

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 4:00 PM

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| ➤ Call to Order | Jim Bosley, President |
| ➤ Pledge of Allegiance | Jim Bosley, President |
| ➤ Introduction of Officers & Committees | Jim Bosley, President |
| ➤ Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs | Keith Fackrell, 1 st Vice President |
| ➤ Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates | Ronna Watkins 2 nd Vice President |
| ➤ Invocation | Pastor Evan Day |
| ➤ Presentation of Junior Achievement Awards | Audrey Vogelpohl |
| ➤ AFMS Endowment Ticket Sales | Judi Allison |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| ○ President | Jim Bosley |
| ○ Executive Secretary | Judi Allison |
| ○ Treasurer | Lyle Vogelpohl |
| ○ Budget – 1 st Vice President | Keith Fackrell |
| ○ Bulletin Aids | Jim Landon |
| ○ Circulation | Tom Burchard |
| ○ Credentials | Clara & Del Walker |
| ○ Custodian-2 nd Vice President | Ronna Watkins |
| ○ Directory | Carol Willey |
| ○ All American Club Award | Sean Hietpas |
| ○ Endowment Fund | Jim Brain |
| ○ Field Trip | Doug True |
| ○ Historian | Linda Barlow |
| ○ Juniors | Audrey Vogelpohl |
| ○ Newsletter Editor | Beth Heesacker |
| ○ Nominating | Hidemi Kira |
| ○ Northwest Rockhound Retreat | Lamar Tilgner |
| ○ Past Presidents Council | Evelyn Cataldo |
| ○ Public Lands Advisory | (Open) |
| ○ Resolutions | Fred Burton |
| ○ Rockhound of the Year | Laurie Ellis |
| ○ Rules & Awards | Evan Day |
| ○ Safety | Tanya Sonner |
| ○ Scholarship | Evelyn Cataldo |
| ○ Show Coordination | Pat Lambert |
| ○ Slide/Video | Darrell Watkins |
| ○ Stamps | Chuck Sonner |
| ○ Supplies | Patty Amos |
| ○ Ways & Means | Janice Van Cura |
| ○ Webmaster | Brad Larson |
| ○ Website Competition | Cheri George |
| ○ ALAA | Lauran Williams |

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

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| 2017 Convention | Bitterroot Gem and Mineral, Steve Vieth |
| 2018 Convention | Yakima Rock and Mineral Club |
| 2019 Convention | Any takers? |

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ADJOURNMENT

The 2017 Annual Meeting was called to order with **President, Jim Bosley** leading The Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the Executive Members and listed the Committees.

1st Vice President, Keith Fackrell then introduced the Past Presidents who were present: Lyle Vogelpohl-1982, Dee Holland-1988 (AFMS-1998), Lauren Williams-1993, Doug True-2001(current 1st Vice President AFMS), Paul Heesacker-2009 , Judi Allison-2012 and Hidemi Kira-2016. The current President of AFMS, Ron Carman was also introduced.

Prior to asking the representatives present to introduce themselves, **2nd Vice President, Ronna Watkins** thanked all those present for representing their clubs so they could take back the important information gained at our meeting. She then requested each state their name, the club represented and their rock passion.

As follows: Ken Zahn-Bozeman, Joe Slouber-Butte, Linda Barlow-Idaho Gem, Cheryl Peterson-Boise, Jerry Fackrell-Timpanogos, Linda Bosley-Idaho Falls, Laurie Ellis-Hatrockhounds, Wayne Larsen-Lakeside, Pat Lambert-Lakeside, Elley Folks-Magic Valley, Drake Folks-Magic Valley, Ken Junt-Yakima, Darrell Watkins-Yakima, Bill Johnson-Northern Idaho, Dale Ruperd-North Idaho, Dean McGill-Spokane, Alyssa Carnes-Klamath Falls, Kathi Milem-Rock and Arrowhead, Ed Moser and his wife, Deanna-Owyhee, John Huber-Puyallup, Dee Holland-Bitterroot, Ron Carman-Huston/Austin-South Central, Lauren Williams-Idaho Falls, Hidemi and Tomoko Kira-Mt Hood and Clackamette, Andy Johnson, Tom Morgan-Hellgate, Andrew Kinney and family, Olan and Norma Long-Marcus Whitman, Michael Blanton-Cascade & Kitsap & Puyallup member, Kat Koch-Cascade, Jerry and Mary Lou Northrup-Hells Canyon, Larry Ferguson-Willamette, Ann Ferguson-Willamette, Jim Brain-Rock Rollers, Roger Beck-Eureka, Doug True-Billings, Paul and Beth Heesacker-Clackamette , Wayne Farley-Bitterroot, Darrell Coyle-Bitterroot, Audrey Vogelpohl-West Seattle, Clara and Del Walker-Central Oregon.

