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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Root, President

We will start off this month's festivities with a message from the MWF Webmaster: "When you send in date change/correction requests please include what month or state you are talking about. It makes things so much easier. Thank you."

Our MWF insurance has played a prominent role in my 2018 so far, and I've become aware that there is some confusion and misinformation out there. So I am going to bravely attempt to clear some of it up.



The reason we need insurance is because the owners of field trip properties and show venues would be unlikely to allow us to use their facilities unless they knew we had insurance to protect them from potential liability. Of course individual clubs could purchase their own insurance, but I doubt they could get better rates than what the buying power of 108 clubs affords the MWF. And in case you wondered, a 501(c) organization can be sued, and it is possible that the

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## SPRINGFIELD AWAITS THE MWF MEETING

Carole Harp, Secretary

Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society

(Editor's Note: The Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society will be the hosts of the MWF's annual meeting in Springfield, Illinois, on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. See also Tony Kapta's article and the registration form for club delegates on pages 4 and 5.)

In this article, I would like to take you on a brief tour of Springfield, also known as the Land of Lincoln. Springfield is home to one of the largest concentrations of Abraham Lincoln sites and memorabilia. While here you can visit the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. This includes the home he resided in from 1844-1861 as well as other historically preserved homes. You can also visit the newly renovated Lincoln-Herndon law offices where he practiced law. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum tells the story of Lincoln through immersive exhibits and original artifacts.

Also, there is the Lincoln Tomb, which is the final resting place for Lincoln, his wife, and three of

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### **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REVIEWS 2017**

Valerie J. Meyers, Editor

The Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey, a University of Wisconsin-Extension program, recently distributed a “2017 Year in Review” pamphlet with some remarkable statistics.

“WGNHS collected approximately 1,600 feet of rock core in the 2017 drilling season,” the report states. “The core provides valuable data for our geologic mapping program that focuses on areas of scientific interest and societal needs.”

Other field work in the year past included the drilling of 3,476 feet of geoprobe core, measuring 197 monitoring wells, and logging 20 municipal wells.

The group’s Core Repository (or “rock library,” as the report calls it) now includes 660,000 feet of rock core, 17,400 rock thin sections, and 15,100 rock hand specimens. In addition, 633 mineral reports and historical well records were scanned last year.

More than 2,000 maps, papers, and reports are downloadable through WGNHS’ website, wgnhs.uwex.edu. The documents can be searched either by subject matter or by indicating on a map the part of Wisconsin that interests the searcher.

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, CONTINUED**

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officers of that organization could also be held liable. This is unlikely as long as those officers act as a reasonably prudent person acting in good faith would, following normal and usual practices. If a club failed to have insurance, it would be easy for a lawyer to argue that the board had failed to act in a “reasonably prudent” fashion, and individual board members could be included as defendants in the case.

Clubs are distinct in the types of events they offer, the rules they follow and their level of participation. With 108 clubs to deal with, it would be a logistical nightmare to try to come up with individualized pricing for every club based on its unique situation. As with all insurance, the greater the risk potential, the greater the cost. So logically the more people there are in a club, the more people are likely to attend an event and the greater the potential risk. This is the basis of our pricing model, a fixed per-person rate times the number of members in that club. It doesn’t matter if a person is a member of more than one club. They’re a full-fledged member of both clubs with all the rights and privileges afforded a member, so they should be counted as such.

Our insurance basically protects the club from the costs of damages caused by a member or person acting on behalf of the club (i.e. a vendor at a club-sponsored show). Here are some examples: (a) On a field trip at a quarry a club member hurts himself, hires a lawyer and sues the quarry. Our insurance would protect the quarry owner. (b) At a show a guest trips over an extension cord and is injured. Our insurance would cover that. (c) At a show held in a gym some water was spilled on the floor and one of the vendors, fearing someone would slip, threw a rubber mat over it. The floor warped and needed to be replaced. Our insurance paid all costs.

The insurance does not provide personal injury coverage to club members. Their personal insurance would be responsible for that.

This subject is too complicated to be fully explained in this little message, but hopefully I cleared stuff up a little.



PLEASE CONSIDER .....

a donation to support Earth Science and/or to honor or memorialize a friend or club member. Donations can be sent to the American Federation Scholarship Foundation at the address below.

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation was established in 1964 to finance scholarships from a perpetual fund. The six participating Regional Federations currently award two one-time grants of \$4,000. Our MWF Scholarship Honoree chooses two students working on advanced degrees in the Earth Sciences at a college or university in our Region. More detailed information is published in the green pages of the MWF Directory.

