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## OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

**"THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI LEAD-ZINC DISTRICT"**

**Sunday, January 10, 1988**

**1:00 pm**

at the Indiana State Museum

202 N. Alabama St.

Indianapolis, IN

(downtown, one block NW of Market Square Arena)

*This will be our first meeting of the new year; it is open to the general public as well as current members, so bring your friends.*

### AGENDA

- \*Collection of 1988 Dues
- \*Selection of an Insurance Policy
- \*Setting of 1988 meeting dates and places
- \*Short discussion of ideas for Field Trips and Programs (see the attached questionnaire)

\*Program: "The Upper Mississippi Lead-Zinc District" presented by Rich Eddy

The program will include slides, specimens and free samples from the Shullsburg, Wis. and Galena, Ill. mining areas.

### FIELD TRIPS!

Our Field Trip Chairman, Vern Swanson, will circulate a survey to our membership, asking for suggestions for field trips. Be sure to complete the survey and return it to Vern so he can begin to line up permission from the property owners, and set dates. The Chapter had an excellent first year of trips, and we look forward to more enjoyable and successful collecting trips in '88.

### PROGRAMS FOR 1988

Program Chairman Nelson Shaffer has drawn up a questionnaire asking for your input about what you would like for programs in the new year. His survey is attached. Please take time to answer it and return it directly to Nelson at the address given on the form. He very much wants the programs to reflect the interests of the members, and asks for ideas from everyone. Please note that the program for the April meeting is already set: Dr. Henry O.A. Meyer will speak on "Diamonds: Science and Exploration" on April 23 at the Cincinnati Show.

National FM Notes: Each member should receive his or her own copy of the national newsletter. Two additional items are:

1. The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of FM is inactive. Ray Lasmanis, national President, wrote to their president and suggested several options, including their possible merger into the "very active and growing" Indiana Chapter. (We currently have members from 5 states, including Michigan.)
2. Our Chapter President, Rich Eddy, has been appointed to a committee of the National FM to help select the Mineralogical Record's best article for 1987.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
November 8, 1987

The Annual Meeting of the Indiana Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., was held on Sunday, November 8, 1987 at the Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana. President Rich Eddy called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Eleven members were present.

Rich Eddy reported for Wanda Aldred a bank balance of \$284.32 with all expenses except the most recent newsletter mailing included. There are now 40 members in the Chapter.

Vern Swanson reported on the fourth and final field trip of 1987: a trip into Cave Stone Quarry near Norristown, Indiana. Only 6 members attended, but the ranks were swollen with 14 guests, most sent by Dr. Meyer of Purdue University. The Chapter will contact the teaching assistants who led the group, about signing up potential members from those who attended.

Insurance was discussed. Rich Eddy told of one bid in the range of \$200 for \$100,000 of coverage. Members present suggested more coverage might be desirable, and asked him to look into the rate for \$500,000 or even one million dollars. Eddy also reported he has resubmitted the Chapter's application for federal tax exemption to the IRS, and is waiting for a determination letter from them.

The Chapter then voted to recommend Calcite as the State Mineral of Indiana. Vern Swanson moved, and Richard Marfurt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Rich Eddy is to work closely with Margaret Kahrs and others to coordinate this effort with that of the Indiana Society for Paleontology, who are working on a state fossil.

Next, dues for 1988 were set, which would include each member's coverage under liability insurance and their national dues. The dues for 1988 will be \$15.00 (\$7.00 for each additional family member who joins). Nelson Shaffer moved the new rate. It was seconded, and passed.

Officers were then elected. All the current officers were re-elected for the new year: President - Rich Eddy; 1st Vice-President - Nelson Shaffer; 2nd Vice-President - Vern Swanson; Secretary-Treasurer - Wanda Aldred; and FM Liaison - Terry Huizing.

Programs and field trips were discussed, and it was decided to send all members surveys about each subject, to help lay out plans for 1988.

For the final item of business, Nelson Shaffer moved the Chapter support the efforts of Benjamin Moulton and the Indiana Academy of Sciences to prepare a book on Indiana minerals. Ron Neawedde seconded the motion and it passed. Rich Eddy is to write a letter of support.

Nelson Shaffer showed everyone the chondrite meteorite recently found near Seymour. The meeting then adjourned, and the members proceeded to the lab of the natural history department to view the museum's collection of Indiana minerals. The tour was led by Vern Swanson, who curates the museum's minerals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rich Eddy

\*\*\* One 1988 renewal application for each member is attached \*\*\*