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**ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE ORR BUILDING IN SPRINGFIELD AND THE
WORLD'S LARGEST FOSSIL-ONLY SHOW--EXPO XLVI--MAY 9-11, 2025**



“A LOVE OF FOSSILS BRINGS US TOGETHER”

Calendar

NOTE: Until further notice, all MAPS monthly meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM, NOT in-person in Trowbridge Hall. Check the website and watch for e-mail alerts for further information.

2025

March 15 & 16

ESCONI Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show

Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Sun. 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Info: www.esconi.org

March 22 & 23

CVRMS Show

Location: Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids
Sat. 8:30 am-6:00 pm; Sun. 9:30 am-4:00 pm

Theme: The Ice Age

Info: www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org

May 9-11

MAPS EXPO XLVI

Location: Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds,
Springfield, Illinois

Theme: Extinctions

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

Info: www.midamericapaleo.org

2025 Live auction on site Saturday!

****EXPO 2025 Info & Registration will appear in the First Issue of the 2025 MAPS Digest****

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

Theme for **2025 EXPO** is **Extinctions**. Any paper dealing with processes and theories of extinction, or the extinction of specific animals or animal groups, or specific extinction events that have occurred throughout geologic time is acceptable. 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 March 2025**. Diagrams/Photos should be sent separately.

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About the Cover

The cover indicates the time change for the 2025 EXPO. Please see the letter from M.A.P.S. President Marvin Houg concerning the changes needed to make the 2025 EXPO a success. A following letter indicates more about papers for the EXPO Digest.

A Letter From M.A.P.S. President Marvin Houg

Another MAPS show has come to an end. There is a lot of work involved in putting on a show such as this and it takes many people working many hours to make the show a success. For this there are many people to thank, mainly the members of the MAPS Board, but also big thanks to those that helped with the setup on Thursday. Additionally, a profound Thank You to those who contributed to the EXPO Edition of the MAPS Digest. Also, I wanted to single out Dan Cooper for providing the door prizes for those that registered at the front desk, and to Dan and his family for manning the registration desk.

Normally when we conclude one MAPS show we have almost a year to plan for the next one. That is not the case this year as our show is scheduled for May 9-11 of 2025. I'm sure many are asking why we have moved the show date up from October. There are several reasons for doing this.

The past practice of MAPS used to be to have the show in April. This is true when we had the show in Macomb, Illinois, and Iowa City, Iowa. As a result of the covid outbreak we had to find another location for the show. After much checking around, we came to the conclusion that the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds was the best choice, based on location and cost. The only problem was the fact that the only available dates at that time were in October, hence the reason for selecting the October dates. Thus, moving to an earlier date in the year 2025 is just returning to our original practice.

Another reason for moving the show dates up to earlier in the year was the fact that the local rock club has their show just 2 weeks before the MAPS show. We feel that this is affecting our local attendance and we should try and provide more time separation between the two shows.

Our preference was to move it to April, but this year there were no dates available in April. As it is we are hitting Mother's Day weekend, but we did not have much choice. We also need to work around Easter. For 2026 the dates are back to April.

Another change for next year is the price that we will be charging for tables. Currently we use different rates based on the number of tables requested. For next year the cost of renting the building will increase by over \$400 per day. In order to cover that additional cost, we need to raise table rental. Additionally, several members of the board are helping to offset some of the increased cost. But, to cover that increased cost, we will be raising the cost of table rental to \$50 per table. However, as an interim policy, this price covers each table regardless of how many tables you request.

We understand that switching dates may affect some of the dealers, but with this change we are hoping that moving the show to earlier in the year will provide more stability in our attendance.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the board.

An Urgent Call For Papers From The Digest Editors

As most, if not all, of you know, the 2025 M.A.P.S. EXPO Show will take place in the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds but on May 9-11. The theme for the 2025 Show is Extinctions. This new time cuts our normal Call-For-Papers essentially in half. We, the editors, are urging members and non-members to think seriously about a contribution to the EXPO Digest. Papers can deal with processes and theories of extinction, or the extinction of specific animals or animal groups, or specific extinction events that have occurred throughout geologic time. As usual, the papers should be in Word, Times New Roman, 12 point (the same type that you are now reading), with photos and Figures sent separately. The editors will assimilate the text and Figures to fit the EXPO format. Thanks to all who will respond to this Call.

Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – May 27, 2024, by ZOOM

Present: (Board) Marv Houg, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Dale Stout, Tom Williams, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Bob Rondinelli, Tiffany Adrain (scribe). Also present: Dan Cooper.

Program – No Program

Meeting - Call to Order - Marv called the meeting to order at 7.10pm.

Secretary's Report – Tiffany circulated Minutes from April 15, 2024, meeting by email. Correction from Tom: Illinois Times is not free advertising. Remove sentence from Minutes. Bob moved to approve the Minutes with correction; Karl seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jim gave the Treasurer's Report. Checking \$14,391.31; Savings \$2,178.16; Total: \$16,569.47. Annual IRS report has been accepted. Allegra bill needs to be paid. Bob asked about intention for net accrual. Jim explained that donations are made closer to EXPO, e.g., \$600 for PRI to attend, and Paleontological Society awards and UI Paleo Repository Rhodes Memorial Fund donations will be discussed in the future. Dale motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Bob seconded. Report approved.

2024 Show Discussion – Orr Building, Springfield, Illinois:

- Theme for this year – Carboniferous
- October 18-20, 2024
- Status of contract and deposit: Jim reported that contract and deposit were organized last October.
- Opening hours are 9.00 am Friday, 8.00 am Saturday and Sunday.
- Cincinnati Show/Dry Dredgers/Cincinnati Mineral Society meeting discussion. Dan Cooper reported on the clubs' critique of their meeting and showed photos of the tumbler for door prizes, and 10 – 12 door prizes and kids' fossils. Dan offered to make a tumbler for Expo, solicit door prizes, and bring helpers. The show recorded 1,000 email contacts for next year's advertising mailing list (name, address, email, youth/adult checkbox) and made a net profit of \$23k. Dale asked who would keep the mailing list for MAPS – Dan has already volunteered. There were 70 displays, 69 dealers, 300 mineral samples in egg cartons. Photographer Jeff Scoville was paid c. \$2k to take show photos. Marv commented that the CVRMS has about 4,000 visitors but was impacted by women's basketball this year.
- Expo door prizes: 6 good prizes needed. Dan offered a grand prize weekend collecting trip to Mt. Orab and will send information to Marv who will add this to the flyer with Sharon's help. Everyone to look for door prizes. Marv and Tom will discuss door prize advertising.
- Provide a discount for attendees who bring a show flyer. Keep a tally of advertising sites used.
- Dan needs two tables for door prizes and kids' giveaways, and a large display case.

- Display cases: ESCONI willing to rent cases for \$200. Tom will help Ed on Thursday and needs helper to bring them and return them. Mary has the key for Sunday. Tom will not be available, therefore, to help with general set up on Thursday. Jim will bring his own case.
- Tables: Tom reported three reservations in so far plus a few verbal requests. Will follow up with people who requested information.
- Website: Jim will put information on the MAPS website, adding door prize and Mt. Orab prize information.
- Floor plan: Marv no longer has required software, will ask Sharon Sonnleitner for help with using Excel. Space is not a problem.
- Tom will check for free advertising opportunities. The sign at the Fairground helped last year.
- Facebook : Dan suggested paying extra for focused advertising.
- Tiffany will share the MyFossil list for updates.
- Program Speakers – Dale awaiting titles of speakers’ programs for news release. Will get in touch with speaker recommended by Tom.
- Friday night Keynote Speaker – Joe Devera – Late Mississippian Vertebrate Fossils from the Buncombe Red Bed, Southern Illinois.
- Insurance – Marv will organize by early July.
- Food: Marv is talking to food vendors with full menu/sandwiches, etc. located within the Fairgrounds. Will display menus, phone numbers, directions, etc. at Expo so people can order pickup. There’s also a corn dog place nearby and a Sundae Factory – plenty of options within the Fairgrounds.
- 2024 Motel Show and Reservations - Dan Cooper at Northfield Inn – 85% booked, 2 more dealers signed up.

EXPO 2025 – Possible speaker & Theme

Dates: April 25-27, 2025; April 24-26, 2026.

