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## Announcements

### CAST YOUR VOTE!

Please cast your vote for a new slate of Directors for the 2011-20XX term. (Page 4)

### 2011 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Friends of Mineralogy Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, at 4 pm, in the restaurant of the Hotel Tucson City Center (formerly Inn Suites). A Social hour will follow the membership meeting from about 5 to 6 pm.

All Friends of Mineralogy members and prospective members are encouraged to attend our annual membership meeting and provide input and ideas to help our organization be as effective as possible.

We hope to see you there!

### 2011 NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The National Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, February 11, beginning at 7:30 am in the lounge of the Hotel Tucson City Center (formerly Inn Suites). Directors and chapter representatives who are planning to attend should RSVP to Regina Aumente ([RAumente@aol.com](mailto:RAumente@aol.com)) by February 4 so that we can get an accurate count for breakfast and not pay for unused meals.

### SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

The theme of this year's Tucson Gem and Mineral show is Minerals of California. An excellent series of talks have been planned for the FM-MSA-TGMS Symposium to be held Saturday, February 12. (Page 5)

## FM Leadership

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## ***Board of Directors Nominees for 2011***

January 1, 2011

To: Friends of Mineralogy Membership

From: FM Nominating Committee

Re: Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for the Friends of Mineralogy is pleased to submit the following nominations for Board of Directors positions for the period of 2011-2014:

**Allan Young** is a registered professional mining engineer with over 30 years experience in the mining industry in the western U.S. and Latin America. He is currently employed by Bureau of Land Management as the Idaho State Program Lead for the Mining Law Administration and surface management of mining claims. He was fortunate to have worked at the Idarado mine in Colorado for several years before it closed, and while he had become interested in minerals before that, this experience really whetted his appetite for collecting. He enjoys field collecting with friends, primarily in Idaho, and has served on the FM Board since 2005.

**Gloria Staebler** is a current member of the national Board of Directors of FM. She is past newsletter editor and served as Secretary for 8 years. Gloria received her B.S. in mathematics and computer science from Wesleyan University. Gloria along with Guenther Neumeier publish the *MINERAL* monograph series, which stemmed from their buying the English-language rights, in 2001, to the German mineralogical monograph series *extraLapis*. She has coedited and copublished 14 books in the monograph series as well as a number of out-of-series titles, including the award-winning and highly regarded *American Mineral Treasures*. Gloria is currently working on several projects including a book celebrating Arizona's mineral collecting heritage.

**Aaron Wieting** is a registered professional geologist in the State of Oregon and currently works for the City of Portland on water quality issues. He received his degree in geology from Portland State University and is a past president of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of FM. He has also served as chair for three PNWFM Symposiums in addition to other duties, and is an active supporter of the Rice Museum and the museum's Northwest Gallery. Aaron has been an avid field collector since he was old enough to walk and currently specializes in Oregon and Owens Valley, California minerals, though collecting excursions may take him and his wife, Jade, anywhere in the western US. In particular, he enjoys discovering and characterizing new or incompletely documented localities. He also enjoys introducing the next generation of mineral collectors to the hobby.

**Nelson Shaffer** has been a member of Friends of Mineralogy since 1977. He is a founding member of the Midwest Chapter of FM and has served in various officer positions for that group. He acted as president of the National FM for two years after serving as vice president, and other positions and has been a member of the board of directors for several years. Nelson is FM representative to the American Geologic Institute. Nelson has set up the FM outreach booth at the Tucson Show for the past five years and made many other outreach efforts. Nelson holds degrees in geology from the Ohio State University (1972 and 1974) and from Indiana University (1996). He has published more than 120 papers, abstracts, maps, or book chapters about geology and has headed many field trips, most recently the Midwest Chapter Field Symposium about Geodes in Indiana and Kentucky. A long time collector, researcher, writer, and teacher, Nelson has studied minerals for many years and tries always to share his fascination, and to attract others to the field.

The above nominees have all expressed their willingness to serve, if elected, on the National FM Board of Directors. A ballot for the election of directors is included below. Members are encouraged to complete the ballot and submit by either regular mail or email to Mark Mauthner, FM Secretary, at the address provided on the ballot.

Respectfully Submitted  
FM Nominating Committee



talks which were very appreciated by a packed room of PNWFM members.” “Many of the fourteen display cases on the main show floor featured specimens of Australian origin. Ray Lasmanis was able to secure cases of high caliber specimens from some of the premier collections in the Pacific Northwest.” “A highlight of the show was the awarding of the Noble Witt award for outstanding service to the goals of the Friends of Mineralogy. The award which hasn’t been presented in the last few years went to a very deserving member, Wes Gannaway.”

### **Pennsylvania:**

The Pennsylvania Chapter’s Fall Symposium was held on November 6, 2010. Ron Sloto presented two talks entitled, “Classic Chester County Mineral Localities, Part 2” and “The Pennsylvania Granite Corporation Quarry – A Different Kind of Quarry.” Joe Dague presented a talk entitled, “Pennsylvania Classics from the Genth Collection,” and Peter Leavens presented a talk entitled, “Why strontianite, why wavellite in Pennsylvania’s Paleozoic carbonates?”

### **Southern California**

A mineral locality symposium and field trip, sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy and the UC Riverside Geology Department, was held during October 23-24, 2010. Talks were presented on subjects including diamond formation, lithium-bearing pegmatites, sulfide mineral oxidation in seawater and tungstate mineral dissolution in groundwater. A field trip consisting of 25 participants was made to the Cryo Genie Mine. Participants were able to wash and screen tailings for tourmaline, and many beautiful prisms were found.

## ***Tucson Symposium Schedule***

### **The 32<sup>st</sup> Annual FM-MSA-TGMS Tucson Mineral Symposium**

#### ***Minerals of California***

**Saturday, February 12, 2011**

**Tucson Convention Center**

<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks (Symposium Co-Chairs: Julian C. Gray and Mark Mauthner)</b>
<b>10:05 a.m.</b>	<b>The Oceanview Mine: Pala's Newest Gem (Mark Mauthner)</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>The California Blue Pegmatite (Rick Kennedy)</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>The Little Three pegmatite mine, Ramona, California (David London)</b>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Curating the Carpenter Collection of Crestmore, California Minerals (Carl A. Francis and Tracy L. Warmington)</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Photographing the collection at the Harvard Mineralogical Museum (Jess T. Dugan and Eva Barajas)</b>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>The Discovery of the World's Finest Fresnoite (Scott Kleine)</b>