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Business Meeting:-

A Directors' meeting was called by Martin Anne', Chairman to discuss old business, new business and for Directors to elect the new Chapter officers.

The following Directors were present--Margaret Kendall, Col. T. Myers, M. Anne', E. Carper and D. Schmerling; excused--G. Rambo, D. Oswald, Dr. Ewing and B. Brookmyer. Also present were K. Muretic, secretary and Dr. J. Way.

On September 27, 1976, Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania Chapter, Inc. was officially incorporated as a non-profit corporation for the following purpose or purposes:

- A. The specific and primary purposes are: to operate exclusively for scientific and educational purposes in the field of mineralogy, including:
- a. to preserve and protect mineral specimens for teaching and study;
 - b. to promote the conservation of valuable specimen localities and mining deposits;
 - c. to encourage the collection and acquisition of minerals for their research and educational value;
 - d. to advance programs of mineral study and educational activity of amateur mineral organizations;
 - e. to promote the dissimination of information about minerals, mineral localities, collections and mineralogical investigation.

The Chapter membership can be proud of this incorporation as a giant step forward in solidifying the purpose and goals of Friends of Mineralogy. Our Chapter is the first Chapter within the National organization to become incorporated. Our Chapter has been a leader within the National F/M framework and will continue to be a leader in the future.

Publication Sales:

A publication sales report was submitted by B. Brookmyer, and book sales have been brisk over the past few months. Many have taken advantage of the reduced book prices offered in the pre-publication sales brochure. A total of 145 orders was received for the all new Mineralogy of Pennsylvania, 1965-1975 by Dr. R. Smith, II. The pre-publication offer has been terminated and all orders will be acknowledged by letter with an estimated publication date as soon as the final layout has been completed. Tentatively, barring any unforeseen problems, the new Mineralogy should be available sometime in July or August 1977.

Tax Exempt Status:-(T.E.S.)

A letter was sent to the National headquarters requesting that they take the necessary action to obtain T.E.S. for the F/M Chapters. National replied with a letter stating that it would be impossible to manage T.E.S. for all the F/M Chapters. They suggest that each Chapter obtain their own Tax Exempt Status. Tom O'Neil, Chapter treasurer will investigate and report on the procedures and costs involved with obtaining T.E.S.

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The Chapter will also work toward obtaining bulk rate postage privileges for the mailing of our newsletters and special publications.

By-Laws:

The By-Laws of our Chapter are being printed and copies will be made available to members on request. Contact M. Anne' if you are interested.

Book Report:

A report written by Dr. R. Smith on the status of the new Mineralogy was read by Dr. John Way. The report states the first draft has been completed. The second draft shows 61 completions with two remaining in the typing stage. Receipt of the two will complete the second draft. Reviews of the manuscripts are proceeding on schedule. Dr. John Way is now working on layouts and final typing of completed manuscripts. A specification will be written and included with the manuscript before it is released to the publisher.

Public Relations:

It was suggested by Dr. J. Way that a P.R. brochure be printed outlining the F/M Goals and the purposes of F/M. The intent of the brochure is to carry the F/M message to everyone interested in the conservation, education and the study of mineralogy. An application blank for membership in the Pennsylvania Chapter is to be included with the brochure. Edward Carper has agreed to take on the task of preparing the brochure and Dr. J. Way has offered to lend his expertise in the editing of the copy and layout.

Chapter Logo:

After reviewing a number of designs submitted by the membership, the logo selected for the Chapter stationery and Newsletter cover will be a nesquehonite crystal centered within a grouping of four triangles and F. M. and Pa in the remaining triangles. Look for our new logo on our next Newsletter. Nesquehonite is unique in the mineralogy of Pennsylvania. It was first discovered in Pa. and carries the name of the town near the discovery. It was found in October, 1887 by two young mineral collectors from Philadelphia, Frank J. Keely and D. M. Stockhouse. Keely suspecting he might have a new mineral, enlisted the aid of F. A. Genth. Genth confirmed Keely's analysis and helped to establish the status of this hydrated magnesium carbonate as a new species.

Symposium Review:

The complaints and suggestions made during our last Symposium at West Chester were read by Martin Anne'. The review indicated that most everyone had favorable comments. It was suggested by some that the number of speakers be reduced to allow more free time for mineral identification, study and socializing.

Chairmen, Dr. John Way and Martin Anne', are already preparing plans for the Fall Symposium. The Symposium theme will be centered around a "Mineral Group", and the number of speakers will be reduced to allow more free time. New for the program will be to have a well-known speaker give a talk on Sunday. The Sunday speaker and use of the facilities will help to round out the Symposium program. Tentatively the Fall Symposium dates will be Nov. 4, 5, and 6th. The

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Symposium fee will be \$3.00 per person, member or non-member and students \$1.00.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are DUE. The National dues remain at \$5.00 per year and the Chapter dues are \$3.00 per year. National and Chapter dues can be mailed to the Chapter membership chairman, Vince Matula, Route 4, Allentown, Pa. 18103. Separate checks, one for National and one for the Chapter are preferred. The National dues will be forwarded to the National treasurer by Vince Matula. Checks should be made payable as follows: Friends of Mineralogy \$5.00 for National, and Friends of Mineralogy, Penn. Chapter \$3.00. Dues for Chapter members over 65 years of age are now \$1.00 per year. For the membership records, please include with your dues all other Club affiliations.

The Officers and Directors sincerely hope that all past members will continue to support F/M and the Pennsylvania Chapter of F/M. Membership in the Chapter is open to everyone in or out of the State, we no longer have any regional boundaries. This is a good time for the membership to begin recruiting a new member, let's have a recruiting session. Application forms are available from Vince Matula, Membership chairman, R. D. #4, Allentown, Pa. 18103. Qualification for membership is simple. Members shall be those persons interested in mineralogy, crystallography or related sciences and the promotion of the F/M Goals. With this in mind we hope every member will try to help to add a new member to the Pennsylvania Chapter.

