



***Midwest Chapter Newsletter for
September – October 2020***

2021 Dues Questionnaire Results – Randy Marsh

An online questionnaire was run on Google (each member received an email with a link to the questionnaire) to obtain perspective from the membership on whether the Chapter should extend 2020 memberships through 2021. A total of 21 responses were received. Of those 21, 17 responded YES to the question “Would you like FM Midwest Chapter to extend your 2020 membership through 2021?”.

There was also an open comment field on the questionnaire, where members could type in any additional thoughts they had. While the majority of respondents indicated they would like their membership extended, they also indicated they would be happy to donate \$20 to the Chapter in 2021 as COVID-19 was not something anyone could anticipate. Some members asked about virtual MSHA training and about field trips to locations that would not require the training for this year. There were a number of wishes to stay safe and healthy.

As mentioned in the Treasurer’s report, the Chapter officers have heard your feedback and support passing a motion at the upcoming November meeting to extend existing 2020 memberships through 2021. New members and individuals who did not register during the 2020 year need to pay the regular \$20 membership fee for 2021 to become a member.

Treasurer’s Report

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2019 Audit completed

Frank Konieczki has completed the 2019 audit. We ended the year with \$8707.29 in the Chapter treasury. This amount included \$840 in dues for 42 members for 2020.

2020 Results

As of 8/15/2020 an additional 42 members have registered for a total of 84. This is a significant drop for 2020. Since early March we have had no additional payments from previous members and only 2 new members.

With dues and donations, we have raised \$975.00 this year. Our National dues of \$328.00 and our insurance premium of \$650.00 have been paid. Our current balance is \$8704.29.

Looking Forward to 2021

Due to COVID-19, the current officers support passing a motion to extend 2020 memberships through 2021. This would be voted on at an upcoming meeting. New members and those who did not register for 2020 would still pay the full 2021 dues amount.

Jeff Spencer – Treasurer





**A couple of previously unpublished photos (fluorites) from past collecting trips.
Collected by Mike Royal & Tom Bolka**

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