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MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2002, 1:00 PM
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Directions: I-465 NW to W. 71st St. Go east on 71st St. to first stoplight, Corporate Dr., turn right (away from McDonald's). Follow road south through two doglegs approx. ¼ mile. Go past lake (retention pond on your right—look across lake you will see 5957 Lakeside). Turn right at next drive—follow to parking lot for U.S. Geological Survey. Entrance door faces east. Door will be open 12:30 PM. More information—Kim Greeman 317-290-3333 X 131, home 317-293-4584 or email for map tgreeman@usgs.gov

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**“Round objects in rocks – orbicules, concretions,
nodules, geodes, agates, pisolites – are NOT the same”**

Our speaker's research aims at understanding water-mineral, reaction-transport-stress interactions and their petrological consequences. How agates get their bands turns.....

But why spoil the surprise—join us and have all your questions answered!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another happy holiday season has passed and we anticipate the promise and challenges of a different and better New Year. I, Nelson Shaffer, will serve as President for the Midwest Chapter for next year and look forward to working with you to make the organization even better. Many thanks to the Edington's for all their fine leadership the past several years, to the Sicree's, to Kim Greeman, George Heaton and Lorraine Wright for their past service and for agreeing to serve as officers again for 2002. Thanks also go to all members who have supported the most worthy work of mineral collecting and education through FM projects and by their presence and support.

Some changes are afoot. Be sure to read else where in this newsletter about the January meeting. The location will be new due to closing of the old State Museum. We hope to participate in the new museum's activities. The Midwest Mineral Symposium will be held later in the year and with a different format. Your suggestions about speakers are welcomed. We need to increase attempts to recruit new members and to reach out to the general public and to students. The roving display needs to be revived and sent out into the world. Together we can make this next year exciting!

LET'S ROLL!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renewal of membership for the year 2002 is now being accepted. Each new and renewing member will be required to complete and sign an application form in accordance with our Constitution Article IV, Section 3. Upon return of your check or money order along with the form, you will receive a copy of the revised Constitution and By-laws (one copy to each address). Dues for the year 2002 were amended on September 8, 2001, as follows: \$15.00 individual, \$10.00 for each additional family member. An application form is enclosed for your convenience. Renewals are due by January 1, 2002. The renewal deadline has been extended to March 1, but please return the form and your check as soon as possible.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING – MIDWEST CHAPTER

President Dwaine Edington presided over the Midwest Chapter meeting on November 3, 2001, at the annual Micromount Symposium at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Fifteen members of our chapter were present.

President Edington thanked the Micromineral Society for hosting the meeting.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Old Business: The issues which led to the decision not to sponsor a mineral symposium were discussed: appropriate location – at a gem and mineral show or another venue, a date which does not conflict with a major mineral event such as the Rochester Symposium, the cost, and the need for a volunteer to chair the symposium. All the members present thanked Dr. Ernie Carlson for chairing the previous symposia and respected his desire to step down as chair. Members were urged to prepare their ideas on this subject for presentation (in person or by letter/e-mail) at the January 2002 meeting.

New Business: A slate of chapter officers for year 2002 was presented. A motion was made by Philip Evanoff and seconded by Anne Cook to accept the slate as presented and all present voted in favor: President – Nelson Shaffer; Vice President (Programs) – Kim Greeman; Vice President (Field Trips) – George Heaton; Secretary – Al Sicree; Treasurer – Lorraine Wright. Marlene Edington has agreed to continue as editor of the newsletter.

President Edington, in accord with the chapter constitution, gave a summary of his term in office for the year 2001. The members present thanked him for his years as president.

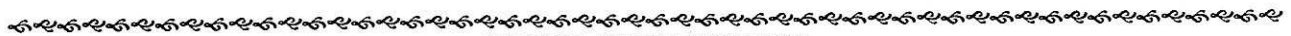
The next chapter meeting will be held on January 13, 2002, at a location to be announced.

Al Sicree, Secretary



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INDIANA STATE MUSEUM FOUCAULT FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Indiana State Museum's Foucault Pendulum

-is made of hollow bronze, weighting 212 pounds – is suspended on 85 feet of 1/8th-inch standard aircraft control cable – was installed in November 1968 – makes a swing of about 14 feet in 10 seconded – was made by the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, which also made pendulums for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. and the United Nations in New York City.