Signage around town – will need help next April as Mary and Carole will not be posting signs at this time. Karl asked if a Keynote Speaker was necessary as attendance has gone down from 150 people to 40. Theme needs to be broad to attract papers for Expo Digest. Suggestions included new finds in paleontology, molluscs, extinctions, state fossils. Decided on “Extinctions.”

Old Business

- Crinoid Project – Bob is working on building support from possible contributors. Tiffany added comments to proposal. Tiffany asked about MAPS’ role. Bob explained that MAPS will collect donations and handle funds. Marv asked Jim to create a separate Education Fund (Savings account will be used). Bob confirmed that his recent donation was unrestricted, but if donors were contributing to the crinoid project a separate fund will be necessary. Marv asked Jim to ensure that donations are kept track of separately as they are not currently included as a separate item in the Treasurer’s Report.
- Status of additional signatures on checking account – Dale still needs to be added. Dale and Jim will arrange a date.
- MAPS Name Badges – New source – Dale will check status of order.
- Audit Committee – no progress.

Other items

New Business

- Doug DeRosear is stepping down as Director. Please send nominations to Marv.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2024, at 7pm by Zoom.

Adjourn: Dale motioned to adjourn the meeting; Karl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8.35pm.

Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – June 24, 2024, by ZOOM (recorded)

Present: (Board) Marv Houg, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Dale Stout, Tom Williams, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Bob Rondinelli, Tiffany Adrain (scribe). Also present: Sharon Sonnleitner, Ben Worrell.
Meeting - Call to Order - Marv called the meeting to order at 7.06pm.

New Board Members - Marv introduced Sharon Sonnleitner and Ben Worrell and recommended their addition to the MAPS Board as Vice-President and Director ('24 to replace Doug DeRosear) respectively. Karl will become Past President (to replace Gil Norris). John motioned to accept the new officers; Dale seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Tiffany circulated Minutes from May, 2024. Please send any corrections to her.

Treasurer's Report – Jim gave the Treasurer's Report. Checking \$16,562.24; Savings \$2,178.25; Total: \$18,740.49. Paid Allegra bill (\$292.71). Table fees were deposited totaling \$2,470. John motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Dale seconded. Report approved.

2024 Show Discussion – Orr Building, Springfield, Illinois:

- Theme for this year: Carboniferous.
- Dates: October 18-20, 2024.
- Displays/display cases: Tom will have key for access to display cases and will need two people to help move them. Asked Jim to help him take them back. Dale offered to help on Thursday. **Needs one more helper.** Jim will bring his own case. Ten tables are required for display cases. Confirm with exhibitors how many cases/tables will be needed. Tom will bring a Mazon Creek display, Karl will ask Doug DeRosear about a display. Tom will talk to potential exhibitors.
- Tables: Tom reported that 98 tables have been sold. Still waiting to hear from some regulars so will email them and asked John to get in touch with some. Marv requested a final table count by early October. Tom suggested adding a \$10/table surcharge for last minute bookings.
- Website: Jim needs a copy of the updated flyer to post.
- Floor plan: Marv will get access to AutoCAD software in August.
- Advertising: Better to spend money on Facebook boosting than newspaper ads. Tom confirmed the Facebook cost as \$600. Karl motioned to spend \$600 on Facebook advertising; John seconded. Motion carried. Marv will contact Bob Kurdelmeyer and ask if he can still manage the Facebook page. If not, Marv will ask Dan Cooper and Matt Eaton if they are able to help.
- Flyer: Marv is waiting for wording about door prizes before releasing flyer. Tom needs flyer by end of July so that Carole and Mary can post flyers around Springfield in late August/early September.
- Program Speakers and News Release: – Dale has asked speakers for titles and bios.
- Friday night Keynote Speaker – Joe Devera – Late Mississippian Vertebrate Fossils from the Buncombe Red Bed, Southern Illinois. Need signs to advertise speaker on Friday. Tom will write up wording and ask Joe for photos.
- Expo Digest: Dale and Jim will bring Digests.
- Insurance: due soon. Marv organizing.
- Food: Marv will print off food options.

EXPO 2025

Dates: May 9-11, 2025 (note new date!)

Theme: Extinctions.

EXPO 2026

April 24-26, 2026 (Marv will confirm these dates ok with Dan for motel show).

