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**Mid-America Paleontology Society Annual Business Meeting
April 1, 2017. Sharpless Auctions, Iowa City**

Board members present: Marv Houg, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Chris Cozart, Dale Stout, Doug DeRosear, Tom Williams, Karl Stuekerjuergen.

Marv called the meeting to order at 5.14pm. Tiffany read the minutes from the 2016 ABM. John Moffitt motioned to approve the minutes, Dale seconded, minutes were approved. Jim read the Treasurer's Report. Bill Desmarais motioned to approve the report, John Catalani seconded, report approved.

Marv introduced MAPS Board Members. Tom thanked everyone who helped with Expo.

Any Other Business: none.

New Business:

John Catalani explained that the MAPS Directory contains the Constitution and Bylaws and that the Board will be reviewing them to see where they need to be updated. Any proposed changes will be published in the Digest and voted on at a future Expo.

Marv explained that MAPS is not a 501(c)(3) organization currently. Bob Rondinelli is looking into achieving this status. Karl files the tax status. Once the 501(c)(3) status is approved, members will be able to take tax deductions, where eligible.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting, John Moffitt seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5.23pm.

**Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting
April 1st, 2017. MAPS Expo, Sharpless Auctions, Iowa City**

Board Members present: Marv Houg, Dale Stout, Jim Preslicka, Doug DeRosear, Chris Cozart, Bob Rondinelli, Tom Williams, John Catalani, Gil Norris, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

Marv called the meeting to order at 12.03 pm.

Minutes from the February 2017 meeting were circulated. Tom moved to approve the minutes, John seconded. Minutes were approved.

Jim read the Treasurer's Report. Marv stated that MAPS will cover the extra night for Carl Brett's motel. Costs for the speaker's dinner and the newspaper ad are still to be deducted. MAPS share for ad is \$375. MAPS paid \$614 for insurance and \$170 was returned, so insurance cost \$444.

EXPO comments/feedback:

- good feedback on speaker and workshops, turn audio speakers towards audience
- videotape programs (Tiffany and a student: organize, obtain permissions, create a YouTube channel)
- road signs
- adjust heat (too cold)

Website: John needs access to add electronic Digests, etc. Tom motioned to add John to website, Dale seconded. Motion approved. Jim will send John the website password.

2018 Expo: Stay at Sharpless, it's a good size. May have to restrict vendors to four tables maximum. John proposed Permian-Triassic as the 2018 theme. Jim seconded. Motioned carried.

Charitable Status: Marv and Bob discussed the need to file 501(c)(3) status on a regular basis, status can be reinstated if necessary. MAPS Constitution and Bylaws are in the Directory. Marv reminded the Board that the MAPS President may not serve more than two consecutive terms, according to Constitution Article 4, Sec. 8. John proposed to eliminate this rule and will announce at the ABM that the MAPS Board will review the Constitution and Bylaws.

Exhibit: Bob discussed the possibility of collaborating on a crinoid exhibit at the Science Center of Des Moines. He has been in touch with Leo Landis at the State Historical Society about the Beane Collection and has good material himself that could be displayed. The exhibit could showcase local or even international crinoid specimens. Dinosaur exhibition planned for the fall.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marv seconded. Meeting adjourned, 12:34 pm.

MAPS Digest Online

MAPS Digest, official publication of the Mid-America Paleontology Society, is now available in digital format online and is freely accessible to all, via the University of Iowa's Institutional Repository "Iowa Research Online" at <http://ir.uiowa.edu/midamericapaleo/>. UI Museum Studies students spent over 300 hours scanning printed Digests and organizing them, and other papers, to form the MAPS Archive. Staff at the UI Libraries organized the scanned Digests on the website, and made them searchable. If you are looking for a particular article, you can just enter a keyword (e.g., "cephalopods," a person's name, a fossil locality, etc.) into the "Enter search terms" box and make sure "in this collection" is selected in the box below to restrict your search to MAPS publications. You can also browse the collection with a slideshow view of each cover (View Slideshow), or pages or lists of small images of each cover (Switch View). Digests are displayed in date order, most recent at the top. You can download and print Digests as pdf files. Currently, available issues run from April 1978 (vol. 1 no. 1) to April 2015 (vol. 38 no. 2). We will continue to add more Digest issues, including those already available in digital format on the MAPS website.

