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**“A LOVE OF FOSSILS BRINGS US TOGETHER”**

## Calendar

**2017**

**2018**

**April 6-8**

### **MAPS EXPO XL**

**Location:** Sharpless Auctions

Exit 249 I-80

Iowa City, Iowa

**Theme:** Permian-Triassic

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Margaret Fraiser,  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

**Topic:** TBD

**April 4-7**

### **Wholesale/Pre-Show**

Located at the Clarion Hotel and held in  
conjunction with MAPS EXPO.

## Contributions to Digest Needed

The Digest editors encourage the members to submit articles for publication in the Digest issues. The Digest is for the members and should reflect their interests. If you have specimens that you collected and would like to share with other members or would like to describe a favorite collecting site, please write an article in Word, Times New Roman size 12 font, single spaced with one inch margins, and send to the editors. Photos and diagrams can be e-mailed separately or incorporated in the article.

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## **\*\*Call for Papers\*\***

The theme for the **2018 EXPO** is the **Permian-Triassic**. Any paper dealing with Permian, Triassic, or/and the PTr Extinction geology or paleontology 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 **first week of February 2018**. Diagrams/Photos can be sent separately or imbedded in text.

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## **DUES INFO**

Please send your \$20 2017 MAPS dues to:

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## **About the Cover**

This issue's cover photo is of a specimen of *Bumastoides* sp. in feeding(?) position from the Forreaston Bed Grand Detour Member Platteville Formation southern Wisconsin. The 2.0 cm specimen was collected by John Catalani.

**Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting  
April 2, 2016. Expo, Sharpless Auction, Iowa City, Iowa**

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

Marv called the meeting to order at 3.48pm.

Minutes from the February 2016 meeting were circulated (also by email previously). Jim motioned to approve the minutes, Tom seconded. Minutes were approved.

Jim read the Treasurer's Report. Marv has sponsorship checks.

Marv had 1,500 tri-folds printed instead of 1,000. Gil proposed that MAPS pay the extra cost. Tom seconded. Motion approved.

John recommended that the number of printed Digests be reduced. Tom moved that Digests not be mailed to members who had not paid their dues. Chris seconded. Motion approved.

Marv has had a request for an ad to be placed in the monthly newsletter by an auction house selling fossil-related materials. Will this set a precedent and how much should the charge be? John said that ad space should be sold as quarter-, half-, or full-page rather than by column-inches and should make money rather than break even. John proposed the motion to include quarter-, half-, or full-page fossil-related ads on request in the non-Expo Digest and newsletters. John, Jim and Marv will work out costs and send to board for vote. Tom seconded the motion. Motion approved.

John recommended a two- to three-year wait period before each Expo Digest is made available online on the MAPS website.

Tom would like a six-table maximum limit for Expo vendors.

The 2017 Expo theme is the Silurian. Several members have offered to submit papers already.

Marv moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4.12pm.

**Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting  
November 12, 2016. Trowbridge Hall, Iowa City**

Board Members present: Marv Houg, Dale Stout, Jim Preslicka, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Doug DeRosear, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

Dr. Julie Meachen, Assistant Professor at Des Moines University, presented a program entitled "Natural Trap Cave; a record from the last glacial maximum to the Holocene.

Marv called the meeting to order at 2.30pm.

Minutes from the April 2016 meeting were circulated. Karl moved to approve the minutes, Dale seconded. Minutes were approved.

Jim read the Treasurer's Report, which had been emailed to board members prior to the meeting. Awaiting Allegra invoice. Will distribute scholarships (usually totaling \$2,000) in January. Marv stated that he still had to get some money from Dan Cooper. Jim said \$9,000 is typically required for an Expo cycle. Membership renewals are starting to come in. Sharpless deposit will be paid before Christmas. Marv said Membership Directories will no longer be printed. Marv motioned to pay scholarship now at same rate as last year. Dale motioned to approve, Doug seconded. Motion carried.

Show Report:

- Marv said John sent a newsletter draft to the Board, and suggested changes to the ad regarding dues, and regarding sales tax (see below).
- Articles are invited for the Digest
- Expo speakers: Gerry Kloc, Kent Smith, Richard Strapel – Dale will contact them regarding titles and abstracts.
- Tiffany will contact Iowa City Science Booster Club about an evolution workshop presentation, and Paul Liu about a Winneshiek Fauna presentation.
- Table rental is secured.
- Floor plan: same arrangement as last year's – good circulation.
- Advertising: Ray used Facebook last year. Marv will ask him to do it again this year. Put ads in Pennysaver, Hoopla? Marv will talk to Dan re local papers.
- Dale and Tiffany to send Marv a list of where to send flyers/advertise. Social media is important – use Twitter and Facebook! Can put up flyers in Hy-Vee etc. the week before. Flyers will be printed soon (c. 1,000) and a pdf version will be sent out.
- Displays: Ray Garton offered to bring a Dimetrodon model.
- Dale is working on a news release.
- Awards: please send award nominations to Marv.
- Show security: Bill Desmarais is organizing this.
- Speaker: Carl Brett. Keynote address will be at the Clarion in a smaller capacity room (c. 150 max) than last year.