The Fund has non-profit 501(c)(3) status. Contributions are tax-exempt, you receive an acknowledgment, and next of kin are notified of your donation.

Donor(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SPRINGFIELD AWAITS THE MWF MEETING, CONTINUED**

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their sons. If you make it over to the State Capitol, be sure and rub Lincoln's nose for luck. While downtown, stop to check out the old state capitol and all the unique shops around and close to the square.

Some other points of interest close to downtown include the Dana Thomas House, the War Memorial, and the Illinois State Museum, which is a fun-for-all destination. The ISM features the extensive Changes exhibit, which showcases 500 million years of

state history, a Native American exhibit, and an always changing art gallery. It even has a fun, interactive play area for kids.

For those wanting to venture farther, be sure to check out Washington Park and the Thomas Reese Carillon. Another stop for you history buffs is the original Route 66 Cozy Dog Drive-In. Here you can taste the original corn dog while looking at Route 66 memorabilia. Finally, for anyone with children, or the young at heart, there is the Henson Robinson Zoo and Knight's Action Park.



## MINERS' MEMORIAL UNVEILED

Dean Stone, Past MWF President

The summer of 2017 saw the dedication of a moving memorial in Rosiclare, deep in southern Illinois, to fluorspar miners and their families. The two statues of the memorial were created by renowned Illinois sculptor David Seagraves.

The Illinois fluorspar (fluorite) district produced scores of beautiful mineral specimens over the years. The last underground mine closed in 1996.



*The fluorspar miner statue, before being moved to its pedestal. Statue and photo by David Seagraves.*

*The miner and his wife on their pedestal. Statues and photo by David Seagraves.*



The mining spirit lives on through the American Fluorite Museum in Rosiclare. Fluorite is the Illinois state mineral, and many wonderful pieces are displayed with other associated minerals, including galena, calcite, quartz, and others. Many significant mining items of historical interest are also shown.

The Ben Clement Mineral Museum in Marion, Kentucky, is only a stone's throw away, across the

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## DELEGATES SOUGHT FOR MWF MEETING

Tony Kapta, MWF Credentials Chair

The Midwest Federation's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual 2018 show of the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The show will be held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

The Council of Delegates Meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2801 West Street in Springfield. Each member club/society is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate to represent them, although each club is only entitled to one vote.

On the next page is a Delegate Registration form that needs to be filled out and then signed by the President of your club. This form was also mailed to each club with the convention packet and will be available on the MWF website. The form on the website can be typed out on your computer, printed, signed by the President of your club and mailed to me, Tony Kapta, 1483 E. Wood Street, Decatur, IL 62521, or scanned and emailed to me at [cigmc@comcast.net](mailto:cigmc@comcast.net).

This is your club's chance to send a representative to the annual meeting and vote on the business which will be before the members of the MWF. This also allows your delegate to report back to the club on what business was discussed during the meeting. Last, it allows your club to be represented at an MWF function and give your delegate an opportunity to meet the representatives of other clubs and the Officers, State Directors and Committee Chairs of the MWF. There is also the added benefit of being able to attend a great gem, mineral and fossil show.

These are important points to consider for all MWF clubs, and I urge you to carefully consider sending a representative from your club to the MWF Annual Meeting. I realize that the trip is a financial burden, as it is to me as well as all of the people who have been gracious enough to donate their time and money to take care of the business of making the MWF work for you, the clubs. Helping other clubs is as important a part of having a club as any of the other things that we do. Hope to see you there!



MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES
COUNCIL MEETING
DELEGATE REGISTRATION
Saturday October 6th, 2018

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The MWF Council of Delegates Meeting will convene Saturday, October 6th at 1:00pm, with the delegate registration beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Delegate appointed by your club or society will represent your interests, and may bring up pertinent discussions and proposals. However, in order to expedite matters, if your society intends to have its Delegate present any special motion at the meeting, please notify MWF President David Root and MWF Secretary Donna Moore as to the nature of the subject so that it may be placed on the agenda. This needs to be presented in written form. This should be done at least one month prior to the meeting.

\*Each club is entitled to one vote. An alternate may vote in the absence of a Delegate. Guests are invited, but will not be able to vote.