The MAPS Archive, which houses original Digests, directories, newsletters, meeting minutes, correspondence, photographs, and official documents, is preserved at the University of Iowa Paleontology Repository. The materials are stored in archival acid-free document boxes (eight so far!) and are accompanied by a "finding aid" that lists what there is and where to find it. Most of the material was donated by Allyn Adams and Madelynne Lillybeck. Although the archive has the complete run of Digests and does not require more copies, MAPS members are welcome to contribute photographs (digital or print) of MAPS-related activities. Contact Tiffany Adrain (tiffany-adrain@uiowa.edu) if you are interested in donating material or would like assistance with access to MAPS Digest copies. Note that Tiffany cannot mail printed copies to you.

Special thanks to UI Museum Studies undergraduate Paige Wilkinson who focused her Museum Studies Internship on organizing and digitizing the MAPS Archive, and Mark Anderson, UI Digital Collections Librarian, for providing access to IRO resources and facilitating online Digest access and searching.

Sue Houg 1953-2017

It is with regret and deep sadness that we report on the passing of Sue Houg, wife of MAPS President Marv Houg. Sue passed away on May 31, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. A complete obituary can be found at:

<http://www.thegazette.com/obituaries/susan-houg-20170602-0000063510-01>

Dr. John Pojeta 1935-2017

Dr. John Pojeta, Jr. passed away on July 6th, 2017 at Casey House, Rockville, Maryland. John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Lou, his daughter Kim (TJ Oakes), son John (Christine Linn), brother Martin (Linda Pojeta), niece Lee Ann Selkowitz (Eric Selkowitz), plus six grand-children and two great-grand-children.

John is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where he founded a life-long domestic and professional partnership with Mary Lou. After graduation, he was appointed to the U.S. Geological Survey and served as geologist, paleontologist, and eventually Branch Chief through a rich and distinguished career. Since retirement in 1994, he remained active as Scientist Emeritus with the U.S.G.S. and a Research Associate of the Department of Paleobiology at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History.

John's career focus was Ordovician and Cambrian mollusks. He will be remembered for outstanding teamwork on fossils from Kentucky, Australia, and Antarctica as well as many other parts of the world. He was a career-long member and enthusiastic supporter of numerous professional organizations, but especially of the Paleontological Research Institution and the Paleontological Society. His and Mary Lou's contributions are celebrated by the Pojeta Award (paleosoc.org/grants-and-awards/pojeta-award), which commemorates their indefatigable and splendidly cheerful service to the Paleontological Society and its members over several decades.

A celebration of John Pojeta's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Casey House hospice, Rockville, MD, the Paleontological Research Institution, or to the Paleontological Society.

2018 MAPS Slate of Officers

President Marvin Houg,
1st Vice President: Dale Stout,
2nd Vice President: Tom Williams,
Secretary: Tiffany Adrain,
Treasurer: Jim Preslicka,
Directors: Karl Stuekerjuergen (20), Robert Rondinelli (19), Doug DeRosear (18).

