

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
FRIDAY, April 27, 2018 5:00 PM

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| ➤ Call to Order | Keith Fackrell, President |
| ➤ Pledge of Allegiance | Keith Fackrell, President |
| ➤ Introduction of Officers & Committees | Keith Fackrell, President |
| ➤ Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs | Ronna Watkins, 1 st Vice President |
| ➤ Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates | Ken Zahn 2 nd Vice President |
| ➤ Credentials Report and Swearing In of Stand-ins | Clara and Del Walker |
| ➤ Invocation | Pastor Evan Day |
| ➤ Presentation of Junior Achievement Awards | Gayle Butler |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| ○ President | Keith Fackrell |
| ○ Executive Secretary | Judi Allison |
| ○ Treasurer | Lyle Vogelpohl (See Appendix I) |
| ○ Budget – 1 st Vice President | Ronna Watkins (See Appendix II) |
| ○ Bulletin Aids | Ronna Watkins (As Stand-In) |
| ○ Circulation | Tom Burchard |
| ○ Credentials | Clara & Del Walker |
| ○ Custodian-2 nd Vice President | Ken Zahn (See Appendix III) |
| ○ Directory | Carol Willey |
| ○ All American Club Award | (open) |
| ○ Endowment Fund | Jim Brain (See report Appendix I under finances) |
| ○ Field Trip | Doug True |
| ○ Historian | Linda Barlow |
| ○ Juniors | Gayle Butler |
| ○ Newsletter Editor | Beth Heesacker |
| ○ Nominating | Jim Bosley |
| ○ Northwest Rockhound Retreat | Lamar Tilgner |
| ○ Past Presidents Council | Jim Bosley |
| ○ Public Lands Advisory | (Open) |
| ○ Resolutions | Audrey Vogelpohl |
| ○ Rockhound of the Year | Laurie Ellis |
| ○ Rules & Awards | Lauren Williams |
| ○ Safety | Tanya Sonner |
| ○ Scholarship | Mary Lou Northrup |
| ○ Show Coordination | Pat Lambert |
| ○ Slide/Video Library | Darrell Watkins |
| ○ Stamps | Chuck Sonner |
| ○ Supplies | Patty Amos |
| ○ Ways & Means | Janice Van Cura |
| ○ Webmaster | Brad Larson |
| ○ Website Competition | Cheri George |
| ○ ALAA | Doug True |

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

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| OP Change - Trophies | Tom Burchard |
| OP Change - Judges | Tom Burchard |
| OP Change - Endowment Committee | Jack Edwards |
| Adoption of NFMS Show Guidance Manual | Judi Allison (Find on NFMS Webstie) |

2018 Convention

Yakima Rock and Mineral Club

2019 Convention

Hells Canyon Gem Club

2020 Convention

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by **President, Keith Fackrell**. After an introduction of the Executive Officers by Keith, **First Vice President, Ronna Watkins**, introduced the Past Presidents in attendance who were as follows: Doug True, Lyle Vogelphohl, Paul Heesacker, Jack Edwards, Chris Blickfeldt, Judi Allison, Jim Bosley, Hidemi Kira, and Lauren Williams who also served as AFMS President.

Second Vice President, Ken Zahn, facilitated introductions by the Delegates and Directors present. Our guest, Darryl Powell gave kudos to the assembly for their participation in clubs and to Yakima for their hosting of the show. During the introductions, Doug True was also recognized as the incoming AFMS President.

Clara Walker, speaking for **Credentials**, moved to accept as delegates the six without credentials. With an unnecessary second, all approved. With the six, thirty-one Clubs with forty-seven delegates and directors representing five states were in attendance.

Keith then took a moment's pause to honor those lost to the organization over the last year as was done at the AFMS Annual Meeting. He asked clubs to give the names of those lost, after which he asked for a moment of silence in their remembrance. He stated his hope for this to become a yearly thing.

Pastor Evan Day asked all to bow as he gave the invocation. He asked that God bless our deliberations and find our work pleasing as we come together to act as friends and guardians of our hobby.

Gayle Butler and Audrey Vogelphohl then took the floor to present the Junior Achievement Awards.

(Although Gayle accepted the position as Junior Chairperson at the Organizational meeting in October, she was headed to Arizona shortly after. Audrey then stayed on as a Committee Member.) Together they gave out seven awards. **Zoe Ryan and Lola Smith** of the West Seattle Rock Club each received an award; as did **Tatyana Coronel** from Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society and **Jacob Fitch** of the Hellgate Mineral Society. Three members of the Lakeside Juniors Club were present to receive their awards and honor. **Kevin Miles, Marcus Venegas and Lukas Venegas** all stood proudly as they accepted their certificates. Congratulations to all. You are the future.

Ken Zahn added that their club in Montana is very actively trying to promote Juniors. Keith mentioned that the Timpanogos Junior Club now consists of seventy members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Keith apologized about his comment in his report about membership being down, since he had learned that was not the case. He stated all else was in the packet. (See Below)

President's Report for 2018 NFMS Annual Meeting-Keith Fackrell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for permitting me to be your President September 1, 2017 to September 1, 2018. It has been gratifying for the support I have received.

Thanks to Jerry & Mary Lue Northrup of the Hells Canyon Gem Club in Lewiston, Idaho for arranging for and sponsoring our Organizational Meeting in Lewiston, Idaho on October 21, 2017.