- Sales Tax Permit: everyone must get their own permanent permit. There are no temporary tax permits. Use the Sharpless Auction address as the location. Submit application by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- Motel show: 40 vendors have signed up so far.

Old Digests: Tiffany will get these on-line.

Election of officers:

Nominations:     President: Marv Houg  
                         Vice President: Dale Stout  
                         Vice President: Tom Williams  
                         Secretary: Tiffany Adrain  
                         Treasurer: Jim Preslicka  
                         Digest Editors: John Catalani, Chris Cozart  
                         Webmasters: Jim Preslicka, Charles Newsom  
                         Membership: Dale Stout  
                         Immediate Past President: Gil Norris  
                         Directors: Robert Rondinelli (19), Doug DeRosear (18), Karl Stuekerjuergen (17)

The President called three times for nominations. Karl motioned to approve and elect the nominees, Jim seconded. Nominees approved and elected.

Old Business: contact Dale if you want a name badge.

New Business: Expo cards can be delivered to the UI Museum of Natural History (Tiffany took some over).  
Upcoming speakers: John Catalani (MAPS) in January, Kelsey Feser (Cornell College) in February.

Next meeting is January 14, 2017, Trowbridge Hall, room 125.

Doug moved to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3.15pm.

### **Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting January 14, 2017. Trowbridge Hall, Iowa City**

Board Members present: Marv Houg, Dale Stout, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Tom Williams, Bob Rondinelli, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

John Catalani, MAPS member, presented a program entitled "An Ordovician Konzentrat-Lagerstätte: The Dixon Mifflin Residuum Fauna."

Marv called the meeting to order at 2.20pm.

Minutes from the November 2016 meeting were circulated. John moved to approve the minutes, Bob seconded. Minutes were approved.

Jim read the Treasurer's Report. There was a request from PRI to increase the scholarship donation from

\$500 to \$600 to cover the cost of sending a representative to Expo. There was discussion about the intended purpose of the donation. Tiffany offered to contact the PRI rep and invite them to stay at her house. Tiffany will let Tom know of any response. Dale motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Bob seconded, report approved.

Tom gave a report on the Expo show:

- 110 tables are reserved already, another 10-15 anticipated, at least.
- Everyone must remember that it takes 30 days to get a tax ID, easy to apply for on-line.
- All members MUST get their membership materials. Some members are letting membership lapse because they are not receiving anything.
- 2018 show dates: April 6-8 (weekend after Easter).
- Bright colors are best for Expo cards – yellow next year. The size is good for picking up.
- John is having to do a lot of work to reformat manuscripts. Suggest a style guide for contributors.
- Tiffany agreed to submit an article on specimen curation and labeling.
- Dale emailed speakers for workshops (Gerry, Kent and Richard). Tiffany emailed Paul Liu and spoke with the Iowa City Science Booster Club.
- Ask Don Johnson about EIPP display.
- Last year we rented 55 additional tables.
- Tom is working on floor layout, similar to last year's layout, which worked well for silent auction.
- Advertising – local papers. Look for and share Facebook page (National Fossil Exposition XXXIX)
- Dan (motel show) and MAPS share cost of local news ads for the previous weekend and free Wednesday papers.
- Displays: Tom is corresponding with Greg Olsen. Other displays by Don Johnson and Ray Garton.
- Marv will send around the 2017 show flyer. Will get 200 printed for distribution.
- News release – Tiffany will send Scorpy photo to Dale.
- Awards: please send nominations to Marv.
- Show security is organized.
- Carl Brett is confirmed as the Keynote Speaker. John will ask him about hotel accommodation, travel etc. He should associate himself with MAPS when he books accommodation, for the correct rate.
- Jim will check how many cards were printed this year so the same can be printed for next year.
- Dan said there are major buyers coming in. He sent an email to dealers.
- Tom will pre-list auction items. Jim confirmed that Amy Preslicka will run the Silent Auction.

Tiffany is working with the UI Library to get the Digest Archive on-line.

Jim will put a note about MAPS member badges on the website (\$7 each? Dale will confirm).

New Business: Bob asked about MAPS' charitable status – are donations tax deductible. Dale will check. This would be helpful for donating funds for speakers, etc. Bob might be able to help with contact with an attorney.

Marv moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3.12pm.

**Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting  
February 11, 2017. Trowbridge Hall, Iowa City**

Board Members present: Marv Houg, Dale Stout, Jim Preslicka, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Doug DeRosear, Gilbert Norris, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

Dr. Kelsey Feser, Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell College presented a program entitled "'How shell accumulations reveal recent changes in coastal marine environments.'"

Marv called the meeting to order at 2.30pm.