Please cut out this form and return it to:
Credentials Chairman Tony Kapta
1483 E Wood St, Decatur IL 62521
217-233-1164, email cigmc@comcast.net
Before September 1st, 2018
(DO NOT send this form to the show registration committee)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPTNESS

MIDWEST FEDERATION DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE TO AVOID ERRORS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT \_\_\_\_\_
Name of your club on this line

OF \_\_\_\_\_
City and State on this line

HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING DELEGATE TO THE MWF 78TH ANNUAL MEETING :

DELEGATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Organization	Place	Contact
<b>April 21-22</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society	Eau Claire Expo Center, 5530 Fairview, <b>Eau Claire, WI</b>	Paul Tubbs, bizpam1@gmail.com
<b>April 21-22</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Fulton County Rockhounds	Donaldson Center, Wallace Park, 250 S. Avenue D, <b>Canton, IL</b>	George Coursey, 70georgecoursey@gmail.com
<b>April 28-29</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Akron Mineral Society	Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath, <b>Cuyahoga Falls, OH</b>	Sandy Shorter, Gemboree@outlook.com
<b>April 28-29</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Miami County Gem and Mineral Club	Duke Lundgard Bldg., County Fairgrounds, 650 N. County Road 25-A, <b>Troy, OH</b>	Dewey Buck, Dewey.Buck@pcmg.com
<b>April 28-29</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4	River Valley Rockhounds	Webster County Fairgrounds, 22770 Old Highway 169, <b>Fort Dodge, IA</b>	Robert Wolf, midnightwriter@frontier.net
<b>April 28-29</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Summit Lapidary Club	Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Road, <b>Cuyahoga Falls, OH</b>	Gujo Kotch, gemboree@outlook.com
<b>May 4-6</b> Fri 4-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society	County Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street, <b>Kalamazoo, MI</b>	Jerry VanNocker. Jervannocker@comcast.net
<b>May 5</b> Sat 9-4	Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society	Elder Johnson Pavilion, Burns Park, <b>North Little Rock, AR</b>	Barbara Champagne, cagmagsprez@gmail.com
<b>May 5-6</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5	Cincinnati Mineral Society	Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road, <b>Sharonville, OH</b>	Terry Huizing, tehuizing@fuse.net
<b>May 5-6</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4 Krystle Dorris of the TV show "Prospectors" will be a guest, presenting specimens from the Dorris' mines.	Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society	Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, 2000 SE 13 <sup>th</sup> Street, <b>Brainerd, MN</b>	Sharon Smith, Sharon@agatesrock.com
<b>May 5-6</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society	Fieldhouse, Marshfield High School, 1401 E. Becker Road, <b>Marshfield, WI</b>	Cynthia Kelman, kelman@tznnet.com
<b>May 11-13</b> Fri noon-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	Central Missouri Rock and Lapidary Club	Knights of Columbus Hall, 2525 N. Stadium Blvd. (Route E), <b>Columbia, MO</b>	Mary Wozny, lmwoz@msn.com
<b>May 12</b> Sat 10-3	Coulee Rock Club Community Day	Goose Island LaCrosse County Park, Highway 35, <b>Stoddard, WI</b>	Pam Day, aamethesta@aol.com
<b>May 18-20</b> Fri and Sat, 9-5 Sun 9-3	Tri-State Gem & Mineral Club	Joplin History & Mineral Museum, 504 Schifferdecker Ave., <b>Joplin, MO</b>	Chris Wiseman, jmc-cwiseman@sbcglobal.net
<b>May 19-20</b> Sat 9-6, Sun noon-6	Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society	Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave., <b>St. Joseph, MI</b>	Nancy Wolff, blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com
<b>May 19-20</b> Sat and Sun, 10-5	Parma Lapidary Club	Soccer Sportsplex, 31515 Lorain Road, <b>North Olmstead, OH</b>	www.parmalapidary.com
<b>May 19-20</b> Sat and Sun, 10-5	Wisconsin Geological Society	Muellner Bldg., Hart Park, 7300 Chestnut, <b>Wauwatosa, WI</b>	Paul Schmidt, pvs@wi.rr.com