****Call for Papers****

The Digest Editors are calling for papers to be included in the EXPO Edition of the Digest. The theme for EXPO XL is the **Permian-Triassic Periods**. Papers dealing with Permian-Triassic fossils, localities, or stratigraphy would be appreciated. The papers should be in Word, Times New Roman, size

12 Font, single spaced, with one inch margins and e-mailed to one of the Digest Editors by the 16th of February 2018.

John: Fossilnautiloid@aol.com

Chris: CDCozart@aol.com

EXPO Auction Information

A live auction will be held on Saturday evening of EXPO, following a brief business meeting. Also, during show hours, silent auctions will be held. As part of your table fees, you are **encouraged** to donate a correctly labeled, quality fossil(s) or fossil-related item(s) to the Auctions. Information to include with the specimen is as follows:

- Brief description and common name, species information, location, and time period.
- A minimum guide to the value of your donation would be something equal to your table fee: if you have one table, the donation should have a minimum value of \$30; two tables, \$60; etc.

Preference on future table assignments will be given to those who make a donation to the auction as suggested above.

Most proceeds from the auctions go to the Paleontological Society Scholarship Fund and the Strimple Fund, with additional support to the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI) and the Repository at the University of Iowa, which hosts MAPS board meetings. With continued membership support, we hope to continue the trend.

As an interesting note, a number of Auction donations are made by individuals who do not have tables, or who are unable to attend EXPO or the Auction.

Dinosaur Dig to be Sold at Live Auction

Paleo Prospectors is donating a dinosaur dig trip for the live auction Saturday evening. The dig is for 1 week in June or July of 2019 (choice of approximately three different weeks). Possible digs may be in North Dakota, South Dakota or Wyoming.

You will be able to keep almost everything that you find (up to a maximum of \$4,000.00). Only individual bones valued at over \$1,500.00 and articulated bones are excluded. In all cases, however, if you cannot keep your find, you will receive a finder's fee of three percent after the final sale of the object. In most cases

each participant finds several hundred bone fragments, ten or so mostly complete bones and an occasional tooth and claw.

The minimum bid has yet to be determined. If you are not able to attend Expo but would like to bid on the trip, proxy bids can be sent to MAPS EXPO chair Tom Williams, Paleotom234@comcast.net; (815) 228-5083. Payment may be made in 4 installments. For more information on Palo Prospectors digs, check their website: <http://www.paleoprospectors.com>.

Dues are due

Please send your \$20 2018 dues to: **Dale Stout**
2237 Meadowbrook Drive S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE TWO VENUES:

MAPS EXPO: Only fossil/fossil-related material may be displayed/sold

Friday April 6: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday April 7: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday April 8: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