Old Business

- Crinoid Project – Bob connected with an attorney who is great at fundraising and who will provide advice and will talk to Terry Branstad about connecting Bob to politicians.
- Status of additional signatures on checking account – Dale still needs to be added. Dale and Jim will arrange a date.
- MAPS Name Badges – New source – Dale will check status of order.
- Audit Committee – no progress.

New Business

- Tiffany gave a report on the North American Paleontological Convention.
- Expo Digest: John reported three papers offered so far. Needs more.

Next Meeting: July 29, 2024, at 7pm by Zoom.

Adjourn: Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting; Karl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7.59pm.

Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – July 31, 2024, by ZOOM

Present: (Board) Marv Houg, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Dale Stout, Tom Williams, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Sharon Sonnleitner, Ben Worrell, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

Meeting - Call to Order - Marv called the meeting to order at 7.13pm.

Secretary's Report – Tiffany circulated Minutes from May and June, 2024. Karl motioned to approve the Minutes; Dale seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jim gave the Treasurer's Report. Checking \$16,248.77; Savings \$2,178.33; Total: \$18,427.10. Paid Allegra bill for newsletter (\$307.11). Anticipating a busy month ahead. Tom has checks to deposit. Dale motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Karl seconded. Report approved.

2024 Show Discussion – Orr Building, Springfield, Illinois:

- Theme for this year: Carboniferous
- Dates: October 18-20, 2024
- Tables: Tom reported that 137 tables have been sold. Still waiting to hear from some, including Dan Cooper's contact. Could easily sell another 10-15. Estimating a total of 150 dealers tables plus tables for displays and door prizes.
- Door prizes: Dan Cooper is donating a fieldtrip. Need other prizes worth c. \$20 each. Marv asked Jim to send an email request for door prizes to MAPS members. Tom will circulate request to dealers.
- Displays/display cases: Tom will circulate a list of who is displaying what and how many cases they have. Cases have lights. Karl and Doug will bring a display (need cases).
- Website: Jim posted the updated flyer and sent an email blast to MAPS members and a copy of the

flyer file to everyone who gets a digital copy of the Digest.

- Floor plan: Marv will get access to AutoCAD software in August. Dealers' tables can extend into lunch area as there is no food provided.
- Advertising: Dan Cooper will talk to Matt Eaton about the \$600 Facebook boost. Tom will look into free community calendars and submit EXPO advertising. Marv had compiled a list previously. Facebook may require a jpg, other sites a pdf file. Tiffany will send flyer to fossil clubs. Marv asked Tom to print flyers locally to post around Springfield.
- Live Auction: need to get the word out on material. Amy Preslicka will run the auction with helpers.
- Newsletter: last pre-EXPO Digest newsletter has already gone out.
- Program Speakers and News Release: – Dale has five speakers lined up for Friday and Saturday. No program on Sunday due to lack of attendance previously. Waiting for info for news release.
- Friday night Keynote Speaker – Joe Devera – Late Mississippian Vertebrate Fossils from the Buncombe Red Bed, Southern Illinois. Marv will print a large flyer to post in the motel.
- Insurance: Marv organizing – will be payable after August 19 (must be within 60 days of event).
- Food: Marv and Sharon will create a map of food options.

EXPO 2025

Dates: May 9-11, 2025

Theme: Extinctions.

Orr Building rates increase: From March 1, Orr Building rates increased from \$1,100 to \$1,550 per day, imposing an extra \$1,350 cost for EXPO 2025 (rate for 2024 EXPO was locked in when deposit was paid before the price increase). Increases expected for table hire (\$10/table), extra tables (additional \$3-5), and cleaning. Increased cost will put off dealers. Discussion of solutions:

