

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA -- MAY 1, 2004.**

The second Executive Board Meeting of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for the year 2004 was called to order at 9:10 a.m., by President Bill Waggener. Beryl Ferguson gave the invocation. Ron Denton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past presidents Jim Robinson, David Tuttle, Don Monroe, Ron Denton, and Diane Dare (American Federation) were recognized.

Mark Easterbrook, President of Low Country Gem & Mineral Society welcomed SFMS members to Charleston.

The Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent of those present. David Tuttle was appointed Parliamentarian. Motion was made by Beryl Ferguson with second by Ann Monroe for approval of the previous minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

In his general remarks the President discussed the new insurance, workshop news, the upcoming 2005 revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws and Procedure Guidebooks, *Lodestar* now being published on-line, Mayo Foundation considering application for next year's scholarships, and 2004 annual meeting to be held in Atlanta.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

1st Vice President - Eileen Price: Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society will host first Board meeting of 2005 on April 23, and Canaveral Gem and Mineral Society is considering making a bid for the annual meeting. Second Board Meeting possibly at Henderson County Gem & Mineral Soc., Hendersonville, NC

2nd Vice President - Ann Monroe: Fred Sias has withdrawn his resignation as SC Director. A nomination for GA Director has been received and contacts for NC Director have been made.

Secretary - Betty James: More clarification of which portion of registration form to be completed by officers and which part for clubs. Please honor cut-off date for return of registration and report.

Treasurer - Ken Anderson: Audit completed on 4-30 and statements of compliance handed to President. All indicated exemplary records. As of 1-1-04 cash balance of \$75,085.88; to date - income - \$8,123.22, expense - \$13,366.49, cash on hand 4-29-04 - \$69,842.61, stamp

acct. \$2,804.07. Motion was made and seconded to give acclamation for job well done. Due to family obligations, Ken tendered his resignation as Treasurer effective the end of this calendar year.

Asst. Treasurer - David Katt: Nothing to report.

Membership Secretary - Leo Morris: Not present. Report e-mailed but was not included in packet. Complete report is attached to these minutes. Current totals - clubs - 80, members - 7776.

Lodestar Editor - Carolyn Daniels: Brought 2004 Directories to be distributed and asked they be carried back to the clubs. Reminded of deadline and stated that reports will only be printed by request.

Past President- Ron Denton: Juanita Brawner of East Alabama Rock & Gem Club died at almost 98 years of age.

AFMS 1st VP - Jim Robinson: Still no contact from AFMS. Dianne Dare will assist in getting information.

STATE DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Alabama - Iris McGehee: Not present. Reported all Alabama clubs have renewed membership. Mobile club is getting equipment for workshop and will have 3 day show this year.

Florida - Jack Stamper: Not present, no report.

Georgia - Olin Banks: Has attended meetings of five clubs and shows of two. Gave invitation to attend GA Mineral Society show Mothers' Day weekend. Olin's term of office will end in June but he will remain active in SFMS.

Kentucky - David Horn: Not present. April DMC field day sponsored by Kyana. Both KY clubs are doing well.

Louisiana - Sidney Drouant: LA Gem & Mineral just had 40th show. Both clubs in LA doing well.

Mississippi - Buddy Shotts: All clubs active. MGMS holds election for officers; Pearl River participated in Street Fair, Harrison Co. finalizing show plans, MGCG looking for place to hold workshop.

North Carolina - Vacant

South Carolina - Fred Sias: Welcome to SC. SFMS award to Mark Easterbrook for 2nd place in Bulletin contest.

Tennessee - Martin Hart: Not present. Middle TN has added two branch meetings in Tullahoma and Nashville

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with each branch electing their own officers. SR Centers where meetings are held also provide lapidary classes for the public. Response has been good.

Virginia - Steve Gordon: Not present. Report dated May 2 received too late for meeting but will be included with reports at meeting in Atlanta. As a new State Director, Steve is to be commended for his hard work and I believe the full report should be given to the entire meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bulletin Contest - Diane Dare: 57 bulletin and article entries in 8 of the 9 classes. Of 68 clubs in SFMS, only 11 clubs participated in annual contest.

Constitution & Bylaws - Red Walker: Present but emailed report lost in cyberspace. Committee received one proposal for bylaws change. A formal presentation will come later.

