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This is the first newsletter for 1983 and it is my first newsletter as secretary. (So be patient with the many errors). I would first like to thank Pete Modreski for his excellent service as secretary. I look forward to working with him in his new role as vice president. Be sure to see Pete's comments later in this newsletter.

It is my hope that we can put out the newsletter three times this year. But to do this we will need more input from members and chapters. The bylaws require each chapter to send in reports twice a year reviewing their activities etc. This process has been overlooked in the past few years. I think that I have been one of the worst offenders during my years as NW Chapter chairperson. However I would like to suggest that we once again have biannual reports from the chapters. Publication of these reports in the newsletter will help in maintaining communication.

The Tucson meeting and show has come and gone once again. And, as usual, it was wonderful. The FM Board of Directors meeting and the annual membership meeting were both held during the show. See later in the newsletter for reports on these meetings. The attendance at the general meeting was somewhat disappointing. We will discuss this situation in a later newsletter.

I have it on good authority that an updated membership directory is on its way. This directory will be very useful in taking stock of the organization as well as to help members keep in touch with each other.

Finally a reminder. Be sure to send in your interesting notes and news to me so we can include it in the next newsletter.

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## REPORT ON THE 1983 FM DIRECTORS' MEETING AND 1983 FM ANNUAL MEETING Tucson Arizona, Feb. 11,12 1983

Submitted by Robert J. Smith  
Secretary

### FM Directors' Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Kampf at 9 AM. Directors present at the meeting were Tony Kampf, Jessie Hardman, Gene Foord, Russ MacFall, Al McGuinness, Dick Gaines, Dee Belsher, Byron Brookmyer, Ron Bentley, Mike Groben Carl Francis, Pete Modreski & Bob Smith. and guest Earl Pemberton.

The minutes of the last directors' were read by Pete Modreski and were approved. Russ MacFall presented the financial report for 1982, which is reported later in the newsletter.

The results of the election of FM directors to serve three year terms

(Feb. 1983 to Jan. 1986) were announced. They were Pete Modreski, Tony Kampf, Bob Trimmingham Dee Belsher, Al McGuinness, and Byron Brookmyer Also, Jessie Hardman was elected to serve the one-year vacant term left due to the death of Morris Ratcliff.

A discussion of the dues notice format followed. It was the consensus that the best system would be to mail the notices out at the beginning of each year (as is done now) and to follow this up with a notice later in the year to those with outstanding dues.

The nominations for officers for the coming year from Bob Trimmingham were presented. The nominees are;

Mike Groben	President
Pete Modreski	Vice President
Bob Smith	Secretary
Ron Bentley	Treasurer

Their election was moved by Jesse Hardman and seconded by several members and they were duly elected.

It was reported that, due to a mailing error

the incorporation of the FM had lapsed. However, this situation has been rectified. All that had to be done was to pay a small fee and submit a report.

The discussion concerning the status of chapters and the question of incorporation was carried over from last year. Tony Kampf read a report from Dick Thomsson and Bob Trimmingham. After some discussion it was moved and seconded that the bylaws should be reviewed and changed to formalize the chapters and require incorporation. Jessie Hardman, with the help of Mike Groben, will look into the proposed changes in the bylaws. Proposed changes will be reported in the newsletter with ample time for input before any general ballot is taken.

Pete Modreski reported on the status of the locality registration project. The Colo. chapter has been working on the project and a good deal of material has been collected. A committee, to be chaired by Pete Modreski, was appointed to continue the project.

Carl Francis announced the FM award for the best article in the Mineralogical Record for the past year. Bob King was awarded a lifetime subscription to the Mineralogical Record for his article on the Boltsburn Mine.

The question of funding the award was reviewed. After some discussion it was moved that we pay the full amount of the award each year to the Mineralogical Record at the time of the award. It could be a part of the award ceremony. In this way we would continue to support the Record as well as maintain good relations with the magazine. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ron Bentley noted that the directory is coming. However, the question concerning the credit of late dues came up. The policy was clarified. When a new member pays near the end of a year, the payment will be credited to the next years dues. But when an old member pays late, even at the end of the year, the payment will apply to delinquent dues.

