

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 9th 2013
BUTTE, MONTANA

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by **President Kathy Moedl**.

Pastor Evan Day gave the opening invocation.

President Kathy Moedl introduced the NFMS officers seated at the head table;

Lyle Vogelpohl	Treasurer
Warren Rood	2 nd Vice President
Joan Day	Secretary
Evan Day	Parliamentarian

Don Innes, 1st Vice President was excused from this meeting because of a serious illness in his family.

Second Vice President Warren Rood introduced the attending Past Presidents:

Lyle Vogelpohl	NFMS
Ed Romack	NFMS – AFMS
Dee Holland	NFMS – AFMS
Lauren Williams	NFMS – AFMS
Doug True	NFMS
Patty Amos	NFMS
Paul Heesacker	NFMS
Evelyn Cataldo	NFMS
Judi Allison	NFMS
Chuck Sonner	NFMS
Shirley Leeson	CFMS – AFMS
Marion Roberts	CFMS, and current AFMS 1st VP.

Credentials Chair Clara Walker announced we had a total attendance of 31 clubs with 50 delegates. The application of those delegates without credentials was moved, seconded and passed (**MSP**) by the sitting group.

2nd Vice President Warren Rood had the Delegates announce themselves and introduced Hidemi Kira who will be nominated tonight as the newest 2nd Vice President.

Treasurer Lyle Vogelpohl announced that for the first time in 4-5 years we have had a drop in the total number of individuals in our clubs. The North Lincoln Agate Society was dropped from member rolls but our total club numbers will stay the same because the Central Oregon Rock Club has applied for membership and approved by the Executive Board, Their application was **MSP**. They meet in a local grocery store, which is an interesting place.

Hatrockhounds Delegate Mike Filarski announced that the 2014 NFMS meeting would be held in the Conference Center in Hermiston, Oregon on August 15-17. He supplied many details, including that it will be called The Biggest Little Show in Town.

The 2015 meeting and show is tentatively spoken for by the Golden Spike Club in Ogden, UT.

The Willamette club will host the 2016 AFMS/NFMS show and conventions. The Executive Board, ***moved*** that their application be accepted: **MSP**.

President Kathy Moedl said her report was in the packet: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to act as your president. I was told that the year in office will fly by and it appears to be correct. This is due in large part by those who make up the federation. Thank you to the executive committee for your guidance and encouragement. Your experience made the federation seemingly run smoothly. Thank you to all of the delegates and committee chairs for all of your efforts and hard work. I could not have made it without all of you.

I very much enjoyed acting as your president this year. I was able to get to a few shows, though fewer than I intended. I was also able represent the NFMS by attending the RMFMS and CFMS shows as well as the AFMS show in Minnesota last year. They were all great and I met many very nice people and renewed old acquaintances. I look forward to the AFMS show in Jacksonville, Florida in September.

My term doesn't end until September so I will continue to serve as best as I can until then. Don Innes will succeed me as president then. I have enjoyed getting know Don this past year and I am confident that he will be a very capable president. Thanks again for opportunity you gave me.

Secretary Joan Day also said her report was in the packet: All clubs are asked to designate e-mail contact persons for inclusion in the Directory, including the club's NFMS Director and/or Delegate, so that minutes, notices and other NFMS business can be sent promptly and inexpensively to everyone. Please send an email with the addresses (or updated address if they have changed internet providers) to the Directory Chair and to me at joanday@sisna.com.

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting in Kennewick (without financial information) were published on the website. Anyone requesting the financial information will be sent copies directly. The minutes were approved by the Executive Board, but if there are any additions or corrections they may be added at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer Lyle Vogelwohl presented his 2013 budget and membership status reports in handout form (**Appendix A**). He commented that the Junior Achievement trust fund was at a very high level. He solicited suggestions for beneficial uses of the Fund.

1st Vice President Don Innes has been excused due to illness in his family – his 2013-2014 budget report in (**Appendix B**) was approved by the delegates, as amended to allow the Executive Board to make reallocations within the total amount (**MSP**)

President Kathy Moedl said **Bulletin Aids Chair Peggy Blickfeldt** has requested she be relieved of her duties. Ronna Watkins has accepted this Chairmanship, to applause by the assembly. Bulletin awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening.

Tom Burchard , Circulation Chair said his report was in the packet: Our Treasurer, Lyle Vogelwohl, and our Directory Chair, Carol Willey, have delivered the "roster's" to me, and I am in the process of

updating the Mailing Labels List. There have been a lot fewer Address Service Request (ASR) responses from the Post Office this year. And I mean a LOT fewer. ASR Responses cost the federation money for each one I receive. This is a good thing. So far in the updating I've completed there are fewer clubs reporting great numbers of 'deletions' and 'new members' than in the past. This means there are much fewer ex-members receiving newsletters that they shouldn't be receiving, AND, much fewer new-members NOT receiving newsletters that should be receiving them. Good Job Everyone. Thank You!

