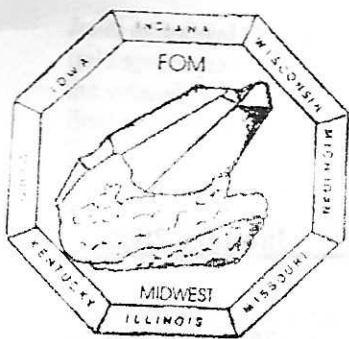


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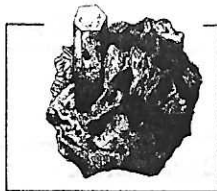
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone! Thanks to Janet Clifford for chairing the meeting last November at the Micromounter's Symposium in Cleveland. With one exception, we have the same officers for 2007. The change involves the office of Secretary. Anne Cook will take minutes at meetings held in Ohio, but we need someone to cover meetings in Indiana. We can discuss this at the next meeting. I have a couple of other items for you to think about. First, I wonder if after the meeting next March, we would be able to have future spring meetings at the Columbus, Ohio show, rather than having two consecutive meetings at the Museum in Indianapolis. Secondly, a question has been raised about what states are in which chapters. There is a Mississippi Valley Chapter that apparently has some of the same states we are claiming. See you at the next meeting at 1:00 PM on January 14 at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Peggy Fisherkeller will provide a behind the scenes tour of the mineral section. I apologize again to the Indy 500 Club Members for the conflict with their meeting. Dave Straw

DUES ARE DUE

Membership fees are based on the calendar year. 2007 dues are due now. We value your membership. Please send your dues to our Treasurer promptly. A membership form appears on the last page of this issue. The sooner your information is received, the sooner a membership directory can be prepared

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2006 MEETING

The meeting of the Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy was called to order by Janet Clifford, substituting for President David Straw, at 3:10 PM on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, where the Micromineral Symposium was being held. 12 members were present. The principal business was the election of officers for the 2007 year. The nominating committees' slate had presented David Straw as President, Bob Harman as Vice President for Programs, Ernie Carlson as Vice President for Field Trips, and Lorraine Wright as Treasurer. There was no nominee for Secretary, since most of the people who attend meetings in Indiana do not attend those in Ohio and vice versa. Paul Clifford moved that the job of secretary be split between two people, one for each state. That motion passed unanimously. A request for a volunteer to serve as Ohio Secretary was answered by Anne Cook; the job of Indiana Secretary was left unfilled, with the hope that a volunteer could be found at the next meeting. George Simmons moved to accept the slate as presented, with the addition of Anne Cook; the motion passed unanimously.

Janet expressed David's thanks to Ernie Carlson, who was present, for his service in organizing field trips and the field symposium in September, and to Paul Schwinn for his organization of rock and mineral sales to provide aid to the treasury. Lorraine had sent a Treasurer's report; it showed a balance of \$1,681.04. Ernie gave a report on the field symposium, which had been enjoyed by those who went. It showed income of \$480.00, and expenses of \$515.72, leaving a deficit of \$35.72. He said we should be thinking about a symposium for 2007, in a state other than Ohio, since that is where the last two have been held. It was suggested that Indiana geodes might be a good topic. Ernie said he is planning a field trip to Fort Wayne in the spring; details will come at a later date. We will have to have a renewal of the mine safety course; 8 hours is the shortest one possible.

There was a reminder that the Midwest Federation, to which the chapter does not belong, though many members belong to clubs which do, will have its 2007 convention in the Keweenaw Peninsula in August, with many field trips.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 14, 2007, at the Indiana State Museum. George Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 PM. Motion passed. Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook, Secretary (Ohio meetings)

A WORD FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

My wife Rose & I have been involved with rocks for over 30 years. I am a lapidary and Rose learned "jewelry making" to use the stones I cut. Our youngest son started a mineral collection while in high school. Rose confiscated it when he went off to college and has been a collector ever since. We now have 500+ thumbnails and 900+ miniature and cabinet specimens cataloged. Most are displayed in our home.

Rose is currently 2nd Vice President of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies and I am a Past President. I am currently 3rd Vice President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. We belong to the Mineralogical Society of Cleveland. Rose is President and I am Secretary at present. I was editor of club newsletters for over 25 years and currently produce the annual Official Directory of the Midwest Federation. I also have been the Program Librarian for the MWF for over 10 years and house and distribute 200+ slide and 150+ video programs to clubs in 11 states. I did not accept this position for lack of something to do, but rather because I enjoy participating.

One lesson I have learned well is the importance of communications in an organization spread over a large area such as this one is. A newsletter is just one communications tool. It will be only as good and as useful as the information you provide to me. I can supplement that information with a few jokes and an occasional article I run across, but a majority of the information, disseminated, must come from you the members. I look forward to working with you to create a meaningful newsletter. John Blue Editor

SNAIL OR EEEEEEEEEEE-MAIL???

The membership application form on the last page of this edition has a place to indicate your preference for receiving subsequent issues. Please mark your choice. Opting for e-mail will save \$0.39 postage plus \$0.06 copy and paper cost per printed page for a total of about \$0.57 per copy per issue. It is realized that some members don't have e-mail service so there will always be a need for printed copy. The e-mail edition will be a duplicate of the mailed addition complete with illustrations and formatting. You will be responsible for advising any change for your e-mail address.

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Dues should be paid by January 15th

Dues need to be current in order to attend FoM-MC activities such as field trips, symposiums, etc.

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