Martin Annè is leaving his duties as the historian, so we need a new historian. Gene Foord volunteered to take over.

Byron Brookmyer reported on the memorial fund that the Pa. chapter has established to honor deceased members such as Paul Seel. The proceeds from the fund will be used to support scholarships and research. The fund is already growing.

Byron asked the directors to consider a

loan from the national funds to the chapter to allow the memorial fund to support more study earlier. A discussion followed. It was suggested that perhaps a direct donation was more in keeping with the idea of the fund. Others wanted to know more about the process of the fund before committing any money. The request was taken under advisement by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

### FM Annual Membership Meeting

Tony Kampf called the meeting to order and then turned it over to Mike Groben, the new president. Mike introduced the other officers and then he invited all present to introduce themselves.

Bob Smith then gave a short review of the directors' meeting. (See report )

Carl Francis announced the MR article award winner who was Robert King for his article on the Boltsburn Mine.

Pete Modreski reported on the past year. He reviewed the Local Preservation project that is for now anyway, completed. He also reported on the locality registration project, which has been reactivated under Pete's leadership. A report will be forthcoming.

Walt Lombardo of Las Vegas Nevada told of his interest in starting a new mineral group in that area. Perhaps this will lead to a new FM Chapter. (See the notice in this newsletter)

Tony Kampf took the opportunity to discuss the importance of chapters. He noted that the Board of Directors had authorized a review of the bylaws to formalize the chapter status.

This initiated an extended discussion of the role and value of chapters. The Florida contingent suggested that they could find no benefit to chapter membership. A number of ideas surfaced in the discussion. They included ideas such as the value of partial dues retention, local control of projects, liability protection and others. One very important point was made that the FM is, at least in part, a service organization to both the hobby and the profession of mineralogy.

The consensus of opinion was that more thought should be given to the role and the purpose of the chapters. The board will make available, via this newsletter, more information about chapters and chapter formation. They will also seek the input of all the membership as part of the bylaws review. No decision will

## Annual Meeting (cont.)

be made until everyone who wants to has contributed.

Byron Brookmyer announced the Pa. chapter's memorial fund, the proceeds of which will be used for grants in geology.

Carl Francis then discussed the coming FM/MSA symposium on Oxidation Mineralogy of Base Metal Deposits. He invited all to participate. (See report in this newsletter)

Discussion of the possibility of holding shorter, annual symposia was held. It was suggested that the meeting might be held earlier in the week so it would not conflict with Tucson Show events. The board will look into changes in the symposium and plan for future meetings.

The question was asked, 'what ever happened to the FM notes in the Mineralogical Record?' This will be investigated.

Mike Groben asked members to think about new projects for the organization. One suggestion was to have a paper competition between mineralogy students in the universities. The award would be a trip to Tucson to present the paper at one of the symposia.

Finally, reports from chapters with representatives present were made.

### Pa. Chapter:

The 10th annual symposium was held last Nov. at West Chester Pa. The topic was Locations, Museums and More. It was another successful Show for Pa.

The Chapter also sponsors an annual Spring Field Trip conference. The talks at this conference are keyed to the field trip.

### Northwest Chapter

The 8th annual Northwest Mineral Symposium was held in Tacoma Wa. on Sept. 24 to 26. About 120 interested people joined the speakers and dealers for two days of mineral fun. The topic was Oddities of the Mineral Kingdom and the speakers included Bill Wise of the University of California and Jim Minette of Boron California.

The Northwest Chapter is now publishing a new Bulletin. So far two issues have been issued. The third will be ready in early summer of 1983. Anyone interested in copies should contact Bob Smith. (address on the last page of newsletter)

### Colo. Chapter

Progress is being made on a new book on the Minerals of Colorado. This is an updating of a classic work.

The chapter is also involved in local meetings, lectures and displays at Denver area shows.

### So. California Chapter

The S.C. Chapter was featured with a program displays and a mineral identification booth at the California Federation Show in Long Beach Aug. 29, 1982.

The chapter held its' second annual symposium at the MSSC show in Pasadena on Nov. 14

In Oct. the group took a field trip to the Pala area.