2nd Vice President Warren Rood said his inventory report was in **(Appendix C)**. He advocated the Website "Forum" as a place to ask questions when member clubs have problems or puzzles, and get knowledgeable answers. In that vein, Evan Day talked about what the Golden Spike was doing this year by inviting our club members and other nearby clubs to enter in competition at our local show so that they would not be afraid to enter competition at the NFMS shows.

Directory Chair Carol Wiley could not attend the Butte Show but her report was in the packet. She thanked the clubs, Tom, and Audrey for helping her with the ins and outs of the Directory process. Audrey Vogelpohl talked about the cost of the Directories at the end and beginning of the year and said she had some for sale after the meeting at \$10 each.

Education Chairs Jim and Libby Spencer were not at the meeting but their report was in the handout: To date, we have received no submissions for the All American Club Award. If we do receive any submissions in time for the deadline, we will submit them immediately. We respectfully ask each officer, committee chair and delegate to encourage their home club to consider participating in this program. This is a great opportunity for a club to self-evaluate and grow from that process.

Treasurer Lyle Vogelpohl gave a report for **NFMS Endowment Chair Edna Nelson**. At the Midyear meeting Jon Spunaugle gave her report, but on the way to Butte Jon was broadsided by another car and both of his ankles were crushed. At the start of July we had \$198,000 in the fund. Please contribute if someone in your club dies, any amount helps. The fund was organized to keep the dues down. About \$13,000 is currently available for Federation needs. The last time the dues were raised was in 1997.

PAST president Lauren Williams talked about the **AFMS** Endowment Fund. He also has tickets for the raffle at the AFMS meeting in Jacksonville, FL..

President Cathy called on **Field Trip Chair Doug True** to talk about future field trips for the NFMS. He has one set up in Terry Montana that sounds fabulous! It will be July 31 through August 3, 2014. This is a incredible opportunity for agate, jasper, petrified wood, and fossils.

Historian Shirley Leeson advised that she has been given the collection of Glen and Dorothy Lee's NFMS memorabilia from 1957. She will provide it for us to see at the 2014 show.

Her written report was in the packet: Montana has lots of NFMS History....in the last few years clubs in Montana have put on the 2007 "Richest Hill on Earth" show in Butte, Montana followed by the 2009 "Earth and Sky Treasure" in Billings, Montana – which was also the combined NFMS/AFMS show and now Butte is once again hosting the NFMS in 2013, and this time it's the 75th NFMS Anniversary. I'm sure you can go back and find other earlier years when Montana clubs hosted the NFMS, but these three I was personally there and remember them well.

Butte has such a rich history of mining, you see it everywhere, even though they are not conducting mining anymore the presence of what occurred is never far from you when you are there visiting. Pete Knudsen and his merry band of club members and probably with the help of students from Montana Tech, put on a fabulous show with a trip to the Mineral Museum the highlight of the events.

Billings was the site of a well organized show orchestrated by Doug True and the Billings club. The show took place in one location, the hotel was adjacent to the convention center, making it easy access. There was plenty to see and do and our out of state visitors from the AFMS were suitably impressed with all that took place.

This year Butte will again host the NFMS and this time it's the 75th anniversary of the NFMS. It's come a long way since it's early beginnings on February 5th, 1938 at Olympia Washington. Go back through all the locations and the leaders who have served this Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Many of whom have gone on to serve as AFMS presidents.

Take a few minutes to peruse your NFMS Directory and see how far back you can say "I was there, I remember attending that show."

Juniors Chair Audrey Vogelpohl advised that our Junior members are eligible for the AFMS Badge Program awards. We do not have very many Juniors and we need more. We have a packet of about 300 pages for the sponsors to help them get started. If we were to offer \$50 to any junior who entered a case in competition or just have a case at the show it might encourage them. Grace Thompson has put together a 32-page manual on how to present a class on minerals gems, and fossils. It is on the AFMS website and you can download it. Additional comments were provided by Additional comments were provided by Doug True and Ronna Watkins.

Newsletter Editor Beth Heesacker reminded everyone to get articles for the newsletter in by her deadlines. Things are going well. Many thanks to Pat Lambert for the show calendar information, to Tom Burchard for taking care of the mailing list and to Brad Larson for getting the newsletter up on the web so rapidly.

President Kathy Moedl advised the assembly that the Executive Board had discussed ways of more economically distributing the newsletter, including email and website. 2nd Vice President Warren Rood will be presenting several alternatives in his message in the next newsletter for future discussion by the membership.