Credentials, Del and Clara Walker then gave their report. Thirty-one credentialed persons representing twenty-one clubs were present. Clara asked that seven additional persons be voted in to make the club representation twenty-four. Larry Ferguson moved that the assembly accept the additional seven as voting representatives of their respective clubs. Paul Heesacker seconded. A unanimous show of paddles gave a yes vote to their acceptance. Clara then reminded clubs to turn in the names of their Directors and Delegates prior to the meeting and to send the signed credentials with the representatives. (Clara later informed the Secretary a credentialed late arrival had joined the assemblage making the total representation thirty-nine representing twenty-five clubs.)

Pastor Evan Day led the Invocation as an official start of the business at hand.

Junior Chairperson, Audrey Vogelpohl presented the Junior Achievement Awards. Each child receives a certificate and a monetary award.

- Jacob Haneberg – Marysville (8-10 category, 92 points)
- Thomas Parker Hall – Hellgate (16-18 category, 95 points)
- Alex Peasa – Bozeman (under 7 category, 85 points)
- Kiley Orford Bozeman (8-11, 95 points)
- Drake Folks – MVGC (12-15, 81 points)
- Elley Folks MVGC 916-18, 81 points)

Total dollar amount for awards was \$375 with recipients awarded from \$25-\$100 range. One of the previous Junior recipients stated she bought an all-purpose grinding machine with the award money.

NFMS Representative for the AFMS Endowment fund, Judi Allison, pointed out the benefits of supporting the Fund. The interest if sued for AFMS special projects such as Junior Rockhound Badges, Judges training and digitizing media, to name a few. Besides, you might win a prize. With that she offered tickets for sale. (Thanks to all who bought tickets and good luck with the drawing to take place at Ventura, California during the 2017 AFMS Show.)

President, Jim Bosley let the group know that Joe Slouber had brought in tickets for a dollar off admission at the World Museum of Mining in Butte. Thanks, Joe.

Jim also stated it was a fun year. We need to keep in mind the challenges and worries with the Federal Agencies. Individuals clubs can get information quickly now via the internet. We need to take heed of the new bills relevant to sage grouse habitat or by default we could have land closed to public use for twenty years.

(Following is Jim’s annual report.)

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be your president in 2016-2017. I appreciate the help that Executive Board Members, Committee Chairs and Federations Directors have provided throughout the year. Their hard work has helped make my year run smooth. I would like to thank the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society for hosting the 2017 NFMS Show.

I would like to thank our Executive Secretary; Judi Allison who knows what has to be done and makes sure it is done on time. I would like to thank our Treasurer; Lyle Voglephol for his help in understanding the history and finances of the NFMS. I would like to thank our 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President; Keith Fackrell and Ronna Watkins, respectively, for the help they have given during the year. I know they will provide great leadership in the future.

Other members that have taken on additional responsibilities for the NFMS are Doug True for 2017 Scholarships and Linda Barlow has taken the Historian Chair.

The challenges that face the NFMS [including local societies] are access to public lands for rock collecting and attracting and retaining new members, and communicating with the younger generation.

Access to public lands for rock collecting will require all the societies that make up the NFMS to monitor the Federal Agencies land use plans to insure we are included in the decisions made. We need to develop working relationships with the Federal Agencies and national and local political leaders in our states. We need to educate these groups on our needs and practices to insure access to rocks and minerals on our public lands. We need to support ALAA and keep them informed of issues in the Northwest.

Membership in the NFMS appears to be down for 2016 and 2017 by a few hundred members. Membership is a moving target and it swells with new members joining at our gem and mineral shows and drops off after the summer. The challenge is how to make the society relevant to families and younger people using the communication media they favor. This means that old dogs have to learn new tricks.

We need help with the following; 1) a new Endowment Chair and 2) a society to host the 2019 NFMS Show. Thanks you for a great year.

Secretary, Judi Allison encouraged all present to borrow their clubs’ Federation Directory and peruse its contents if they have not already done so. She also encouraged all to make use of email. She is very open to input and questions and will answer any correspondence sent her way. **(Below is her report.)**

As always, our annual meeting sneaks up on me more rapidly than I am necessarily ready for. Perhaps if I didn’t have my hands in so many pies, it might come upon me in a more gradual manner. At any rate, I am looking forward to a wonderful show in Hamilton, Montana and a productive, well attended meeting.

