont Sainte Hilaire pseudomorphs, Smithsonian had a carved Nain Labradorite that had two faces of a man, old and young

Meeting Adjourned 3:10pm

Initials	Last Name	First Name	Institution	Country
E.A.	Anderson	Erika	Canadian Museum of Nature	Canada
K.B.	Betancourt	Kevin	Perot Museum of Nature and Science	USA
C.C.	Carter (Change to Sandoval)	Catherine	U of Arizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resource Education Museum	USA
K.C.	Czaja	Kevin	Harvard Mineral Museum	USA
V.D.	Di Cecco	Veronica	Royal Ontario Museum	Canada
A.D.	Domitrovic	Anna	Independent	USA
K.D.	Dunnell	Katherine	Royal Ontario Museum	Canada
B.G.	Geller	Bruce	Independent	USA
T.H.	Huizing	Terry	Cincinnati Museum Center	USA
R.L.	Lafler	Renata	Colorado School of Mines	USA
V.L.	Lueth	Virgil	New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources	USA
K.M.	McNamara	Kelsey	New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources	USA
J.N.	Newman	Jamie	American Museum of Natural History	USA
J.P.	Post	Jeffrey	NHM – Smithsonian	USA
C.R.	Raines	Charles	Colorado School of Mines	USA
R.R.	Rooney	Ryan	Tellus Science Museum	USA
R.S.	Saurs	Richard	Western Museum of Mining & Industry	USA
D.S.	Self	Donald	Sherman Dugan Museum of Geology	USA
K.V.	Vagner	Kimberely	Perot Museum of Nature and Science	USA
B.W.	Wray	Bill	Wray Mineral Museum	USA