Nominating Chair Evelyn Cataldo presented her committee's slate of candidates for 2013-2014:

President – Don Innes
1st Vice President – Warren Rood
2nd Vice President – Hidemi Kira
Secretary – Joan Day
Treasurer – Lyle Vogelpohl

There being no nominations from the floor, a unanimous ballot was declared for these candidates.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat Chair Lamar Tilgner advised that 52 people were registered for the 2013 program, with 10 on the waiting list. In his written report: Last year we had 43 people and we are allowed 50 so 7 of you missed out. This is our 9th year and by the Midyear meeting we had 41 signed up for 2013 with some in the mail. If you do not make the cut off, but don't give up on the waiting list since every year some one drops out for one reason or another.

The camp is in a 50-acre plot in the middle of a Wilderness Area, cell phones do not work, but there is an emergency land-line on the property. We have been using donated trim saws that are worn out; we pour liquid in and liquid comes out just as fast. Thanks to Jon Spunaugle and the Endowment Fund, we now have three new trim saws.

Past Presidents' Council Chair Evelyn Cataldo reported that the only business referred to the Past Presidents Council was the proposal by the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) to host the 2016 Combined AFMS and NFMS Show and Convention.

The proposal was submitted to all Past Presidents for review. The response was unanimous in favor of recommending that the NFMS Executive Board accept the bid from WAMS. Recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Board.

Resolutions Chair Fred Burton was not present, but the **Lakeside Gem & Mineral Society** moved to amend **OP Committee-1 All Standing Committees: SCHOLARSHIP**

To read:

SCHOLARSHIP

- *Scholarship shall:*
- *Accept and acknowledge donations made by societies or individuals. If made in Memoriam, notify the next of kin as listed with the donation.*
- *Forward donations to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer with copies to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation President.*
- *Maintain records of all donations received.*
- *Publicize the work of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation through articles in the Northwest Newsletter and at NFMS meetings.*
- *Checks are to made out to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.*

The motion was seconded and passed (MSP).

Rockhound Of The Year Chair Viola Jones reported that Nominations have been received from the following clubs since the Annual Meeting in Kennewick, WA of May, 2012:

Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club of Kennewick, WA selected Don Snyder as their 2012 Rockhound of the Year.

Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club of Bozeman, MT chose Chuck Borland as their 2012 Rockhound of the Year.

Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society of Moab, Utah named Richard Peterson as 2013 Rockhound of the Year.

Hells Canyon Gem Club of Lewiston, ID honored David Dabritz as their 2013 Rockhound of the year.

Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club of Oregon City, OR nominated Jim Heiman as 2013 Rockhound of the Year.

As a reminder to everyone—clubs can submit a nomination to honor an individual or a couple to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies every year. The nomination should be brief (about 100 words), emphasizing your honoree's contributions to your club. Please send it to Vi Jones, P. O. Box 2841, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or preferably via e-mail to <rocks1x1vi.george@frontier.com> or call me at (360) 424-8340. Your nomination will be published in the AFMS Newsletter as well as the NFMS Newsletter.

Rules and Awards Chair Larry Hulstrom reported that in 2013 we have 9 competitive cases (5 Masters, 1 Advanced, 1 Novice, and 1 Junior). Evan Day invited **NFMS** club members to enter into informal competition at the Golden Spike show next April. The **AFMS** annual Judging Seminar is going to be held in Ogden at that time, and will use such cases as a learning tools for the student judges and competitors. All in a respectful and non-threatening atmosphere.

Safety Chair Chuck Sonner requested safety related incidents and stories from the membership, rather than writing hypothetical cases.

Scholarship Chair Evelyn Cataldo advised that the object of the Foundation is to accumulate a Fund; that only the income from the Fund can be used to finance scholarships. Each year, in each of the participating Federations, the Fund awards two recipients \$2,000 per year for two years. Recipients must be graduate students in the earth sciences. Within each participating Federation, recipients are chosen by an honoree who is named by the President of that Federation. That honoree is generally either a professor in the earth sciences or someone within the Federation whose contributions to the hobby have been very extraordinary.

Contributions to the Foundation can be made at any time, for any reason, by anyone. Many times, donations are made to the Foundation in memory of a fellow rockhound. These donations can be from a club or an individual. Or, the donation can be made just because it is a very worthy cause. Some clubs donate annually to the Fund.

NFMS Contributions for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, to date:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bonnie Glismann	In memory of Bill Burns & Tex Robinson	\$100.00
Clackamette Mineral & Gem	Donation	\$100.00
Bev Dillon	In memory of Ruth Bailey	\$ 50.00
Dee Holland	Donation	\$50.00
Yakima Club	Donation	\$50.00

Thank you to the above individuals/clubs that have made a contribution this fiscal year. Jon Spunagle said that, uncharacteristically, the NFMS was at the bottom of the contribution list this year.

