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Tucson Meetings

Date: Thursday, February 14th, 2019

Place: Crystal Ballroom (TCC)

Board meeting: 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Membership meeting: 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Program: 5:00 – 5:45 PM

**PROGRAM: Making Museum Mineral Collections Relevant in the 21st Century
presentation by Dr. Kim Tait, curator at the Royal Ontario Museum**

The Mineral Museum Professionals Social

hosted by Gail & Jim Spann

*Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort—Casa Luna Ballroom
(see flyer on listserv for details and map)*

Cocktails at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:30pm

RSVP (required) by February 6th to info@spannminerals.com

TUCSON EXHIBIT:

"Wulfenite Loves..."

"Content will be about lead minerals and other minerals found with wulfenite. Please contact Leslie Moclock (leslie.moclock@gmail.com) and the listserv if you plan on participating.

TENTATIVE TUCSON AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Dunnell)
2. Introductions
3. Treasurer's Report (Domitrovic)
4. Membership Report (Domitrovic)
5. Collections/Curators Committee Report (Lueth)
6. Education Committee - Tucson 2018 & Denver 2018 exhibits (Moclock)
7. SMMP Europe Report – Munich, Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines (Gaillou)
8. IMA-CM—Update on M&M, website etc. (Rumsey/Tait)
9. Jean DeMouthe Legacy Discussion
10. General business
11. Board of Directors Election
12. Election of officers (by Board of Directors)
13. Group photograph

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year to everyone.

The upcoming year promises to be a year full of excitement. It has been a busy and productive year for the SMMP; expanding our outreach, connecting with our membership and reminding the public why museums are important have been top priorities this year and is reflected in our membership of 184 members representing 25 countries around the world.

To promote some face time with colleagues in a less hectic and informal environment, there will be an informal gathering of SMMP members on Monday Feb 11th, 5pm at the bar at La Posada Hotel, 5900 N Oracle Rd. We hope to see you there to discuss our education and grant programs among other topics, and also simply getting to know each other

Mike, along with a few other curators attended a special workshop called "Museum mineral collections, the next 100 years". Our speaker in Tucson, Dr. Kim Tait, will share with us the conversations and insights from that session in her talk "Making Museum Mineral Collections Relevant in the 21st Century". Please support this exciting talk by attending and spreading the word (Thursday, February 14th, 5:00pm)

The education committee, headed up by Leslie Moclock, have been busy promoting SMMP at mineral shows, and engaging with the show organizers as well as the patrons. We look forward to a fulsome update from her and her committee. To compliment the physical SMMP case in Tucson, Eloïse and Jolyon have developed via Mindat, allowing all SMMP related institutions to participate, even though who can't attend or can't bring physical specimens to Tucson. Please refer to Eloïse's post on the listserv for instructions and to get involved.

For the AGM in Tucson, we have two positions to fill via a vote. We will be voting on two board director positions; president and vice-president. If you are interested in getting more involved, please let us know so we can forward your name up for nomination. We are always looking for keen people who want to participate.

We are thankful for Gail and Jim Spann for hosting the museum gathering post-lecture on Thursday, February 14th. Please note that the venue has changed to Hacienda Del Sol Ranch Resort, Casa Luna Ballroom and please refer to the listserv for details. I will stress that RSVP (info@spannminerals.com) is a must and **cut off is February 6th 2019**.

I look forward to seeing you all in Tucson. Safe travels.

Best, Katherine

Recent Group Photos

(go to www.smm.net/photos.htm for all group photos.)



Tucson 2018



Sainte Marie 2018

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE STE. MARIE-AUX-MINES (June 2018)

<http://www.smmp.net/min18j.pdf>

MINUTES OF THE DENVER MEETING (September 2018)

<http://www.smmp.net/min18s.pdf>

MINUTES OF THE MUNICH MEETING (October 2018)

<http://www.smmp.net/min18o.pdf>

SMMP RESEARCH STUDY GRANTS

Awards are to support curatorial research and methodologies that address one or more of the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals (SMMP) mission statement goals: 1) foster recognition of mineral science collections as essential scientific, educational and cultural resources, 2) promote support for growth, maintenance and use of collections and exhibits and, 3) advance museum practice through cooperation in the development, review and dissemination of information. Amounts vary up to a maximum of \$1000 per grant. Grant awards determined by SMMP Board of Directors. Grant applications and more details are posted on our website: www.smmp.net/support-SMMP.htm

Grant proposals due August 1st, 2019

BEST PRACTICES PROJECT

"Best practices" documents are posted on the SMMP website:

[BEST PRACTICES REPORT NO. 1: Research Sampling of Collections](#)

[BEST PRACTICES REPORT NO. 2: Moving Specimens](#)

We are actively looking for more volunteers to author other best practice documents.

SMMP AFFILIATIONS

[American Geological Institute \(AGI\)](#)

[Natural Science Collections Alliance \(NSCA\)](#)

Although the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals maintains no official ties with the [Commission on Museums \(CM\)](#) of the [International Mineralogical Association \(IMA\)](#), the Commission resolved at its December, 2000, meeting in Melbourne, Australia, to support SMMP's efforts in uniting mineral museum professionals worldwide.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Four board member terms will be expiring this year. Please be prepared to nominate candidates and vote. Board members whose terms expire this year are:

Katherine Dunnell (President) Eloïse Gaillou (Vice President) Anna Domitrovic (Treasurer)

SMMP LIST SERVER

You are encouraged to interact with your fellow SMMP members via our list server:

smmp@listserv.nhm.org

Please remember that when you reply to an email sent via our list server, you will be replying to the sender, although you have the option of copying the membership.

Tony Kampf processes additions to and deletions from the list server. That way we limit the list to our membership and if a member decides that they want to be dropped from the list, Tony will know whether to send them the SMMP Newsletter by snail mail. Note that you are only able to send via the list server from your email address that is on the list server. This should be the same one that is used in our online roster.

SMMP FACEBOOK PAGE

You are encouraged to interact and post on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/TheSMMP/

Post relevant and interesting news and events, post pictures and share content. Eloïse and Lelsie are administrators of the page, monitor content and answer inquiries. More confidential content should be streamed through the listserv.

PAYING DUES

SMMP dues are \$10.00 U.S., payable to Anna Domitrovic, treasurer, 6118 W. Lazy Heart Street, Tucson, AZ 85713. Any directory changes or additions should be sent to Tony Kampf. In Europe, dues can be remitted to Eloïse Gaillou (eloise.gaillou@mines-paristech.fr) Musée de Minéralogie MINES ParisTech, 60 Boulevard St. Michel, 75272 Paris.

To make paying your dues easier (especially for non-US members), a PayPal account has been established and installed on our website. You can use your credit card or your own personal PayPal account. Just go to our [Dues webpage](#).

Note that you can check your dues payment status on the [SMMP online roster](#). The year shown in the last column indicates the last year for which you have paid. If you are delinquent, please remit your dues payment as soon as possible.