Again, if you are the Director, Delegate or other representative for your club and you feel you are not receiving information, please let me know. I try to include additional names on my email lists so every society will receive what I send out. If you are receiving my emails which contain information about the Federation, the agenda for the meeting or whatever else, I would love to have you shoot back an “I got it” so I know you receive the information.

Since many who have taken the position of Director or Delegate or may be ‘standing in’ might not have had access to their club’s Federation Directory, I decided to list the information given under:

Operation Procedures: Board – 7 Federation Director

Each Federation Director Shall:

Attend or send an alternate, if possible, to act, as one of the delegates for his/her Society at the Annual Meeting. Furnish the Credentials Committee with the names of the Director and Delegate who will be representing their club at the Annual Meeting.

See that the Director and Delegate have properly signed Credentials forms to be presented to the Credentials Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Send to the NFMS Executive Secretary by the 1st of February, prior to the Annual Meeting, all proposed amendments to the NFMS By-Laws and proposed resolutions from his/her society.

Send names and addresses of the newly elected Officers of His/her Society, and the name and address of the Director who will act for his/her Society for the coming year.

Attend and give a report of the Mid-Year Meeting in his/her area. {There is now only one Mid-Year meeting if the Executive Board deems necessary-Article XIII Part C of the By-Laws discusses this.}

Pick up the NFMS Directories and Show Packets and/or other NFMS Supplies as may have been ordered by the Member Society, at the Mid-Year Meetings. {Or Annual}

Present to his/her Society for their instruction, all business to be considered or transacted at the Annual Meeting.

Give a report to his/her Society on the Annual Meeting and the Minutes for the Annual Meeting.

Perform any and all such other duties as may be necessary between his/her Society and the Executive Board. (Just a reminder: Each society receives at least one Directory. In addition to listing the entire membership, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Operating Procedures and a complete list of the NFMS Program Library holdings can be found there. If you haven't perused it, why not ask to borrow it and enlighten yourself a bit more about our Federation?)

NFMS Treasurer-Lyle Vogelpohl Lyle reported that, sadly, the Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club voted to drop out of the Federation this year. That helped cause a total decline of 127 members. The Club's main reason for the pull-out was stated as the cost of dues being too expensive.

The Financials for the Junior Achievement Fund are included under Appendix I. Sandy Hansen of the Magic Valley Gem Club works for Wal-Mart. Since her club is a 501C3 (nonprofit) organization, for every twenty-five hours she volunteers in her club she has set it up for Wal-Mart to donate \$250 to the Federation. Thus far \$1250 has been donated because of her volunteerism. Sandy has requested that the money be used for Junior Programs. If you have ideas or suggestions for its use, please let Lyle or Audrey know. And a big Thanks to Sandy Hansen for setting that up. You might consider the idea also.

See Appendix I

Budget – Keith Fackrell, 1st Vice President stated the proposed budget is in the packet. It was noted that the assembly needs to vote to approve the proposal. Larry Ferguson moved and Doug True seconded to accept the proposal as written. Motion carried.

See Appendix II

Jim Landon, New Bulletin Aids Chair stated that the information for the contest is in the packet. The awards will be handed out tomorrow. His information is in the front of the NFMS Newsletter so submissions can be made. The deadline for submissions this year will be earlier because of the early meeting the end of April in Yakima. Expect the deadline to be around the first part of December (**Annual Written Report Follows.**) Entries for the Bulletin Editors contest for 2017 have been submitted and scored. This year we had fifteen entries in a total of six categories. Congratulations go out to the club editors who submitted entries this year. It was evident that they spend a lot of time doing quality work to keep their membership informed and involved with club efforts. First and second place submissions have been sent off to the AFMS judges for the national competition. Results from the Northwest Federation competition will be shared at the bulletin editors' breakfast in Hamilton Montana on May 20. The Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society team has been working very hard to put on a quality show. I encourage all of you to attend.

Circulation - Tom Burchard (Tom was not present and no report was available. Rest assured he is doing his job, as you receive the hard copies of the Newsletter because of his work. {Secretary's note})

Credentials - Clara & Del Walker (report)

By the official reading of this report, we will have completed our task of verifying credentials for the annual meeting of 2017.

