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## RIMH

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Vice President Alicia Benoit(23)\*

Secretary William Wilson (temp Anne Hecker)

Treasurer Dante Caprara(23)\*

### Board Members

Ernie Zielinski (20)\* Mary Carlos (22)\*

Anne Hecker (22) \* Lou Fazzina (20)\*

Rachel Cesana (21) \* Bruce Hecker(21)\*

### Departments/ Committees

Alicia Benoit - Field Trip Coordinator

Chris Tremblay – Membership Person

Bill Neal - Librarian

– Show Chairman

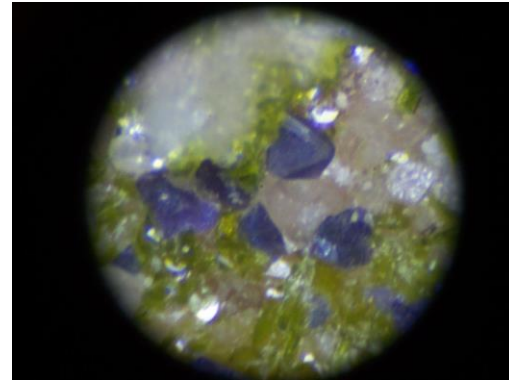
Tony Cesana - Parliamentarian

- Historian

Webmaster – Bruce Hecker

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(\* ) number in parentheses denotes last year in office



micro mineral specimen

### Upcoming Meeting Details

Executive Board Meetings are normally on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Normally, executive meetings will be held at Lou Fazzinas' rock shop (Apple Valley Minerals)  
7 Homestead Avenue  
Smith field, RI 02917

\*Homestead is off Farnum Pike.

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There will be a virtual general meeting. The meeting will be Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. The executive board meeting this month will also be virtual

For additional information , see below..



Meteorite

## News

### Sad News to report

We have some sad new to report, our long time RIMH member and friend William Wilson has passed away at age 82. He was a very dynamic and integral past president and leading member of the club. He had a vast knowledge of the hobby of rock and mineral collecting and an impressive collection of his own. He was a trained chemist and not only appreciate the rocks and minerals beauty but also their chemical composition. He was the kind of guy you could go up to with an unknown rock and he would tell you what it was without thinking twice and then engage you in conversation. He will be sorely missed by the club and his many close personal friends in the club.

Past President William Wilson's obituary link is posted below

<https://www.carpenterjenks.com/obituaries/William-A-Wilson?obId=19854798>

Tuesday the 9th of March is our general meeting. You will be sent a zoom link before the meeting. If you do not know how to use the link, please contact me at [trcesana@gmail.com](mailto:trcesana@gmail.com) and I will contact you asap and help you with it. Our speaker for the night is Frank Puglia from NASA who will be presenting a geology centered program on the recent Mars rover landing, an interesting talk indeed.

Elections for this year will be held at this meeting. The slate is as follows Alicia Benoit President Tobias Ledbeder Vice President Dante Caprara Treasurer Lou Fazina 3 year term executive board Don Mello 3 year term executive board and Mary Carlos 2 year term executive board

**\*\*We are in dire need for someone to take over the Show Chair job. Without a show chair they will be no show and thus no funds coming in to run the club. If allowed to continue along those lines the club will cease to exist. It sounds daunting however with running by committee is not that daunting. I will continue to do the largest portion of the job in being the vendor liaison and floor plan coordinator.**

### \*\*\*\*Field Trip\*\*\*\* To be announced

#### Proposed Schedule for 2021 General Meetings

|          |      |                                    |                       |   |
|----------|------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| March    | 9th  | Election officers for 2021         | Short Safety talk     | Frank Puglia from NASA will speak about geology of Mars |
| April    | 13th | Annual Auction                     |                       |   |
| May      | 11th | Short Business Meeting             | Talk                  | Ernie Zielinski Rare Gems                               |
| June     | 8th  | Short Business Meeting             | Talk                  | Bill Wilson Mineral Identification                      |
| July     | 13th | Short Business Meeting             | Talk                  | Paul Monti Herkimer Diamonds                            |
| August   | 14th | Club Picnic place to be determined | 12:00 pm              |   |
| Sept     | 14th | Short Business Meeting             | Talk to be determined |   |
| October  | 12th | Short Business Meeting             | Talk                  | All things show Rachel to give display case demo        |
| November | 9th  | Short Business Meeting             | Talk                  | Fritz Connecticut Geology                               |
| December | 3rd  | Christmas party                    | more info to come     |   |

We are in the process of updating the by-laws and will present to the entire club for a minimum of two months via the newsletter before a vote is taken.

Due to the current pandemic and uncertainty of resolution of the disease, All future in person meetings will be cancelled until further notice. The general meetings will start as zoom meetings. We will get you information as it becomes available and will keep you informed as to meetings, progress and when we will resume our normal procedures.

New information will be in the newsletter each month and additional information will be sent in separate emails as they become available.

If you have any information to pass along, please let me know.

\*\*\*Anyone who paid their dues in 2019 for the year 2020 will not have to pay again until 2021. Anyone who paid this year already will be paid through 2022.