Considering today's low rate of return on investments, it is very important to keep the Fund growing with new contributions. Even if you club can send only \$10, \$20 or \$50, every dollar counts. What a wonderful way to honor an outstanding individual in your club by making a donation in his/her name. When it is in the "In Memory Of" category, the family will be advised that the donation has been made. Please send all donations/contributions to me and I will forward them to the Fund's treasurer.

Show Coordination Chair Pat Lambert provided a reminder – please include admission prices in the information you send me. We were able to get a few shows mentioned on the Northwestern Outdoors Radio program.

I am sending information to the Western AAA Journal and Northwest Travel Magazine. They will publish information as time and space allow. The Gold Prospectors Association of America Newsletter is listing our show information. As suggested at a mid-year meeting, I am reminding everyone that Craig's list is a great place to advertise their show.

I send your show information to the NFMS newsletter and website. I also send it to Rocks and Minerals Magazine and Rock & Gem Magazine. If anyone has other sources that I could use to spread the word, please let me know.

Slide/Video Chair Sharon Degrie reported that 2012 turned out to be quite busy for the library with an average of 5 videos a month. It's very good to see the interest in the material available, and hope to see it increase in the future. Sharon thanked the NFMS for the opportunity to serve as Librarian. They were not able to get out much and the interaction with the clubs and members was very welcome.

President Kathy Moedl reported that unfortunately, Tim Hoff recently passed away and Sharon is unable to continue. Kathy asked for a volunteer to fill this vacancy.

Stamps Chair Hermina Kolski reported that on March 20th I shipped 48 lbs of stamps to our dealer, so after we got the check, we will have totaled \$5765.30 for this project. So many of you have been just great sending your stamps directly to me -that I had no trouble filling the boxes (except for the flu of course).

Please continue to save your stamps for me, we surely need them. Use Commemorative stamps if possible, and ask that they be sent back to you for this project.

Public Lands Advisory Chair Andy Johnson urged everyone to attend meetings of their city and county Planning Commissions to comment whenever land use issues are being discuss. Also to support responsible proposals when they come up for votes at City and County Council meetings. Scoping meetings of the BLM and USFS are extremely important in setting the tone and scale of

proposed Resource Planning and Travel Management documents and regulations – LET OUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Supplies Chair Tim Hoff has resigned, and **President Kathy Moedl** asked for a volunteer to fill this vacancy.

Ways & Means Chair Janice Van Cura was absent, no report.

Webmaster Nfms Chair Brad Larson was officially passed the “Keys” to the website by our past webmaster, Bryan Schroeder on July 7th of 2012. I want to wish him well with his current endeavors.

When I took over the web site, I took an inventory of what we had on our internet site and found that we had 1380 files, 38 folders and 133 MB for our file storage. My goal was to streamline the efficiency of the website, so that within one to two clicks of a mouse you can get anything you would like to know or see within the website. In order to do this, I set up a test environment for implementing the new website, while leaving the existing site running, so as not to impede any access to the NFMS.

With help from our past President, Judi Allison, I was able to acquire the names of persons to help critique and guide me in the development of the website. I want to thank all who helped me dot those “i’s” and cross those “t’s”, spelling and overall aesthetics of the site. I also want to credit our 2nd Vice President, Warren Rood, for use of his photo that we are using on our site.

Thank you all for letting me be your webmaster,

Website Competition Chair Cheri George reported that the entries have been received and have been forwarded to the Regional judges. After they have sent me their results, ALL of our entries will be going to the AFMS Judge. The new rules for this year allow for the top three entries in each Regional Federation’s contest to be sent to the AFMS Judge. This means that some regions with only two or three are lucky to have the AFMS look at and judge ALL of their entries.

I finally managed to find a box that would hold the certificate and Plaque for our own Patti Rose from the Mt Baker Rock Club who was the First place winner in all of AFMS for 2012. I hope she will forgive me for taking so long to get it to her. This year Patti is a judge for another Federation. Each year the winners are polled and asked if they would like to join the ranks of the AFMS judges for the Website Contest. This is quite an honor.

I don’t know what it takes to get the Webmasters from the various clubs in the NFMS to enter their websites. I ask each year, actually it comes down to begging; but only two or three seem interested. Wouldn’t you like to have a moving “.gif” on your website that tells everyone that you were the 1st place or 2nd place winner for your hard work? I would like to challenge each of our webmasters to enter their websites for 2014; there is a lot of recognition out there for hardworking people like our Webmasters.