Custodian-2nd Vice President – Ronna Watkins pointed out that the report of the holdings is in the packet under Appendix. She then stated her report was in the packet. (**See Below**)

I would like to thank all the Chairmen of the NFMS for their dedication to our organization and all the fine work they do. I would, also, like to thank everyone from Albany for putting on a wonderful 2016 show and convention. My family and club friends had a great time.

On another note, I would like to ask our members to please think about volunteering and/or maybe even becoming a chairman. We encourage you to come along-side a chairman and help out if you can. If something interests you let us know.

As we move forward through the 2017 rock hunting season enjoying another beautiful specimen, let us not forget to continue to write our congressmen, attend local meetings, and keep ourselves informed about our mineral rights and land access issues.

As a last note, I would like everyone to know that my cancer is responding well to treatment and everything is going well. Thank you. See you there!

NFMS Holdings

See Appendix III

Directory - Carol Willey

Thanks to all who sent in corrections early and timely. I take care of a lot of names for the Directory and see that some clubs have been sending their roster's for me to sort out. This makes my job twice as long and confusing to do. Please, if you are one of the clubs doing so, read Lyle's directions when you get your packet in the fall. I am just a volunteer with a business of my own to maintain and sometimes my time is limited. One other request is if you have juniors please do not list their phone numbers if listed without the parents. I wish you all a great rock season this year and look forward to growth in the NFMS.

(Although Carol could not attend, Judi reiterated her information about omitting a phone number when a Junior member is listed separate from the parents.) Lyle also mentioned that there have been times when the officers of the club are not listed under the membership. The officers need to be listed with the membership to show they are an official member. Audrey has the Directories for clubs to pick up. Please take ones for clubs near you if possible as postage is expensive.

All American Club Award - Sean Hietpas (Sean was not in attendance and no report was available. For All American submissions, please contact him through his email address listed inside the front page of the NFMS Newsletter.)

Endowment Fund – (Chair Position Open) Jim Brain, Financial Advisor

See Appendix IV

Lyle Vogelpohl reported that the fund is now being managed by Charles Schwab. At the annual meeting in Albany, Oregon last year a vote against opening up the fund to public requests passed 44-0. The fund was originally established so there would not be a need to raise dues. With that in mind perhaps funds could be used from the endowment unrestricted monies to offset cost.

As Director, Audrey Vogelpohl read the following proposal:

In keeping with the purpose of the Endowment Fund to provide funds to enhance programs of the NFMS

And following the guidelines that these funds shall be used for the general benefit of the NFMS membership

And at the direction of the delegates and directors in attendance at this annual meeting

It be moved that the 2017-18 NFMS dues of each adult member be offset by @1.00 from the Endowment Fund.

Audrey Vogelpohl, Federation Director

West Seattle Rock Club, Inc.

May 19, 2017

The motion was seconded by Clara Walker. The motion was then opened up for discussion. Doug True asked if this could be voted on and be done with or would it need to be held over for the future. It can be approved at the meetings as it is an Operating Procedure. Jim Brain commented that it is a one year commitment. We do not yet have a long track record with Charles Schwab. Michael Blanton asked if it could be sustainable. Lyle suggested that this year is a try out as the result of an approval will take approximately \$5600 from the fund. Larry Ferguson asked about tax status. There is no problem, as the amount is too small to cause an issue. A vote was then called for. Motion passed with one dissent. *Individual adult member dues will be offset by one dollar for the 2017-18 year.*

It was again pointed out that we need a new Chairperson for the Endowment Fund Committee. Edna Nelson has resigned. If you are interested or know of someone, please let our current President, Jim or President Elect, Keith know.

Jim Brain suggested there might also be other ways of using the endowment fund to further the purpose of the Federation. Lyle talked about the 50-50 split for the shows. Perhaps that could be a change. Doug True stated that in recent years it has been negotiable. He recommended the Federation get 20%. Jim suggested the possibility of traveling exhibits to go to shows. Larry Ferguson pointed out that the host needs to have information about negotiation. He asked if there was negotiation on the silent auction. He also stated the “show book” needs to be redone. Jim said it is an opportunity for us to help shape the future. We need to work on getting out better information about the shows and possible negotiations and requirements. There was a discussion about the existence of a manual for putting on a show. Some knew of the existence, others had no idea. At any rate, it needs to be refined and updated. Judi will work on blending what exists to create a step by step “how-to” manual for putting on a show. Although some were quite sure one might still be in existence, Michael Blanton felt it was a “mythical Manual”. We will work to correct that issue. Evan Day pointed out the operating Procedures state that 50% of the net profits go to the Federation. There can be some basic negotiations. When Ogden hosted the show they wrote that they would split 50-50 any net profits over \$3000. That amount was chosen, as that was their usual take at a regular show, and by creating such a clause in their proposal, it assured they would profit at least equally with their regular years. Lyle encouraged those who might be interested in hosting a show to submit a written proposal for negotiation.