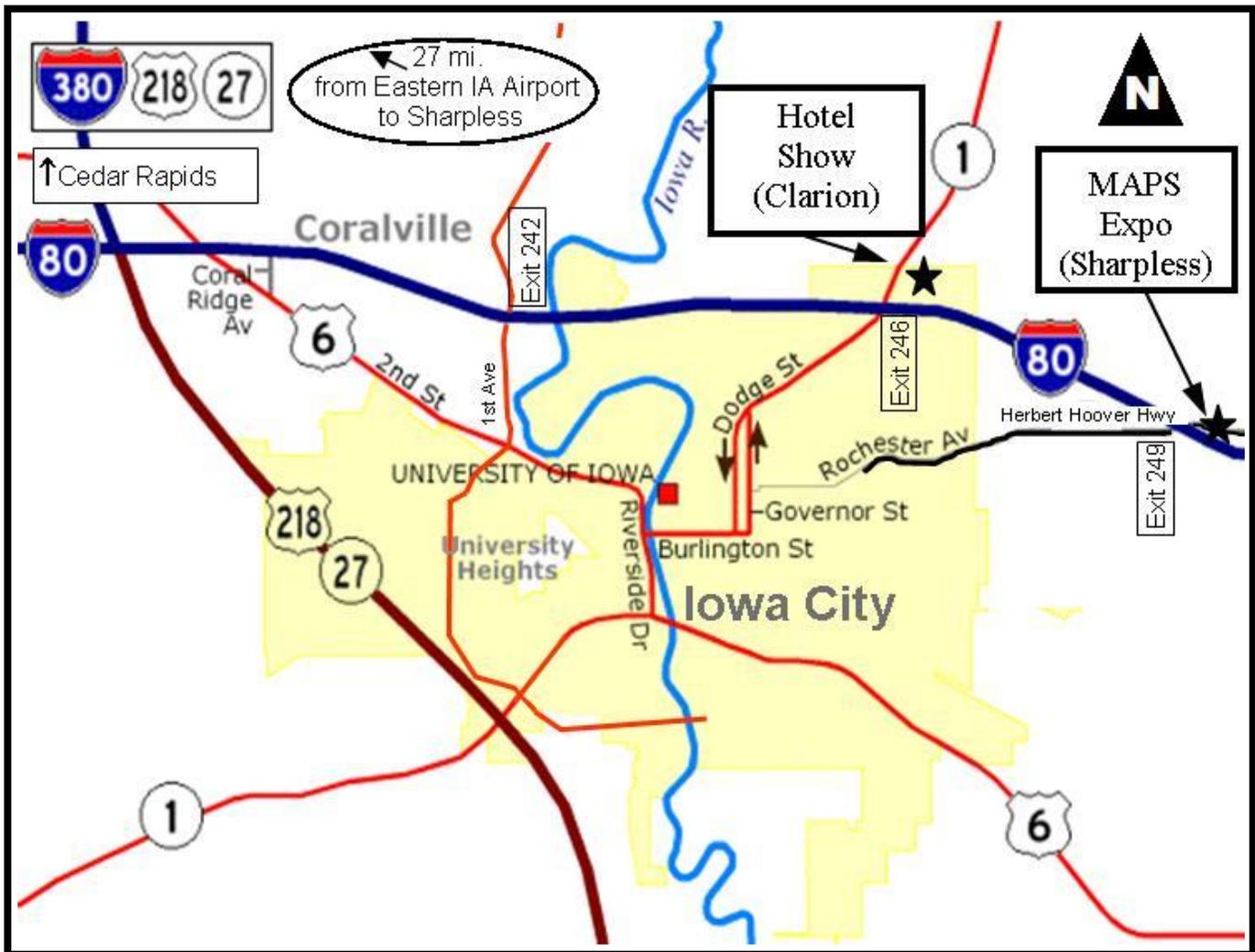
HOTEL SHOW: Fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, etc. may be displayed/sold

Wednesday April 4: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday April 5: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday April 6: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday April 7: All Day



EXPO Organizing Committee

Show Chairman:

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MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XL—2018

LOCATION AND TIME: EXPO will be held in the Sharpless Auctions building located at 5049 County Road F44 (Herbert Hoover Hwy), Iowa City, Iowa. The simplest way to the site is to take Exit 249 from I-80. Sharpless Auctions is north of I-80 just to the east of the Exit.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, April 6: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 8: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: extended Sunday hours)

SET-UP: Normal set-up will take place on Friday, April 6, at 7:00 a.m. However, for those that want to set up their tables on Thursday, MAPS has arranged, **at additional cost to the club**, for the buildings to be opened at 2:00 pm on Thursday at an **additional cost of \$10 per table** (see registration form). Lowest ceilings along the walls of the large building are approx. 10 feet; for the smaller building approx. 8-9 feet. **Buying, selling, or trading will NOT be allowed on Thursday and will be enforced. NOTE: As with WIU field house, there will be no security Thursday night.**

PARKING: Parking at Sharpless Auctions is free.

TRANSPORTATION: I-80 runs right by Sharpless Auctions and provides easy access to a plethora of hotels/motels and restaurants located to the west of the venue in the towns of Iowa City and Coralville. Eastern Iowa Airport is located approximately 23 miles from the EXPO site via I-380 and I-80.

HOTELS/MOTELS: Although the “Hotel Show” will be located at the Clarion Hotel (319-354-2000) (see p. 5 for more information), there is a wide variety of hotels/motels of varying price ranges just off of I-80 in the towns of Iowa City and Coralville (particularly at Exit 242). If you plan to stay in a motel, we urge you to make your reservations early.