Finally a new project has been started by the chapter. This is the assembly of a library based on the references in Earl Pember-ton's book on the Minerals of California.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1982

Submitted by Russell MacFall, Treasurer

Cash balance as of 1/21/82	\$ 6208.03
Receipts- Dues	1078.63
- Donations	30.00
- Loan repayment	90.00
- Interest on Savings	223.10
Total Receipts	7,629.76
Expenditures- Operating	
expenses	838.93
- Subscription to Mineralogical Record	16.00
Total Expenditures	854.93
Cash balance as of 1/31/83	6774.83
Analysis of operating expenses by source	
Secretary	\$ 720.89
Treasurer	35.79
Membership Chairman	82.25
Total	\$ 838.93

## NOTES and NEWS

### Tucson 1983

The Fifth joint MSA/FM symposium was held on Feb. 13,14 1983 in Tucson Ariz. The topic for this meeting was the Oxidation Mineralogy of Base Metal Deposits. John Anthony was the general chairman; Dick Bideaux was the business manager; and Carl Francis was the technical chairman.

They brought together an impressive number and quality of papers on the major theme as well as general topics.

### MSA/FM Symposium 1984

There will be a one-day joint MSA/FM symposium on Sunday Feb. 12, 1984. The theme will be "Mexican Minerals" however papers are solicited on general mineral topics as well. Bill Panczner will be in charge of the technical program and Bob Middleton (of the Arizona-Sonora Desert museum and President of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society) will be the general chairman in charge of arrangements. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

### New Mineral Society

Announcing the formation of the Southern Great Basin Mineralogical Society. This group will encompass Clark, Esmeralda, Nye and Lincoln Co. Nevada; Beaver, Iron and Washington Counties in Utah; and Mojave Co. Arizona.

Society Goals include organized field trips, compilation of locality data, the organization of annual symposium and perhaps, a Friends of Mineralogy Charter. For more information contact:

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### News from the Colorado Chapter

The Colo. Chapter will sponsor its 2nd Annual half-day Symposium at the Denver Area Gems and Mineral Show on Sunday Sept. 18,1983. About 8 papers will be presented during the afternoon meeting. All in the Denver area are encouraged to attend.

The chapter has raised \$1564 by a mineral auction to support the preparation of the publication, "Minerals of Colo.-an Update".

### News from the Northwest Chapter

The 9th annual Northwest Mineralogical Symposium will be held at the Doric Tacoma Motor Hotel in Tacoma Wa., Sept. 23-25,1983. The topic for this years meeting will be the Lead Minerals. Speakers will include John Anthony of the University of Arizona; Bob Jones, noted author; Victor Yount, prominent mineral dealer; and Joe Nagel of the University of British Columbia.

As usual, there will be a mini-symposium on Sunday Morning on the minerals of the Northwest.

Dealers at this years symposium will include Mineralogical Research Co., Sierra Nevada Mineral Co., The Mineral Mailbox, and Bart Cannon Minerals.

For more information contact;

Robert J. Smith or Mike Groben

(Addresses on last page of newsletter)

Volume I # 3 issue of the new Bulletin of the Pacific NW Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy will go to press early next month. This Bulletin contains major articles, columns, features and news of interest to both the Northwest collector and collectors anywhere.

Back Issues are available, while they last, at \$ 1.50 each. If interested write to; Robert J. Smith (address on last page of newsletter)

### New Mexico Mineral Symposium

The 4th Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium will be held at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro New Mexico. This meeting is sponsored by the New Mexico Bureau of Mines, the New Mexico Tech Mineralogical Society, the Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club, and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History. This is an excellent meeting sponsored by a number of our sister societies and it deserves our support. For information contact;

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Having been the secretary of FM for the past five years, I'd like to conclude my term by summarizing some of the mechanics of how FM operates and the things it does (or could do). Let me follow our organization through the course of a year. If we all understand how things work, they may go more smoothly.