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Locality Information:

Edward Carper, Chairman of Locality Registration, reports that very little locality data is being forwarded to him from our membership and Clubs in Pa. A concerted effort will be made to improve our own efforts and Club contact. Many of our members are members of one or more Clubs, we hope that they will make a personal effort to get Club participation in recording Locality data. More information regarding data collection will be given in the next Newsletter or in a special bulletin. Accumulation of Locality data is a National F/M project. The data from the entire U.S.A. will be put into a computer bank for posterity. This data can then be recalled for study, safeguarding localities, mineral collecting and educational purposes.

Locality Data could be a future publication project. After the completion of our present publication project "The Mineralogy of Pennsylvania, 1965-1975", a new publication project will be in order. Locality Data would be an excellent publication project provided enough data can be accumulated to make a publication meaningful.

Change of Address:

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"Do It Yourself"-

Due to the length of this newsletter, the "Do It Yourself" section was omitted.

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Election of Officers:

The Board of Directors, totalling nine members were voted into office by the membership at the 1976 Fall Symposium. The Board of Directors carries the responsibility of appointing the Chapter officers--Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Directors were present:

Edward Carper-	3 year term	Col. T. Myers-	1 year term
Margaret Kendall-	2 year term	Martin Anne'-	1 year term
D. Schmerling-	2 year term		

The following Directors were absent:

G. Rambo-	3 year term	Dr. Ewing-	2 year term
D. Oswald-	3 year term	B. Brookmyer-	1 year term

With a quorum of Directors present, meeting the requirements of the By-Laws, the appointment of officers was carried out. The following F/M members were selected to fill the offices of the Pennsylvania Chapter for one fiscal year, conforming with the fiscal year of F/M National, Feb. 1 to Jan. 31.

D. Schmerling-Chairman
1780 Prescott Rd.
York, Pa. 17403

Thomas O'Neil-Treasurer
1000 Tule St.
Montoursville, Pa. 17754

Catherine Muretic-Secretary
619 N. 2nd St.
Steelton, Pa. 17113

All committee chairpersons will continue to hold their respective offices with the exception of Dr. John Way who resigned as Education Chairman. Dr. John Way has done an excellent job as Education Chairman, active in all phases of organizing the Symposiums, assembling the F/M speakers list, educational articles for publication in the newsletter and most of all, always ready to lend his expertise whenever it was needed. We will miss Dr. Way as Education Chairman, however we are fortunate that he remains an active member in F/M and a co-chairman of the annual Symposium.

The Chairman's Message:

As the newly elected Chairman of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy, I humbly thank the Board of Directors who represent the membership for the vote of confidence in selecting me to represent the Chapter. I will do my best to maintain and uphold the dedicated efforts of our past Chairman. It was gratifying to know that C. Muretic, Secretary and T. O'Neil, Treasurer will continue to hold office for another term. I sincerely hope that all the Committee Chairpersons will continue to serve in their respective committees.

I wish to remind the membership that Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania Chapter, Inc. must continue as a group, working together to promote the Goals of F/M, education, conservation and promote study in the field of mineralogy. Working together and participating we can and will receive many pleasures.

Please feel free to contact me, I solicit your comments and suggestions.

D. Schmerling, Chairman

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Martin Anne' - Past Chairman:

Martin (Marty) Anne', over the past five years has been most instrumental in solidifying Friends of Mineralogy in Pennsylvania. Marty, spending many hours, dedicated himself to organizing people and programs, promoting publications, educational activities and was instrumental in setting up the highly successful annual Symposiums. A dedicated mineral collector, Marty is active in keeping abreast with new minerals and localities, and relocating many of the old localities lost to time. Marty, through his untiring efforts has accumulated one of the finest and probably the most complete private collection of Pennsylvania minerals ever assembled.

Although he could not be persuaded to remain Chairman, he will remain active as a Director and co-chairman of the annual F/M Symposium. Marty will continue to lend his services to the publication of the new Mineralogy of Pennsylvania. He has spent many hours over the past two years assisting the author, Dr. R. C. Smith, wherever possible. The fruits of his efforts will be seen in the very near future. In behalf of the entire membership we can only add "Thank you, Marty, for a job well done!"

Annual Spring Conference - 1977

The Spring Conference of F/M Pennsylvania Chapter, Inc. will be held at State College, Pa. beginning Friday evening, May 13 and Saturday May 14, 1977.

Chairpersons, Margaret Kendall and Edward Carper have everything well in hand as can be seen by the program outlined below.

Registration: Friday evening, May 13th 7:30 P.M.
Mineral Industries & Museum, Mineral Industries Bldg.
Activity: Mineral exchange and social hour
Room 17, Deike Building

Registration: Saturday morning May 14th 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.
Materials Research Laboratory
located on Hasting's Road-off University Drive(see map)

Program:

9:50 A.M. Welcome Dr. Robert Neunham, Penn State University
Materials Research Laboratory
10:00 A.M. Mineral Related Research:
Tour of Mineral Research Laboratories.
Stops at various labs with a discussion of the
research project in progress, such as The Growth
of Quartz Twins. We will be able to see the actual
twinning of Quartz through a polarized microscope,
and the Mineralogy of Pennsylvania Caves.

Break for lunch;

PLEASE NOTE--This is an open meeting for members, non-members and anyone interested in our activity will be welcome. Pennsylvania Mineral Clubs, Please present this invitation to participate in our F/M conference to all your club members. Thank you.

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