Field Trip - Doug True spoke about the National trip held in Prineville last year. Over 100 people attended. This year because of the 120-170% snow pack, many sites are essentially out of reach. There will be a usual annual trip to the Blue Forest May 25-28 that will serve as a Federation trip.

Historian – Linda Barlow states she has now collected “stuff” from Tendoy, Idaho. She will be updating the museum list which will include places that contribute to our hobby in some way. She plans to digitize information back to 1939 so it can be stored in a more compact manner. She will continue to write articles for the Newsletter. Ed Moser informed the collective that the Glen Evans Museum in Caldwell, Idaho is open Tuesday – Saturday 1-5. It houses a nice collection of rockhound interest. That is the type museum Linda is looking to add to the list. **(Following is her annual report)**

2017 HISTORIAN REPORT Due to severe Idaho winter and spring storms, I have been prevented from receiving the NFMS Historical Files. This has delayed (1) digitalizing the Historical Files, (2) creating or updating our regional museum listing, and (3) a display of Historical items at 2017 NFMS Convention. Budget request for this year is for transferring of Historical files to my garage preventing storage charge and enabling my easy access for the above being achieved by 2018 NFMS Annual Meeting.

This year, I have started writing a monthly Historian article in the NFMS Newsletter.

I am asking to be contacted for any memorabilia from the 2016 NFMS Annual Show that I can add to the Historical Files including show pins, case favors, Banquet favors & programs, bulletin editors’ breakfast program, photographs, & any other memorabilia that NFMS members may have that they want to donate to the Historical Files.

Juniors - Audrey Vogelpohl reported that last year the number of clubs with Juniors increased from 39 to 47. This was an increase from 551 juniors to 591. Rockhounding is a family activity, so juniors are very important to the hobby. Audrey will hold a Cracker Barrel session Sunday at 10:00 am. Audrey also pointed out that she is stepping down from the position at the end of this year. Thank you, Audrey, for your service.

Newsletter Editor - Beth Heesacker stated that her mission this year will be to encourage all clubs to receive their Newsletters electronically. You get it earlier than the hard copy and it is in color. Judi Allison said their club added a statement on their membership application form that says “unless otherwise requested, all publications will be send electronically.”

Beth reminded everyone that any awards given and lists of winners should be given to her for publication in the Newsletter. The deadline for the next issue is June 15th. **(Below is Beth’s written report)**

Many thanks to those people who get their reports in on time!! It makes my job so much easier. Many thanks also to those clubs and individuals that purchase ads in the newsletter. All of them help to take a small bite out of the costs incurred by sending our newsletter to ALL NFMS members. We are the only Federation that does this. With all of the people who have volunteered to receive the NFMS Newsletter in a digital format we can keep the costs under control. Many thanks to you, too. You should be very proud of your Federation for all that they do for you to keep you informed.

Nominating Chairman, Hidemi Kira introduced the candidates for the specific positions. President, Jim Bosley then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were brought forth. Paul Heesacker moved and Doug True seconded to accept the slate of candidates as the Executive Officers for the coming year: September 1, 2017-August 31 2018. Motion carried.

(Following is a roster of the candidates and a brief overview of each. This was presented as a written report prior to the annual meeting and included in the advance packet.)

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of NFMS officer nominees for the year 2017-2018.

President: Keith Fackrell

1st Vice President: Ronna Watkins

2nd Vice President: Kenneth Zhan

Secretary: Judi Allison

Treasurer: Lyle Vogelpohl

I am sure everyone read the introduction of the 2nd VP nominee Kenneth Zhan in the February 2017 issue of the NFMS Newsletter. Once again, here is Kenneth Zhan's biography.

Kenneth Zahn, Candidate for NFMS 2nd VP.