Dues and Elections FM operates on a fiscal and official year running from Feb. 1 to Jan. 31, timed to coordinate with our annual meetings in Tucson which more-or-less begin the year and are the time we can initiate new things. Sometime around December or January, each member should receive in the mail a ballot for the election of directors, and a notice for dues for the coming year. FM is run by a board of 18 directors, six of whom are elected each year to serve three-year terms. We do not elect our officers (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) directly, but these are elected to one-year terms by the board of directors at their annual meeting held in Tucson in February. We normally allow 30 days for the return of the ballots for election of directors. How one pays dues depends on whether or not you belong to a local FM chapter. If you do belong to one of our five present chapters, you pay dues to the chapter treasurer, and you normally wait until you receive a separate dues notice from the chapter. Chapter dues are variable and are set by the chapter; they range between about \$5 to \$10, and this amount is the total and only amount of FM dues that chapter members pay. Of the dues collected by the chapter treasurer, \$2 for each member is returned to the national FM treasurer for operating expenses of the national FM organization. If you are not a member of a local chapter, dues are \$5 annually, payable to the FM national treasurer.

Local Chapters Membership in a local chapter is a separate, optional association for FM members who live in an area where there are enough of us to meet as an organized group and carry out activities. There are presently five chapters: Colorado, Pennsylvania, Pacific Northwest, Southeastern Michigan, and Southern California. We encourage members to form new chapters wherever or whenever enough of them live in a given area. An FM member does not have to belong to a local chapter, but every chapter member must also be a member of national FM. Approximately half of our members belong to the chapters. The chapters provide for local meetings of people with common interests, and have been very active with activities such as symposiums, newsletters, publication of books, field trips, aiding local museums, educational projects, etc. If any group of members is interested in forming a new chapter, the FM secretary can send them a copy of a set of guidelines on "Organization of chapters" and an "Application for charter" of a new chapter. Our guidelines specify that a chapter can be organized by ten or more members, and that the new chapter must apply for incorporation according to the laws of the state in which it is organized. FM itself is incorporated, under the laws of the state of California. FM (which was formed in 1970) formerly was divided into regions; each member belonged to one of the 16 geographic regions. This regional structure was found to be not useful, and it was replaced by the present chapters in 1976.

Annual Meetings The Annual Meeting and other FM activities are held in conjunction with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show each February. This was adopted as the one place at which the greatest number of FM members come together each year. First, usually on Friday of the show weekend, the annual meeting of the board of directors is held, at which the results of the election are announced, officers for the coming year are elected, and business matters are discussed. FM members who are not directors are also invited to attend the board meeting as observers or if they have a particular matter to bring up. The annual FM membership meeting is usually held on Saturday afternoon in the Tucson Community Center, in one of the meeting rooms on the floor above the show. New officers and directors are introduced, business matters are discussed, reports from existing chapters and committees are given, and there is opportunity to discuss any new or proposed projects and activities. The program sometimes includes a speaker or slide program. In the middle 1970's, attendance at the annual meetings was typically about 100 or more; in recent years, it has been more like 20-50 members. At the Tucson show, the winner is announced of an annual FM award for the best article published in the Mineralogical Record during the preceding year. The award, instituted in 1981, is

a lifetime subscription to the Record. Approximately every other year (possibly annually in the future) a mineralogical symposium is held in conjunction with the Tucson Show, co-sponsored by the Friends of Mineralogy, the Mineralogical Society of America, and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society. The symposium has usually been held on the Sunday and Monday at the end of the show and features speakers on a variety of mineralogical topics, usually centered around some theme, such as "Pegmatite Minerals" (1981) and "Oxidation Mineralogy of Base Metal Deposits" (1983). The symposium serves the FM goal of bringing together professional and amateur mineralogists to advance the study of minerals.

During the Year Sometime after you have paid your dues you will receive an FM membership card. Several FM newsletters are sent out to all members during the year; the number is variable and depends on the ambition of the secretary and on how much news there is to report. An FM membership directory is prepared and sent to all members approximately every other year (the last was in 1980); in some years, this directory has included a geographical breakdown of members and an index of members' interests, as indicated on questionnaires. Our records are maintained by the treasurer/membership chairman and the secretary. In the past the membership records have been maintained solely by hand, but the records are now being transferred to an Apple computer file, which should require less time on the part of the officers and insure greater accuracy. A recurrent problem has been when to "cut off" our roster of members for the year; the chapters report their members to the national treasurer at various times throughout the year, and there may be a long time lag between payment of an individual's dues to the chapter and the reporting of this to the FM national treasurer and secretary. We ask our members to bear with us in our efforts to keep the membership files current; all is done by volunteer effort. If you do not receive a newsletter or your name is omitted from a membership roster, please let us know, and keep in mind that human (and computer) errors are bound to occur.