Education - Fred Sias: Report not available at meeting, will be attached in full to these minutes. Early workshops are filled and May 3 is date for enrollment in later ones. Need to continue to support workshop which supplies 47% of SFMS budgeted income. Suggestions from members are solicited. David and Barbara Tuttle will be Wildacres Directors next year. To get on e-mail list for workshops send e-mail to SFMSworkshops-subscribe@yahoo.com. No message is necessary. Posted messages will then be forwarded to your email box. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Historian - Charlotte Mayo Bryant: Not present, no report.

Insurance - Dorothy Elam: Not present. Forms for new insurance have been sent to all clubs and checks are coming in. Due date is May 15. Thanks to Bill Waggener and Ken Anderson for work they did.

Long Range Planning - John Wright: Not present, no report.

Nominations - Ron Denton: Has contacted all nominees.

Public Relations - Ron Denton: To be moved to AFMS Committee site.

Safety - Bill Buckner: Not present, no report. See *Lodestar*.

SFMS Field Trips - Jim Flora: Not present. Three field trips conducted this session. High Point Mineral Club (NC) added to DMC member list, now making 33 members.

Slide/Videos - Freda Hull: All active clubs sent program catalog and copy to webmaster. New programs will be listed as they are received. Deadline for AFMS competition is closed for this year.

Social Concerns - Edna Morris: Charlotte Mayo Bryant has been quite ill but is now improved. Ron Denton is recuperating from knee surgery (was at meeting). Ed Elam had surgery for cancer, John Wright is improving, Sarah Boyce recuperating at

home but has limited activity at present. Frank Wingate died this week. Ann Monroe will get more information. Marty Hart sent photos of MS meeting. Edna asked that clubs assign someone to notify her of members who need a card (good news as well as bad) and urged more members to attend SFMS meetings.

Stamp Program - Jim Robinson: Received 20-30 lbs of stamps at meeting. E-bay sales slow but improving. Metered stamps purchased from the Post Office and having a zip code printed on them are a "hot" item with collectors.

Supplies - Reba Shotts: Very little activity. She will be away for the next 4 months.

Uniform Rules - Flora Lee Walker: Present. Will attend Judging Class at Wildacres, cannot attend Syracuse.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: In Sept. Officers and Chairpersons will be asked for input in 2005 budget. This must be returned in a timely manner so that budget may be presented to annual meeting Dec. 10. Request suggestions for improving performance.

Website - Jim Flora: Not present. Updates on Wm. Holland information. Constitution and Bylaws now in pdf format and MS/Word 2000 DOC and RTF formats. Also pdf version of Slide & Video catalog. 2004 directory now in pdf format with updated 2004 club show listing and contact information for all clubs.

Wildacres Dir. - Jerry/Deborah Miller: Not present. April session had 67 attendees. List of former instructors now used. Considering having cut-off date for applications. Tarheel G & M had table at show with information about Wm. Holland and Wildacres.

Wildacres Reg. - Kerri/Bill Wetzel: April session had 52 students in 9 classes.

William Holland Dir. - Polly Carman: Not present, no report.

William Holland Reg. - Dana/Ray Gonzalez: Not present. June session - 43 students in 9 classes to date.

2003 Show Host - Jeanette/Olin Banks: Motel is 10 miles from show. Will have banquet and set-up supper there.

Youth Resources - Leona & Hugh Sheffield: Again promoting youth kits from Diamond Dan. Encourage all clubs to participate in JOY contest. See *Lodestar* for more information on two youth recipients of SFMS Youth Workshop Scholarships.

AFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AFMS Newsletter - Carolyn Daniels: Nothing to report

Boundaries - Beryl Ferguson: Called AFMS headquarters. Things are quite slow now. Workshop vacancies may open to other Federations.

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Club Publications - Diane Dare: See SFMS report.

Club Rockhound of Year - David Tuttle: No activity on AFMS Rockhound of the Year or All-American Club Award. GA club is working on scrapbook.

Collecting Sites - Arthur Mott: Not present, no report.

Conservation/Legislation - John Wright: Not present, no report. From the floor: Need to call Forest Service re: use of natural resources. Write and/or phone congressmen re: HR 1417 which is still in Committee.

Education All American - David Tuttle: Has scrapbook from GA Mineral Soc. to present for All American Contest.