- I began field collecting while pursuing several degrees in education and chemistry at the University of Arizona, 1954 - 1960, and continued to collect during my follow-on Army and private-life careers -- and after full retirement (2010). A member of 11 different clubs in 5 different AFMS Regions since 1972, I have most often served as field trip leader or program chairperson, rather than as an elected officer, primarily because of the Army practice of moving officers from assignment to assignment every few years. Since partially retiring in 2004, I have taken an active role in the local Bozeman, MT club, serving as program chair (since 2009), President, Executive Board member, Trustee of a valuable club-owned historical collection, field trip leader, Board member of the Montana Council, Club bylaws drafter, lecturer/presenter at area schools, fund-raising auctioneer, Club coordinator for its mining claims, commenter on proposed federal regulations and draft NEPA documents related to recreation on (and access to) national forest and BLM lands, and work on many other committees and show-related task groups that support club activities. I have assisted in organizing the annual "Montana Crystal Collectors" meeting by arranging speakers, giving presentations, and conducting fund-raising auctions. In 2014-2015, I organized gathering (on loan) the best samples of club-member-collected Montana minerals, purchased insurance, then transported and displayed the large collection at the annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Club show in February, 2015.

- Articles I have written on reviewing and commenting on federal-project draft NEPA documents and on club growth have appeared in past NFMS newsletters, and an article on the uniquely gemmy serpentine mineral Williamsite I've collected from the Maryland/Pennsylvania state line is posted on MINDAT/GEMDAT and has appeared in club newsletters, such as that of the Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia (Dec. 2013).

- With great volunteer support, membership in our Bozeman club has increased from approximately 37 in 2007 to 200 as of mid-January 2017. The club has also recently opened a lapidary clubhouse, and placed a large display of Montana minerals at the Bozeman/Yellowstone International Airport. Our fund-raising auctions, raffles, and show profits have enabled us to be financially stable. I hope to share the many "Lessons-Learned" from my experiences (both in the Bozeman club and others of which I've been a member) with the wider NFMS family.

- My home library collection is approximately 8,000 - 10,000 books/journals, approximately 1/3 of which are related to mineralogy, geology, "gold-rush" history, mining, lapidary, field collecting, and other earth science and general science topics; I have a large collection of minerals in home display cases as well. These

also speak to my passion for this hobby. My current more-technical interests are on the pegmatites of the Boulder Batholith, and the fate of proposed federal agency regulations that threaten the collecting and National Forest/BLM-access aspects of our hobby. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible within our NFMS Region over the next several years.

Nominating Committee Members

Hidemi Kira (Chair, OR), Lenora Smith (OR), Mel Buhr (WA), Lauren Williams (ID), Kenneth Zhan (MT)

Additional Nominees who were asked if they would continue their service are:

President – Keith Fackrell

Keith hails from the Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society. In his earlier days he was a delivery truck driver, Sheriff, and supervisor of a Search and Rescue Team. He then went on to retire from twenty-five years of driving 18 wheelers. Keith has been President, Show Chairman and a Board Member of his local club and helped create a Junior Club.

1st Vice President – Ronna Watkins

A member of the Yakima Rock and Mineral Club, Ronna has been Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Social Chairman and supporter of all aspects of her club, especially those involving growth and leadership. She teaches journalism and sciences to homeschoolers, shares and teaches about the safe use of essential oils, and loves to paint. .

Secretary – Judi Allison

Judi belongs to the Hatrockhound and Lakeside Gem and Mineral Societies. She recently retired from twenty-one years in the Head Start Program enjoying little ones, fellow employees and life in general. It seems that the Secretarial position has always been Judi's fate as she served a total of six years in two different Montana Clubs, acted as Secretary for the local Kiwanis for three years, was Secretary for Lakeside four years and is currently on about her thirteenth year in the position for the Hatrockhounds.

Treasurer – Lyle Vogelpohl

Lyle has been an active member of West Seattle Rock Club since 1968. His participation expanded to being elected as NFMS Treasurer in 1976; he then progressed up the ladder to NFMS President for 1981-1982. Lyle's business background was in accounting and then computers and telecommunications, retiring in 1998. He was again elected NFMS Treasurer in 2000. He feels blessed with all the rockhound friends he has made and pays it forward by sharing his lapidary skills via programs at clubs, demonstrating at shows, and teaching at OMSI's Family Weekend and the Northwest Retreat, both at Camp Hancock Field Station in Oregon.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat - Lamar Tilgner (Annual Report)

The Retreat has 25 people Registered and the Jewelry Carving class is full. All other classes are open so get your entry in before it fills up. The information is in the April Newsletter along with the entry form. We look forward to another great year of togetherness.

(Lamar was unable to attend the meeting, so Lyle reported that there are fifty confirmed attendees with room for three more. Carol Cimilino will be teaching the carving class.)