Marv received a letter about alleged trespassing and fossil collecting without permission. He consulted an attorney and drafted letters to both parties involved. Letters have been reviewed by an attorney. Gil moved to authorize Marv to send responses to both parties to explain MAPS' policy and position, to be sent by certified mail. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

Marv talked to Bob Rondinelli regarding 501c status for MAPS. The process requires the Articles of Incorporation. Bob will send Marv the necessary forms. Karl will send the Board information about the current filing status. Marv will check with Sharon about what has been filed in the past. Tiffany will refer to the MAPS Archive for the Articles.

Expo: Marv said the Expo is sold out. Dale listed the speakers for the Expo workshop. Table rented is arranged.

Please forward nominations for awards to Marv.

Marv discussed insurance and Directors' insurance. Working with same company as last year.

Cards for next year's Expo: Order same amount as this year, color will be yellow. Dates are April 6, 7, 8. Marv will contact Sharon.

Advertising: Marv will include information about the auction (including dino dig), workshop speakers, fossil ID, kids' activities, in advertising, and will send the show flyer to board members.

Tiffany will ask MNH about advertising via their social media, and will send Marv the title for the Mobile Museum display.

Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were circulated. Karl moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections, Gil seconded. Minutes were approved.

Jim read the Treasurer's report. Marv said the Clarion room rental will be \$150. Gil motioned to approve the report. Doug seconded and the report was approved.

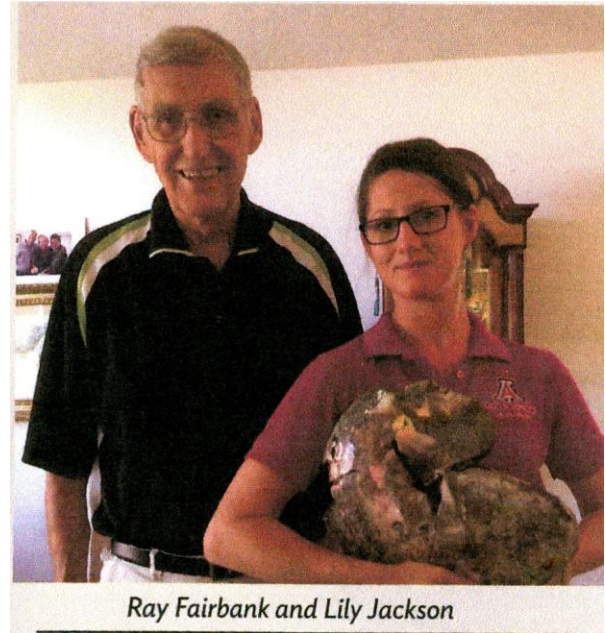
No new business.

Gil motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3.40pm.



Fellow Fossil collectors...I remember being in the quarry when I was just a child, playing with 65 million year old fossils, whilst my Mother, Father, Aunt, and Uncle, with hard hat, dug in the dirt finding treasures! It was a lifelong passion for my mother Helen and father Ray Fairbank, as well as Aunt Mary and Uncle John Boland. Recently, we moved Ray up to Iowa from Arizona, depleting the contents of a 4 bedroom house to a small apartment...thus, we had to do something with all those treasures from 70 years of collecting! The article you are about to read shares our journey.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Wells.



Ray Fairbank and Lily Jackson

**“What to do with your FOSSIL collection when you’ve suddenly outgrown it!”**

**“OUTGROWN my fossils!? Are you CRAZY?”** For those of us who have extensive collections and keep trying to find room to store them, like in the dishwasher, and china cabinet, it can be a dilemma! Fossils are so much fun to find and to have a life time of collecting can sometimes be a bit daunting.

Recently, my Uncle and Father, both avid collectors with their sister wives, donated their collections to University programs in their perspective states.

The originators of this very club, Ray and Helen Fairbank with John and Mary Boland, dedicated their lives to the education and collection of Fossils. Now, that these good people are having to downsize their households, they decided to “share” 50 years of collecting with the “world” through educational institutions.

My Aunt Mary and John Boland donated their entire collection of fossils , including a vast collection of micro mounts to the University of Wisconsin in La Crosse. My father, Ray Fairbank, donated his collection to the University of Arizona in Tucson. My husband Rick and I donated our collection to The University of Iowa department of Geology, as well as the Fryxell Museum at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

The young lady in the Tucson Geology Department took pictures of the collection and sent a tribute to Raymond Fairbank for he and my mother’s lifelong pursuit of paleontology and their generous donation. I have included that article here.

The M.A.P.S. field trips and annual gathering are such a great way to reconnect! We love to see all the new members coming in and are always thrilled to see the old friends who started out in the club. Happy collecting!

Sincerely,  
Mary Wells





MAPS President Marv Houg presents the 2017 Don Good Award to Dan Cooper.



MAPS President Marv Houg presents the 2017 Sharon Sonnleitner Award to Don Johnson.

## Photographs from the keynote address by Dr. Carlton Brett







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 not-for-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.

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