- Relocate Expo to Northfields Motel: Lighting is dim, would need extra. Table rental would be expensive. Tom will ask Pam at motel to get in touch with Marv. Marv will look at floorplan. May not have to get insurance or pay for cleaning. Could also save on security if rooms can be locked.
- Allow other types of items to be sold to increase dealer income – would no longer be “fossil only.”
- Change date (May is problematic due to competition from other shows). Marv would like to go back to April.
- Smaller buildings on Illinois Fairground are not that much cheaper and have drawbacks (e.g., pillars).
- Lose a day to save money at current venue – Friday or Sunday? Dealers may not think shorter time is worth it.
- Tom can survey dealers, but a solution is needed before this year's EXPO for advertising cards.
- Alternative locations suggested:
 - Kirkwood, Missouri (suburb of St. Louis)
 - Rock Island Fairground
 - Page Co. Fairgrounds, Chicago – motel show would be far away, motels would be expensive.
 - Cedar Rapids Teamster's Hall (10,000 sq ft).
 - Amana – building where CVRMS auction was held
 - Quad Cities venue to draw more Iowa clubs

Marv will compile list of possible new venues with pros and cons. Please send him suggestions with the following information if possible:

- Availability: late April 2025
- Cost: c. \$1,000/day maximum
- Size: ideally c. 20,000 sq. ft., minimum 10,000 sq. ft.
- Proximity to motels for motel show (external room door style)
- Parking, preferably free

- Easy access for dealers to set up (i.e., no need to use elevators)
 - What's included in price? Tables, chairs, security, cleaning etc.
 - Nearest food options
- Ben offered to contact local tourist offices for lists of convention centers.

Old Business

- Status of additional signatures on checking account – Dale still needs to be added. Dale and Jim will arrange a Saturday morning.
- MAPS Name Badges – New source – Dale will check status of order.
- Audit Committee – no progress.

New Business

- Expo Digest: John reported five papers from 3 authors so far. Needs more. Can take up to 120 pages total maximum.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 22, 2024, at 7pm by Zoom.

Adjourn: Karl motioned to adjourn the meeting; Tom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8.50pm.

Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – August 22, 2024, by ZOOM

Present: (Board) Marv Houg, Dan Cooper, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Dale Stout, Tom Williams, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Sharon Sonnleitner, Ben Worrell, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

Meeting - Call to Order - Marv called the meeting to order at 7.09pm.

Secretary's Report – Tiffany circulated Minutes from July 2024. Marv asked about display cases – will not be bringing his own. Tom will get one for him. Marv also confirmed that the extra cost for the Orr Building will be \$1,350. John motioned to approve corrected Minutes; Dale seconded. Minutes were approved. John will correct print copy.

Treasurer's Report – omitted.

2024 Show Discussion – Orr Building, Springfield, Illinois

- Theme for this year: Carboniferous
- Dates: October 18-20, 2024
- Tables: Tom reported that 139 tables have been sold. Still waiting to hear from some. Estimating a total of 150 tables total, including for displays, etc.
- Motel show: Dan confirmed 28 or 29 dealers.
- Door prizes: Dan is donating a fieldtrip and offered trilobites. Marv, Karl and Tom offered to donate prizes. Dan will bring a case for door prizes.
- Website: Jim confirmed all Expo materials are on the website.
- Advertising: Dan talked to Matt Eaton about the \$600 Facebook boost, based on visitors to page and radius from Springfield. John will send flyer in required format. Recommended advertising in Rock and Mineral and trade magazines next year. Tom will send info to free community calendars, restaurants in town and virtual backpack for schools. Tiffany will send flyer to fossil clubs. Marv will print 13 x 19 posters for Tom to display at LOESS show. Tom has had flyers printed and will distribute them around Springfield. Dan will place 20 waterproof placards around vicinity of hotel

and Fairgrounds. Tom noted that Fairground electronic sign is very good. Need to add food info to flyers.

- Program Speakers and News Release: Dale waiting for talk titles for news release.
- Contracts: Jim reminded Marv to contact All About Cleaning. Tom will take care of security.
- No updates on other Expo agenda items.

EXPO 2025

Dates: May 9-11, 2025

Theme: Extinctions.

Speaker: Tom looking for someone close by who can talk about extinctions.

Old Business – no updates.