New Members Any interested person is invited to join FM; there are no particular requirements or qualifications. Application forms may be obtained from the secretary or other FM officer, and should be submitted along with the \$5 annual dues. New members joining a chapter should fill out membership applications for both the chapter and for national FM, and should pay their dues to the chapter. Once you have joined, each member will receive a national FM name badge; if you do not have one, please contact the treasurer. We ask all members who choose to end their membership in FM to please remember to return this name badge to the treasurer, so they can be reused for new members. New members will also receive one or more sheets of information about the activities and goals of FM; our information sheet is currently being revised, and a copy of the new version will be sent to all members. The goals of FM were summarized in the Mineralogical Record, volume 1, no. 1, p. 4 (1970); and in volume 9, no. 4, p. 267 (1978).

Current and Future Activities Membership in the Friends of Mineralogy confers no immediate benefits, other than being put in touch with other people who share common interests in furthering the study of minerals, the protection and conservation of mineral specimens and mineral localities, and the dissemination of information and education about minerals. The value of membership depends on what effort the member is willing to make toward these goals, and the task of the officers and directors is to facilitate the members' working together on these common goals. FM activities have included: the establishment of the Mineralogical Record magazine; the holding of 5 joint FM-MSA Symposia in Tucson, Arizona; the study of ways in which mineral localities can be preserved for the future, and the publication of articles about locality preservation in the Mineralogical Record; the beginning of work on an index of mineral localities; the annual FM "best article" award; in the past, an award for the best education exhibit at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, and cooperation with the National Association of Geology Teachers; and publication of various columns and articles in the Mineralogical Record. With your help, we hope to do more in the future!

Peter J. Modreski, FM vice-president  
February, 1983

## A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Congratulations are pouring in from all over the country! Well, not really, but the 1983 FM Directory has been completed and included with this newsletter and membership records have now been transferred successfully to an Apple III home computer. From my point of view, this is a great achievement. Few people have any idea of how cumbersome a system we used to use, with membership forms and dues being handled several times by several people. The time it has taken computerize our files has delayed normal operations and I apologize for the delay in getting 1983 membership cards out to some of you. Also several of you have written with regards to their uncashed checks. This delay was in part due to the transfer of funds from California to Texas and in most part due to the computerization. I regret if this has caused any of your problems in your book-keeping. As of July 1st, everything has been brought up to date including computer generation of mailing labels for use by the secretary and myself. A couple of points need to be brought to your attention.

1. CHANGES, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS - need to be brought to my attention. Please check your address and directory listing to make sure they are correct.
2. 1983 DUES - While the 1983 directory lists all members paid up in 1982, most of you have also paid your 1983 dues. If your mailing label has been highlighted in blue over your name it means that my records show you have not paid 1983 dues. If your name is highlighted and you have paid your '83 dues contact your chapter treasurer or if you don't belong to a chapter, drop me a note at the address below.
3. MEMBERSHIP CARDS - Your 1983 membership card should be in this mailing if you have not already received one. If by chance you received two cards, it was due to the transfer of records to the computer. If you did not receive one earlier, nor in this mailing, please contact me.
4. NEW MEMBER BADGES - Once again some of you may have received your FM badge already, if not, it should be in this mailing. If it is not in this mailing please contact me.
5. DUES PAYMENT:

New Members - A new policy has been initiated this year after discussion with the Board of Directors. If a new member joins FM and pays his dues in the last quarter, that is, October, November or December, those dues shall be applied to the next calendar year, not the year in which they were paid.

Regular members - dues paid in the last quarter of a year will not be applied to the upcoming year unless the member's dues for the present year have been paid.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. My address and phone are:

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