Endowment Fund - Ken Anderson: Has tickets for raffle @ \$5.00 each; 5 for \$20.00. Revenue to finance videos and programs, etc. Will sell tickets following meeting.

Juniors - Hugh/Leona Sheffield: See SFMS Youth Resources report.

Lewis & Clark- Diane Dare: No activity since last report. When publication is completed, it will not be printed but will go on the web.

Program Competitions - Freda Hull: See SFMS report.

Public Relations - Ron Denton: Nothing to report.

Safety - Bill Buckner: See SFMS report.

Scholarship - None Required

Supplies/Publications - Reba Shotts: No report.

Uniform Rules - Betty James: URC meeting in Syracuse on July 7. Two proposed changes have been submitted.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: Nothing to report.

Web Master - Jim Flora: Not present, No report.

Mayo Educational Foundation - Diane Dare: Four applications received and are being evaluated.

Mayo Educational Foundation Treasurer's Report - Frank Decaminada: Last quarter received \$700.00 contribution, \$2,155.44 interest income. Current total cash balance is \$246,655.91.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Katt: Motion to consider proposal for changes to By-laws to be presented by Executive Board at annual meeting. Following discussion, motion made to amend to exclude Executive Board from proposal, no second. Jim Robinson: Motion to postpone discussion until ad hoc committee meets in 2005. Second by Ron Denton. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eileen Price: Motion to accept bid from Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society of Florida to host annual meeting in November, 2005. Second: Frank Decaminada. Passed unanimously.

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Soc. Presented check for \$1,000 to Mayo Foundation.

President Waggener stated that he might call Executive Board Meeting sometime in September. Nothing definite.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. James, Secretary*

Membership Secretary Report

May 1, 2004

<u>State</u>	<u>#Clubs</u>	<u>#Members</u>
Alabama	5	522
Florida	22	1690
Georgia	11	1517
Kentucky	2	122
Louisiana	2	168
Mississippi	5	461
North Carolina	18	1781
South Carolina	6	472
Tennessee	7	773
Virginia	2	270
Total	80	7776

1=One club disbanded April 2004 - Anclote Geological Society
One New Club - Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil & gem Club

Leo Morris, Membership Secretary



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SFMS 2004 Wildacres Workshop at Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, NC

2004 Workshop Dates

April.....Monday, April 19 to Sunday, April 25, 2004
 August....Monday, August 23 to Sunday, August 29, 2004
 September.....Monday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004

Wildacres Retreat is a conference center dedicated in 1946 by I.D. Blumenthal and Madolyn Blumenthal of Charlotte, NC, to the improvement of human relations. It is situated on 1400 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob. It is in Little Switzerland, approximately half way between Asheville and Blowing Rock, NC just off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There are two lodges, a dining hall, where meals are served family style, a library/auditorium building, mineral and lapidary shops plus a pottery studio.

Fees

Lodge Accommodations: \$260 per person, including meals. **Day Students:** \$115 per person, no meals are included.

Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

Applications for the April session will be accepted beginning on February 16, 2004, and on May 3, 2004 for the August and September sessions. The postmark date on or after these dates determines the order of acceptance. First-time attendees have an extra priority.

Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor.

Reservation Deposit

A deposit of 50% of the registration fee must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. No reminders will be sent.

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$25 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$25 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations by the student within 7 days of the start of a session.

*Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk in the course listing to the right.

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Session 1: April 19-25, 2004

Cabochons	Gerald Burnham
Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilkie
Glass Bead Making	Marilyn Jobe
*Gold Fabrication	Dan Haga
Precious Metal Clay (1 & 2)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Sarah House
Seed Beading	Jo Harrison
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

Session 2: August 23-29, 2004

Beading and Design, traditional	Addy DePietro
Chainmaking, beginning	Carole Boyle
*Faceting, intermediate	Ken Reed
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Bead Making	Marilyn Jobe
Lost-Wax Casting, beginning	Fred Sias
*Metalsmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Precious Metal Clay, beginning	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
*Wirecraft, intermediate	Betty Baxter

Session 3: September 13-19, 2004

Lost-wax Casting	John Iacullo
Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilkie
Seed Beading	Kathy Morris
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Opal cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay (Level 2)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
*Silversmithing, advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, beginning	Cathy Cawthorne
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts
Stained Glass	Julia Larson