*June Issue Submission Deadline Is May 9th!*



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Date and Time	Organization	Place	Contact
<b>May 26</b> Sat, 9-5	Sac & Fox Lapidary Club	County Fairgrounds, 2606 W. Burlington, <b>Fairfield, IA</b>	Dennis Kossow, denniskossow@gmail.com
<b>May 26-27</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association	County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Road, <b>St. Charles, IL</b>	Marge Dobrofsky, adams9104@sbcglobal.net
<b>June 1-3</b> Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4	State Line Gem & Mineral Society	County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR 108, <b>Wauseon, OH</b>	Glenda Gafner, ggafner@frontier.com
<b>June 2</b> Sat 10-4	Gem City Rock Club	Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center, Route J south of Clarence Cannon Dam, <b>Monroe City, MO</b>	Jane Huelsmeyer, jhuelsm@gmail.com
<b>June 2-3</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Coulee Rock Club	Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Road, <b>Onalaska, WI</b>	Allison Conrad, rockinbabe@acegroup.cc
<b>June 8-10</b> Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4	Mineral Area Gem and Mineral Society	Missouri Mines Historic Site, 4000 State Highway 32, <b>Park Hills, MO</b>	Boneta Hensley, mojellybean63@yahoo.com
<b>June 9-10</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5	Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society	Arts & Crafts Bldg., County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Road, <b>Mansfield, OH</b>	Tom Kottyan, TheMineralHouse@netzero.net
<b>June 22-24</b> Fri 10-6:30, Sat 9-6:30, Sun 10-4	Lawrence County Rock Club	County Fairgrounds, US Highway 50, <b>Bedford, IN</b>	lawrencecountyrockclub.org
<b>June 29-July 1</b> Fri 2-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-3	Osage Rock & Mineral Club	Community Center, 309 E 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, <b>Eldon, MO</b>	Steve Rudloff, Srudloff@fastmail.com
<b>July 10-15,</b> 10-7	Lake Agassiz Rock Club, panning for gold	Red River Valley Fair, 1805 Main Avenue West, <b>West Fargo, ND</b>	Chris Patenaude, LakeAgzRC70@yahoo.com
<b>July 14</b> Sat, 9-5	Flint Rock & Gem Club rock swap	Club classroom, 11350 N. Saginaw Road, <b>Clio, MI</b>	Bill Wendling, bwrockbarn@centurytel.net
<b>July 14-15</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-3	Carlton County Gem & Mineral Club	Riverside Arena, 20 Earl Ellens Drive, <b>Moose Lake, MN</b>	Dan & Lynn Svercl, danlynnsunrisefarm@yahoo.com
<b>July 14-15</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	Indian Head Gem & Mineral Society	Frederic High School, 1437 Clam Falls, <b>Frederic, WI</b>	Roy Wickman, 715-357-3223
<b>July 20-21</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 9-5	Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club	Commons, Lakeland Union High School, 9573 Highway 70 West, <b>Minocqua, WI</b>	Ron Zimmer, rzimmer@charter.net
<b>July 28</b> Sat 9-2:30	Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral Society rock swap and sale	Jack Fox Park, north of courthouse, <b>Canton, SD</b>	Harlan Hoogeterp, hhoogeterp@iw.net
<b>Aug. 10-12</b> Fri 1-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-3	Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club	Houghton Elementary School, 302 W. Jacker Ave., <b>Houghton, MI</b>	Norm Gruber, show@ccrnc.info
<b>Aug. 11-12</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society	Youth Expo Bldg., County Fairgrounds, Highway 48 North, <b>Rice Lake, WI</b>	Dave Skrupy, dskrupy@centurytel.net
<b>Aug. 17-19</b> Fri 2-4, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5	Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs	Machinists Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, <b>Bridgeton, MO</b>	Robert Morse, rmorse@centurytel.net

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### **MINERS' MEMORIAL UNVEILED NEAR TWO MINERAL MUSEUMS, CONTINUED**

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Ohio River from the American Fluorite Museum. Getting to the Clement Museum is a travel treat as you cross, in your vehicle, the Ohio River on a FREE FERRY at historic Cave-In-Rock, Illinois.

The Clement Museum is based upon the extensive collection of Ben Clement, a famous mine owner and mineral collector from Kentucky. The museum has a superb fluorescent mineral display along with fluorite specimens, faceted stones, historical carvings, and a wide range of other related materials.

The two museums have a show scheduled on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fohs Hall in Marion, Kentucky, next door to the Clement Museum.

The museums can be contacted as follows:

The American Fluorite Museum: 618-285-3513; Main Street, P.O. Box 753, Rosiclare, IL 62982.

Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum: 270-965-2463; [www.clementmineralmuseum.org](http://www.clementmineralmuseum.org)



*Displays at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion, Kentucky. Photo from [www.clementmineralmuseum.org](http://www.clementmineralmuseum.org).*

Also, the Midwest Federation has an exceptional video, DVD 63, "Illinois Fluorite Story, Part III," which provides visual and historical information on the area. MWF Clubs are encouraged to review it for further details on the mining district. (I am biased, it is my program!)