Past Presidents' Council - Evelyn Cataldo (Annual Report) (Evelyn was unable to attend)

Unfortunately, the Past Presidents' Council has not been busy since the last Annual Meeting. We would love to be considering bids for future NFMS shows. The NFMS has an accepted bid for the 2018 show but no commitments beyond that date.

Please talk with your club about hosting a future show. The show could be as large or small as befits your group. If you would like to discuss holding a future NFMS show and convention and would like to learn more details, contact one of our Past Presidents for information.

Public Lands Advisory – Ben Odum (Report-note: a New PLAC person is needed)

I do not have any information to submit for my position as the Public Lands Advisory. I do however need to request that the NFMS search for a person that is suitable as a replacement in this position. I have found that my life is entirely too hectic (been working an average of 1300 hours of overtime each year for the last few years at

my career) and as such, I cannot invest the time needed to fulfill my obligations with my position. I do hope however, to return to a chair position sometime in the future once I have more time to invest as I do want to help the Federation with different endeavors. Sincerely, Ben Odum

Resolutions - Fred Burton

Fred has received no Resolutions for review.

Rockhound of the Year –Laurie Ellis gave out certificates for the honorees, which gives more awareness to all the volunteers in our organizations. She stated she has learned a lot since taking on the position. People were having difficulty deciding where to send the information. Her email is listed in the NFMS Newsletter, so now, hopefully more and more people will know where to send the information. Her email is 65shark@yahoo.com.

Rules & Awards Chairman, Evan Day was impressed by the quality of non-competitive cases. He asked, “Have we worked ourselves out of a job?” There were only two competitive cases; one lapidary and one society. There are also three memorial trophies that will be awarded. These don’t necessarily go to competitive cases. Evan will write an article on the ‘why’ of competition in hope of adding to the number who compete. AFMS President, Ron Carman stated there were also only a couple in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain shows.

Safety - Tanya Sonner (No report-Look for safety news in the NFMS Newsletter.)

Scholarship - Evelyn Cataldo (Written Annual Report)

Contributions to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation from clubs and members of the Northwest Federation have not been strong over the past year. Since the last convention, the Scholarship Foundation has received contributions as follows:

Bev Dillon	\$50.00	In memory of Ed Romack
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Lakeside Gem & Mineral	\$50.00	In memory of Bryant & Edna Washburn
Lakeside Gem & Mineral	\$50.00	In memory of Anthony Worth
Clackamette Min. & Gem	\$100.00	Contribution

Thank you to the above members and clubs for their contributions. Each year the AFMS Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to two worthy graduate students from the NFMS area. Each student is awarded a scholarship for \$4,000.00. I encourage all NFMS clubs and members to consider making a gift/donation to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

Show Coordination - Pat Lambert stated her report was in the packet. **(See Below)**

I would like to remind you what information I need to submit your show information for publication. 1. The dates of the show. 2. Show hours each day. 3. Show name if there is one. 4. Host Club. 5. Show site. 6. Address of show site (street address and city). 7. Admission prices. 8. A sentence or two about what is happening at your show (raffle, demos, club cases, junior activities, auction, etc.). 9. Contact person. 10. Two (2) methods to contact the contact person (phone, email, address). 11. Club/show website.

I send your show information to the NFMS newsletter and website. I, also, send it to Rocks and Minerals Magazine, Rock & Gem Magazine, The Washington Mineral Council, The Gold Prospectors Association of America Newsletter (if a phone number is included), Western AAA Journal, and Northwest Travel Magazine. I send Idaho shows to Idaho Magazine. They will publish information as time and space allow. If anyone has other sources that I could use to spread the word, please let me know.

Slide/Video - Darrell Watkins encourages member societies to make use of the library

– See NFMS Inventory for Holdings

Video/slide Librarian Report The library only received one new video this year from the AFMS Program Competition. *Micromounts H-Z* by Michael Shaw. It is formatted to be presented via computer.

I would like to encourage each member and society to enter the AFMS Program competition. The purpose of this Competition is to recognize and reward authors of presentations about the Earth Sciences and to make winning programs available to affiliated Clubs across the country.

There are four classes of entry: Educational - about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.; Field Collecting - showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.; "How To Do It" - techniques/equipment for fossil prep., jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.; and "Just for Juniors" - any of the above for/by Youngsters.

Program length for adult programs: 30- 40 minutes is optimum. Juniors is a 20 minutes suggested maximum Awards are \$200 cash prizes for the highest scoring program (for 95+ points), \$100 if score is 94 - 90 points, in Classes 1 - 4.