ON-SITE FOOD: Coffee and rolls will be available for sale for breakfast. There will be a varied ala-carte menu available for lunch.

SALES TAX: NOTE: As of July 1, 2016, a tax number is needed in Iowa to sell material. Single-event Iowa State tax forms will **not** be available at the show. The Tax Permit Registration form and Instructions can be found in last year’s December MAPS Digest or at the Iowa tax website <https://tax.iowa.gov>. For specific EXPO questions, contact MAPS president Marvin Houg. **It takes 4-6 weeks to process tax number requests.**

EXPO THEME: The Permian-Triassic Periods will be this year’s theme. Friday night’s Keynote Speaker will be Margaret Fraiser. Her program, to be determined, will be given at the Clarion Hotel following the presentation of the Don Good and Sharon Sonnleitner Awards and is open to the public. Updates on the website.

PROGRAMS: Each day of EXPO, a limited number of programs/lectures/workshops are given by members and interested individuals on-site at Sharpless auctions. These programs average 40-60 minutes in length, are usually given in PowerPoint format, and deal with various topics often, but not always, in line with the theme for that year. If interested in presenting a program, contact Dale Stout: dhstout55@aol.com.

EXPO ACTIVITIES: Times for all activities, including workshops/lectures, will be posted.

AUCTIONS: Saturday evening, a **live auction** will follow a short business meeting beginning at 5:15 pm. **Silent auctions** will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday. Proceeds from the auctions go to paleontology scholarships. Each dealer is encouraged to contribute a specimen(s) equal to or greater than the cost of the tables he/she has rented. Include full data and the name of the fossil donor. Specimens can be left at the information desk.

THE HOTEL SHOW

LOCATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Clarion Hotel, which is located just north of I-80 at Exit 246 (N. Dodge Street), approx. 3 miles west of Sharpless Auctions. Everyone that plans to stay at the Clarion will need to make their own reservations. When doing so, mention that you are with the “MAPS FOSSIL SHOW” to insure the special lower rates given to us. The number of the Clarion is (319) 354-2000 and their e-mail is gmtlicia@gmail.com. The Hotel Show usually begins Wednesday of EXPO week at 3:00 pm (see page 6).

DEALERS: Those selling at the Hotel Show should request room(s) on the first floor for easier access. **Dealers also need to register with the Hotel Show liaison, Dan Cooper (513-869-0226) (dancooper@cinci.rr.com).**

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Among the attractions located in the Iowa City/Coralville area are the Devonian Fossil Gorge and the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History. The Devonian Fossil Gorge can be reached by exiting I-80 at Exit 244 (North Dubuque Street) and traveling north 2.6 miles then east 1.3 miles on West Overlook Road to Coralville Dam. The Natural History Museum is located on the University of Iowa campus in Macbride Hall at the corner of North Clinton Street and East Jefferson Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XL GENERAL POLICIES

- Everyone is requested to make advance table registration by February 15, 2018. Check for table fees must accompany registration form.
- Cost of tables is \$30.00 each for the first two EIGHT FOOT tables. Additional tables will cost \$40.00 each. There is an additional charge of \$10.00 per table for Thursday set-up.
- There are fewer tables available but they are EIGHT LINEAR FEET. Therefore, three 8 foot tables are equivalent to four 6 foot tables. Please make your requests reasonable based on 8 foot tables.
- **MAXIMUM of 6 tables per person/membership/organization.**
- Everyone is expected to stay through 5:00 Saturday. And all are encouraged to stay through Sunday.
- Please note your plans for leaving on the reservation form.
- **The committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil-related.**
- **Mountings, gemstones, minerals, human remains, artifacts, or relics, etc., are NOT PERMITTED!!!! .**
- **MAPS expects all fossils sold to have been LEGALLY collected and any reconstruction to be divulged.**
- **No smoking, alcohol, firearms, or disruptive behavior will be permitted on site.**
- Aisles must be kept clear at all times.
- **NOTE:** There will be many gurney-type carts available for unloading/loading of materials.
- No pets are allowed except for service animals.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XL POLICIES FOR TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM, ENCLOSE IT WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MAPS, AND MAIL TO:

**Tom Williams
PO Box 1593
LaSalle, IL 61301-9998**

- The floor plan will be first laid out on **February 15**, with all received **PAID** requests being assigned tables. Thereafter, tables will be assigned on a first come/first served basis. This is necessary to insure fairness to all registrants and to determine remaining number of tables. Tables and/or locations not guaranteed after **February 15, 2018**.
- Registrations with special requests (e.g. same as last year, next to John Doe, etc.) must be received by **February 15** to be honored. Special requests received after Feb. 15 will be honored if possible, but cannot be promised.
- Those with special requests to be located near other dealers/participants must have the permission of all involved for the request to be honored (same names should be on all registration forms) and all those involved must have their payments and registrations in by **February 15** to be honored. For example, if 4 members wish to be assigned in a group, 3 turn in registrations and the 4th does not, the 4th person may not be assigned with the group. (Of course, every effort **WILL** be made to keep the 4 members together.)
- If the venue fills to capacity, a waiting list shall be created. As cancellations occur, the tables will be assigned in the order received.
- A maximum of 6 tables can be reserved per person, organization, or membership. Tables are **EIGHT FEET** long.
- Refunds given up to thirty (30) days prior to first day of show.
- All reservations will be acknowledged. If acknowledgements are not received on or before **March 9, 2018**, contact Tom Williams by e-mail: (paleotom234@comcast.net) or phone: cell: (815) 228-5083; home: (815) 223-9638.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XL—2018 EXPO TABLE RESERVATION

Before you reserve tables, please read all the regulations and policies.

Table payment MUST accompany this form.

NUMBER (Up to 2) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$30 PER TABLE (Fri. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (3 to 6) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE (Fri. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (Up to 2) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE (Thurs. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (3 to 6) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$50 PER TABLE (Thurs. set-up) = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID _____ (Payable by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER to "MAPS")

NOTE: MAXIMUM OF SIX(6) TABLES PER PERSON/MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION. LIMITED NUMBER OF CHAIRS AVAILABLE--ONE PER TABLE PROVIDED. IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU BRING ANY EXTRA FOLDING CHAIRS YOU MAY NEED. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO BRING EXTENSION CORDS.

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone (_____) _____ - _____

Special requests _____

CHECK ONE: _____ I will be leaving on Saturday. _____ I will be staying through Sunday.

_____ I will be bringing _____ feet of display for the special tables up front (No Charge).

_____ Yes, I will help at the Front Desk:

Fri. _____ am _____ pm; **Sat.** _____ am _____ pm; **Sun.** _____ am _____ pm

NO ONE EXCEPT GUARD IS ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR AFTER 5:00 PM FRI. AND SAT.!

The Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) was formed to promote popular interest in the subject of paleontology; to encourage the proper collecting, study, preparation, and display of fossil material; and to assist other individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the various aspects of paleontology. It is a non-profit society incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Membership in MAPS is open to anyone, anywhere who is sincerely interested in fossils and the aims of the Society.

Membership fee: \$20.00 per household covers one year's issues of DIGESTS. All Canadian and Overseas members receive the DIGEST by air letter post. For new members and those who renew more than 3 issues past their due date, the year begins with the first available issue. Institution or Library fee is \$25.00.

MAPS meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of October, November, January, and February and at EXPO in March or April. A picnic is held during the summer. October through February meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. in Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in late March/early April.

The MAPS official publication, MAPS DIGEST, is published 5 times per year – Jan-Mar, EXPO EDITION, May-August, Sept-Nov, Dec. (EXPO Materials). View MAPS web page at: <http://www.midamericapaleo.org>

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