New Business

- Expo 2025 venue. Marv thanked Ben for gathering information. Discussion with Dan and Bob – will now stay at Orr Building for 2025 and find sponsorship to support Expo costs. Dan suggested entrance fee and more displays. Marv cited lack of attendance. Tom hoped move to May will bring more visitors and suggested opening up show to other kinds of material (not fossil-only). Need to pull people from 1,000-mile radius. John said table fees were a problem; other show fees are based on consignment. Raise table fees? Jim will complete contract for Orr Building for 2025 and send it to Tammy. Can go ahead and get Expo 2025 cards printed.
- Expo 2026: keep looking for new venues. Dan suggested a bigger city, e.g., Chicago. Tom advised exploring other dates (October not the best time).
- Digest: John advised a fifth Digest issue for November/December 2024 to include information about switching Expo to May and to call for papers for the 2025 Expo Digest. The first Digest of 2025 will contain Expo registration. Dan asked the cost of printing the Digest. Jim confirmed \$300 for 150 mailed copies. Dan offered to take some to Tucson.

Next Meeting: Monday September 30, 2024, at 7pm by Zoom.

Adjourn: John motioned to adjourn the meeting; Karl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8.30pm.

Mid-America Paleontology Society Board Meeting 7:00 pm – September 30, 2024, by ZOOM

Present: (Board) Marv Houg, Dan Cooper, Jim Preslicka, John Catalani, Dale Stout, Tom Williams, Bob Rondinelli, Karl Stuekerjuergen, Sharon Sonnleitner, Ben Worrell, Tiffany Adrain (scribe).

Meeting - Call to Order - Marv called the meeting to order at 7.09pm.

Secretary's Report – Tiffany circulated Minutes from August 2024. Karl motioned to accept Minutes; Dale seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Jim sent the report by email. Checking: \$13,048.55; savings: \$2,178.51; total: \$15,227.06. Paid deposit for Orr Building for May 2025, deposited table fees (\$810), paid West Bend Insurance (\$410); Elston cleaning for this year (\$740). Will need to pay security and Expo Digest costs. Sharon noted that some dues were not reported. Jim will catch up with them soon. Dale motioned to approve Treasurer's Report. Karl seconded. Report approved.

2024 Show Discussion – Orr Building, Springfield, Illinois.

- Theme for this year: Carboniferous.
- Dates: October 18-20, 2024.
- John confirmed that 300 copies of Expo Digest will be printed.
- Tables: Tom confirmed that 153 tables have been sold.
- Door prizes: Dan reviewed door prizes and forms for contact details. Marv thanked Dan for his generous contributions. Tom will print photos of door prizes to display at LOESS Show. Asked about 2025 show cards – Sharon will print 40-50 single-sided cards (and/or a poster) and mail them to Tom for giving out in Springfield. Dan confirmed four tables for prizes. Marv confirmed layout next to entrance by information desk.
- Advertising: Dan confirmed Facebook advertising and asked about Instagram account (needs password). Dale will investigate. Dan and Marv to look out for password reset information email. Sharon will send Tom a jpg file for the Community Calendar.
- Live auction: Amy managing it.
- Program Speakers and News Release: Dan, Tom and Jim will send talk titles to Dale for news release.
- Donations: Marv will put containers for donations in prominent places.
- Display cases: Exhibits provided by Tom, Marv, John, Debbie Hamilton, Doug DeRosear, Karl.
- Layout: Marv will work on it this weekend.
- Insurance: Certificate has been sent to Tammy.
- Food: Tom will print off local menus.

EXPO 2025

- Dates: May 9-11, 2025
- Theme: Extinctions.
- Speaker: Tom looking for someone close by who can talk about extinctions, is taking suggestions.
- Expo 2025 Digest: John has three papers lined up so far.

Old Business

- Bob reported that the State Historical Museum of Iowa had written to say they have no interest in displaying the Beane crinoids at this time. Bob will meet with Tiffany after Thanksgiving to brainstorm options.
- Bank signatories: Jim and Dale will try to get Dale added in Springfield.

New Business

- Expo 2026: Marv is exploring the Expo center in East Moline and will get prices. The 100k sq ft space can be partitioned. There is a motel associated. Ben offered to keep looking for new venues. Tom suggested looking into St. Louis and Kirkwood Community Center, Missouri.
- Digest: John needs next Digest to go out right after Expo, and needs articles, and a letter from Marv about the change of date to May.

Next Meeting: Monday November 4, 2024, at 7pm by Zoom.

Adjourn: Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting; Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8.14pm.

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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 January, February, September, and November and at FOSSIL EXPO in October. Meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. in Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in October.

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