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PRESPROSE : As many of you know or might have guessed, our meeting scheduled for January 10th was canceled because of ice and snow and bad driving conditions. The meeting has been rescheduled for January 31st, with the same incomparable NELSON SHAFFER as speaker for the program (see announcement below). **Come and bring a friend!**

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

JANUARY 31st, 1993

12:30 PM

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

202 N ALABAMA ST.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Speaker:

Nelson Shaffer, Geologist, Indiana Geological Survey
"WHAT IS ALL THIS FUZZY STUFF?: EFFLORESCENT MINERALS"

As I noted in the last NEWSLETTER, Nelson always gives a great presentation and this one should be fascinating; we've all seen these fuzzy white tufts and coatings on outcrops. By the way, Nelson has threatened to give another talk this year if no one suggests some other speakers. **PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING WITH NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE YOU WOULD RECOMMEND AS A SPEAKER IN '93! PRETTY PLEASE!!**

Also, please remember that Nelson has been selected to be Secretary of FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, replacing Art Smith of Houston. Among other things (including editing of the National FM newsletter), Nelson is expected to attend the National Meeting in Tucson each year. That presents a mixed blessing: it is a great show but it costs a lot to get there. I should therefore be happy to entertain a motion at our January meeting regarding a contribution from the club's treasury (about \$300 on hand) to help Nelson cover his expenses at the next National meeting this Spring.

Something else to think about before our January meeting: The Constitution of our chapter was approved by the membership 1/11/87. "Article I - NAME" of the Constitution reads:

"The name of this organization shall be the Indiana Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, Inc."

The 5 other chapters of Friends of Mineralogy are: Colorado, Great Basin, Pacific Northwest, Pennsylvania and Southern California. Given that we have members from several states other than Indiana, and given that there are no chapters of Friends of Mineralogy serving any of our neighboring states, I would like to have a discussion and possibly vote at our January meeting to amend the constitution, Article I - NAME to read:

"The name of this organization shall be the Great Lakes Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, Inc."

Such a change requires a 2/3rds majority (about 35 members) to pass (see Article XIII - AMENDMENTS). As I said, I would like a discussion of this proposal at the January meeting; please come to present your viewpoint and, if you wish, offer an alternative name.

The 500 EARTH SCIENCES CLUB is having a program by Bill Hosteter on "SOILS OF INDIANA", at the conservatory, Garfield Park, 2450 Shelby St., Indianapolis.