

**November , 1996 Meeting**

Thursday, November 14, 1996, at 7:30 pm in the VIP Room at the DMNH. The Board meets at 6:00 pm.

Dan Kile will present the long anticipated "Micas from the Pikes Peak Batholith: Optical Properties, Composition, and Correlation with Pegmatite Genesis." The lecture will be taken from a paper that Dan and Gene Foord have submitted to the Canadian Mineralogist. As it turns out, quite a bit of information about formation of these pegmatites can be learned from the micas. Come see, hear, and learn.

**Report on the FM Auction**

Our committee members (Robin Wright , Jim Hurlbut, and Regina Modreski ) have all been very busy working on the Minerals of Colorado, bylaws updates, etc. They will get together in the next month and help plan the 1997 auction.

**By-laws and Operating Procedures Revision for the Colorado Chapter**

Dave Weller, Ray Berry, and Robin Wright have completed the proposed update of our By-laws. A copy of the revised By-laws and Operating Procedures is attached for your vote. The vote is a straight yes/no ballot. If you vote "No", please make a note of what section(s) that you are objecting to, otherwise we will never figure out what needs to be done.

In reading over the proposed Bylaws, you should be aware of the section on quorums. As FMCC has such a large number of out of town members, the number in actual attendance at any meeting is usually a relatively small percent of the total membership. So after playing around with all kinds of definitions for what would constitute a quorum, the committee gave up and said a quorum would simply be who is there at a meeting. Remember, there is a safeguard in that if someone led a revolt and a small cadre voted in some sort of wierd foolishness, FM National would simply pull the charter and be done with the problem.

**Report on FM Activities at the Denver Show**

We identified a lot of rocks. We ate low-fat doughnuts. And, we told all the little crumb-grabbers and rug-rats to go see Pete at the Children Booth. It was great fun. And, by the end of the show, Pete was able to draw a smiley face as well as his crew of volunteer Moms. Thanks to all involved in the ID Booth: Howard, Bill, Ed, Pete, Barb, Sam, Jack, Mark, and Susan Eriksson from Virginia Poly (we are a national organization). And a special thanks to Pete for running both an ID Booth and a Children Booth.

Also it should be noted that Carol Smith, Regina Modreski, Eunice York, Dave Weller, Jim Hurlbut, Pete Modreski, Chauncy Walden, Bruce Geller, Glen Allen, Roger Bennet, Fred Olsen, Janie Bennet, Marcus Lieberman, and Ed Gray (and most likely some more FM members doing things that I never even thought about) ran things, herded people, put things up, took things down, and contributed to the overall success of the show. Additionally Karen Wenrich, Paul Hlava, Dave Bunk, Beau Gordon (FM National President), Larry and Carmen Piekenbrock, Jean DeMouthe, Bob Jones , Marie and Terry Huizing, Bryan Lees, Dan Belsher, Jim McGlassen, Dick Thomssen, Jack Murphy, and Marty Zinn gave lectures, put in exhibits, manned booths, managed supporting Shows , or served as dealers in one of the various shows. It is interesting that with this much participation, the Denver Council still has people who think that FM does nothing for the Show! I intend to address this issue further.

**Update on the Minerals of Colorado**

The publishing agreement has been signed with Fulcrum Publishing. The manuscript is in their hands. We have made the \$15,000 initial payment. The author's list has been expanded to add Pete Modreski and Dan Kile.

They both did a tremendous amount of work--writing, proofing , and rewriting the book.

We received a very nice note from Shirley Mosburg thanking FM CC for the check to help defray her personal travel expenses that accumulated in over 3 years of editing work on the book. Shirley's work went way beyond the call of duty for volunteers--if she hadn't become involved, we would still be editing the manuscript.

The first part of our presentation to the Denver Council for a grant to help pay the publication costs for Minerals of Colorado was made a few weeks ago. The second part of the presentation will be later this month.

We handed out a lot of flyers for our prepublication offering of Minerals of Colorado at he Denver Show and at Marty's Holiday Inn Show. Lanny Ream ran a blurb in his Mineral Digest. We have gotten about 50 orders in for the book so far.

Carol Smith took a batch of flyers to the GSA (Geological Society of America) Meeting, where the Graebers were gracious enough to put them out for distribution. Pete is taking flyers to the New Mexico Symposium, and Regina and Karen are taking some to their show in Arizona. And, the latest National FM Newsletter contained the flyer/advertisement/order form. There will be a meeting of the people that want to work on the publicity/sales projects for the book, if we can just manage to schedule that meeting. Thanks to all the people who have helped out in distributing flyers. Things are looking pretty good. Remember, the key to success is for all potential buyers of the book to see the flyer several times.

### **Election Time**

The Nominating Committee has forwarded the following slate of officers to be voted on:

President	Ed Raines
Vice President	Ray Berry
Secretary	<i>No candidate!!!</i>
Treasurer	Eunice York
Board Member	Ed Gray
Board Member	Jack Thompson

As you can see, there is a slight problem. We plan on remedying this problem both by way of nominations on the ballot attached to the Newsletter and floor nominations at the meeting. We don't need a great typist. We just need some one to take accurate notes and work with the Treasurer on keeping up the membership list. I'm sure that there is a true secretarial virtuoso with an uncommon diligence in note taking out there, just waiting to volunteer. If you want the November meeting to end in a timely fashion, please ask that secretarial virtuoso to step forward and be counted--or do it yourself.

### **Report on Gene Foord**

Gene is back in Colorado following his bone marrow transplant. The procedure went well, Gene's doing well, and he looks different, but good. Give him a call, welcome him back, and tell him to get to work--the revision of Dana's System needs to be completed.

### **November Elections--the Big One, Not Ours**

By the time that you get the Newsletter, the Election will be over. We hope you all voted--early and often. I hope that no one was offended by the information that Ray Berry sent out concerning the results of the poll that People for the West conducted. If you were offended, blame me. I approved the use of our mailing list. The idea was that this was really the only information available that provided positions taken by candidates on issues that are of general interest to our organization. This mailing was not meant to be an endorsement of either People for the West or any candidate for office.

**Ballot--Proposed Changes to Bylaws and Operating Procedure--FMCC, November 1996**

Bylaws and Operating Procedures: Vote for or against the proposed changes. If you vote against, please tell us why in the space provided.

I am for [ ] against [ ] the proposed Bylaws and Operating Procedures of FMCC.

The reason(s) for my opposition to the proposed FMCC Bylaws and Operating Procedures are:

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**Ballot--General Officers--FMCC, November 1996**

(space for write-in candidate provided)

President Ed Raines [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Vice President Ray Berry [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Secretary ***No candidate!!!***

Treasurer Eunice York [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Board Member Ed Gray [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Board Member Jack Thompson [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

Board Member Jim Hurlbut's term does not run out this year.

Nomination for Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_.