Direct Entries to AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Doug Moore 715-345-1055 340 Wilshire Blvd. N., Stevens Point, WI 54481-1242, email: steinhund@gmail.com . Find more information on line at http://www.amfed.org/prog_comp_2015.pdf

As soon as a date is announced for entry deadline I will post it in the Northwest News. I know there is a lot of talent out there so I encourage young and old alike to share with a video.

Stamps – Lyle pointed out that the old method of sending stamps to a dealer would result in \$200-250 a year. Now Chuck Sonner sells them on Ebay. For this fiscal year to date there is approximately a \$500 profit. Since the Operating Procedures state that such monies collected be used for cancer research, or other charitable use, Audrey Vogelpohl had an idea she presented to Chuck. He was in agreement as long as she brought it before the assembly for a vote. Audrey is aware of a 501c3 group in Seattle working on “Knitted Knockers” promoted by www.knittedknockers.org. which provides information on making knitted breast pads that are used in regular bras by mastectomy patients. They are given to patients free of charge. The yarn and fiberfill are of a special type and both are costly. Her proposal was to use the stamp profits to purchase the yarn and fiberfill. (Paul Heesacker is a quilter and is also donating extra of his polyester fiberfill.) Ken Zahn created a motion to accept the recommendation for use of the stamp funds to defray the cost of yarn and filling. Joe Slouber seconded. Michael Blanton asked if the group had approval of the 501c3 designation. The answer was yes. Audrey said one can check the website: knittedknockers.org. A vote was called for and the motion passed. The consensus was that stamp money can be used to purchase supplies for this worthy cause.

Annual Report-Stamps - Chuck Sonner

I want to thank all the clubs. The stamps from last year are selling well. I only ask that you leave about a pencil width around the stamp. Remember, all stamps foreign and domestic are needed. I will write an article for the NFMS newsletter with more information.

Supplies - Patty Amos (Patty was unable to attend this year.)

Ways & Means - Janice Van Cura (No report)

Webmaster - Brad Larson reported that these are things that happened in the last year. We have moved from the amfed.org/nfms to NorthwestFederation.org. This is so we don't rely on the AFAMFED for our site. We can now control what we want and don't want as far as features. The site was created around the 20th of June 2016. We have seen a significant increase in persons connecting to our new site. 70.2% are new to our site and 29.8% are returning persons to our site. We have had 7,656 visitors since June 20th 2016. (Brad further passed on the information given here to be added to the minutes.)

Countries that have visited our site: 91.5% from USA, 2% UK, 1.74% Russia, and visits from Canada, Italy, Brazil, Nigeria, Austria and India.

The top ten cities in the US that have visited our site are Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Salem, Boise, Missoula, Eugene, Corvallis and San Francisco. Top ten states with total connections: Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, and North Carolina. Top five browsers used: Chrome 45%, Safari 21%, Firefox 12%, Internet Explorer 12%, and Microsoft Edge 5.5%. Type of systems and percentages: Desktop 61%, Mobile Phone 27% and Tablets 11.5%.

Some discussion ensued about difficulty in finding things on the site. Folks were trying to find the website contest and felt there was not a contact listed. Ken Zahn pointed out that all the names of the Committees and Chairpersons were listed in the directory along with their phone numbers. Try calling if you get no answer via email.

Website Competition - Cheri George (Cheri was unable to attend this year, but requested that we encourage clubs to enter the contest for next year.)

We had two entries in the Website Contest this year, very poor showing for such a prolific Federation. I would ask you to seriously work on your websites this year and consider entering them next year. If you need help, just ask me. I am at your beck and call as the NFMS Website Contest Chairman.

AIAA –Lauran Williams pointed out that the organization is the legislative arm of the Federation. Because it is a lobbying group, it is not tax deductible. Clubs and individuals both need to join. Go to public meetings and get on notification lists. By the time information gets to the general public it is too late.

2018 NFMS Show-Yakima, WA. Ronna Watkins stated there were packets for folks to pick up. She discussed the geological structure of the area. The Rice Museum will have some collections, North American Research Group will have information of fossils. The Ginkgo State Park will bring some of its collection. There will be two buildings of activity. They are also working on the possibility of a wine tour. Ken Junt is co-chair with Ronna.

Announcements:

Linda Barlow asked if anyone had memorabilia from the 2016 Show, please consider passing it on to her for the Historical record.

Joe Slouber invited people to the Butte Show to be held June 10-11.

Ed Moser moved and Paul Heesacker seconded the meeting be adjourned. With that the business was ended.