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Tucson Meetings

Date: Thursday, February 13th, 2020

Place: Greenlee Room, Tucson C.C.

Board meeting: 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Membership meeting: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Program: 5:00—6:00 pm

PROGRAM :

"Augmenting museum experiences with digital outreach and education"

Aaron Celestian from Natural History Museum, LA County

The Mineral Museum Professional Social

Graciously hosted by Gail & Jim Spann

Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort — Casa Luna Ballroom

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

TUCSON EXHIBIT:

"Curator's Pick: World Class Minerals"

This could be something big and beautiful or something quirky, rare, or obscure.
Please email leslie.moclock@gmail.com for participation.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Dunnell)
2. Treasurer's Report (Domitrovic)
3. Membership Report (Domitrovic)
4. Collections/Curators Committee Report (Lueth)
5. Education Committee: Tucson 2020 & Denver 2019 exhibits (Dunnell)
6. SMMP Europe Report: Munich & Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines (Gaillou)
7. IMA-CM: Update on M&M (Rumsey)
8. General business
 - Update on M&M, Bulgaria 2020
9. Board of Directors Election
10. Election of officers (by Board of Directors)
11. Group photograph

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year to everyone.

I will be the first to say I was glad to see the new year and new decade. Looking back at the first twenty years of the new century, we have witnessed some incredible ups and downs in the museum world with the flooding in Venice, the fires at the National Museum of Brazil and Notre Dame, theft of diamonds from the Dresden Green Vault and the Smithsonian lock out; the museum world has had to react to financial, criminal and natural disasters.

We started this century with an uneasiness of what the digital age would bring. Should we be putting our content online? Should we be putting images online and will that deter people from coming to a museum? Coupled with shrinking operational budgets, many museum people were concerned on the future of museums.

Twenty years later, the message is clear: museums are more relevant than ever. They are economic engines; they are inclusive; they have become anchors of community engagement; they save species; they are trusted sources of unbiased content and visitors to museums have increased not decreased with digitization. I urge everyone to have a look at the America Association of Museums (AAM) museum-facts-data link if they are ever in doubt on whether museums are relevant and important in this upcoming decade: <https://www.aam-us.org/programs/about-museums/museum-facts-data/>

For the Annual Membership Meeting in Tucson, we have three positions to fill *via* a vote. If you are interested in getting more involved, please let us know so we can forward your name up for nomination. We will be asking our members, especially our European members who cannot make it to Tucson, to submit nominations prior to the meeting for voting. I feel that we need to keep the process as accessible to all so those who cannot attend, please email me (katherin@rom.on.ca) with an intention of serving, so we can include you when it is time to vote at the meeting.

We are thankful for Gail and Jim Spann for hosting the museum gathering post-lecture on Thursday, February 13th. The venue is the same as last year, Hacienda Del Sol Ranch Resort, Casa Luna Ballroom; please refer to mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com for details. I will stress that RSVP (info@spannminerals.com) is a must and cut-off is February 5th, 2020. I look forward to seeing you all in Tucson. Safe travels.

Katherine Dunnell

Recent Group Photos

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



Tucson 2019



Sainte Marie 2019

SMMP GOOGLE GROUP — **NEW!!**

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

mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com

Please remember that when you reply to an email sent *via* our Google Group, you will be replying to the entire membership. Reply and Reply All act the same way in Google Groups. If you want to respond only to only the sender, insert only their email address .

The SMMP Google Group is a closed group, by invitation only. If you are not currently a member of our Google Group, please email Katherine Dunnell (katherin@rom.on.ca), so that she can invite you to the group.

SMMP FACEBOOK PAGE

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

www.facebook.com/TheSMMP/

Post relevant and interesting news, events, pictures and other content. Eloïse and Leslie are administrators of the page; they monitor content and answer inquiries. More confidential content should be streamed through our Google Group.

SMMP AFFILIATIONS

American Geological Institute (AGI): www.agiweb.org

Natural Science Collections Alliance (NSCA): www.nscalliance.org

PAYING DUES

SMMP dues are \$10.00 US, 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: www.smmp.net/dues.htm

Note that you can check your dues status on the on-line roster: www.smmp.net/members.htm. 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.