Thanks to Yakima Gem & Mineral Club for hosting the 2018 NFMS annual Show and Convention. This will be held in Yakima, Washington, April 27th, 28th & 29th, 2018.

I also thank our Executive Board Members, Committee Chair Persons & Directors for their help & guidance in operating NFMS for the good of the NFMS members. Our Treasure, Lyle Vogelphohl and Executive Secretary, Judi Allison have been our two-volume Bible & Dictionary at all of our meetings. Our 1st Vice President, Ronna Watkins and 2nd Vice President, Ken Zahn also add a wealth of information and support to NFMS. The Federation Directors have been great support to the Federation.

NFMS could not operate without any of these great, hard- working people. Thanks to each of you!

Membership is somewhat a concern. Looking over the information that I have, it appears that several Clubs have not paid their dues for 2018. Hopefully when this is caught up, the outcome will look much better.

With the recent action taken by the Current Administration in the White House, it appears there may be some relief in Rock Hounding, for a while at least. We should not ignore the situation. Keep a watchful eye for any movement in Government Policy or Public input. Make your voice heard.

If your club is not a Member of ALAA, visit their website at www.amlands.org to see what they do. Also check the membership tab, then talk to your club about joining ALAA. Have a great year! Thanks, Keith

Judi retold the story about how her arm came to be housed in a cast and thanked all for having the confidence in her to continue as Secretary. With that, she deferred to her report. (See Below)

Secretary's Report - Judi Allison

Thank you all for again putting your trust in me to act as your NFMS Secretary. I enjoy the opportunity to have the many connections the position provides. As we continue with this year, please keep in mind the many opportunities membership in the NFMS provides for its members. I believe, above all else, it is the opportunity to have the connectivity that our organization provides us that is of the greatest importance. Even if individuals are not particularly interested in the daily business of the Federation, all the individual working committees enhance the experiences of each and every member. Be certain that you and your club avail yourselves of those opportunities, and you, too, will agree what a special organization the NFMS really is.

Keep in mind that, although we will be installing our new officers for 2018-19 at the Annual banquet on April 28th, our current officers will continue to carry out their duties until September 1, 2018. With that, I wish all who are currently our leaders the best in the following months and congratulations to our new representatives for the following year.

NFMS Treasurer-Lyle Vogelpohl discussed the information he handed out in the packet. **See Appendix I.** He noted the dollar reduction per person for the 2017 membership appeared to have a positive effect. It was the first year in many that saw almost ten percent increase in membership. He pointed out the financial information for the Junior Achievement fund and said he was going to "harp on" something a bit. There are 686 Junior members listed in our membership and only seven applied for Junior Leader money. Adults, please remember you have to be the go between for this process. Lyle also spoke about Sandy Hanson, of Magic Valley Gem and Mineral Club. She works at Wal-Mart and also volunteers with the Juniors in her club. She turns her volunteer time into Wal-Mart and they do an in-kind match to the Federation for her volunteerism. Others might check out the possibility of their employer having a similar program. In doing this, Sandy has so far raised \$1750 for the Federation.

Budget – Ronna Watkins, 1st Vice President presented the proposed budget for the coming year. **See Appendix II Proposed Budget for 2018-19** Tom Burchard moved and Doug True seconded that the budget be approved. Michael Blanton questioned the dollar amount for Administrative Expenses as there was no detail. Upon closer review, it was noted the details were actually listed. They simply did not get indented for better clarification. With that answered the question was called for. The budget was passed unanimously.

Bulletin Aids Ronna Watkins then took the floor stating the three most difficult things she undertook this year were flying to North Carolina, doing the budget and judging the Junior Achievement Award. With that being said, she spoke of the need for a volunteer to fill the position of Bulletin Editors Aids Chairman. Judi and Ronna filled in what needed to be done this year, but a permanent BEAC is what will keep the submissions coming which let us show off our accomplishments and abilities. Judi invited all to the Editors Breakfast where Diamond Dan will speak and we will play an editor's Jeopardy game.

– **(Report by Judi Allison)** Although we were short a Committee Chairperson, Ronna Watkins stepped up to be certain submissions were turned in and judged so that clubs and individuals could participate in the process of entering their Newsletters, articles and special publications in the NFMS contest in order to be eligible for the AFMS contests. Thanks to Ronna!

Circulation - Tom Burchard (As was written in the packet.)

We have averaged printing and mailing 3,500 newsletters to members of the NFMS. There was a temporary reduction several years ago when several of our NFMS Presidents sought to reduce the number of mailings going out. But as time passed fewer people chose to download the newsletter from our Federation web site. I do not see this situation changing until the next generation, which is much more familiar with all things electronic and internet related, becomes the majority in our federation. It would help if our Treasurer, Directory Chair and I were updated to membership changes by more clubs, more often. It would take us less time at the end of the year to update our responsive lists and keep from mailing newsletters to people who are no longer members of our federation, and, to get your new club members their newsletters. I have just received the updated lists that first went to the Treasurer (in December & January), then to our Directory Chair, and then to myself. I will have mostly updated the mailing list by the time of the Annual Convention.

Credentials - Clara & Del Walker (As was written in the packet.)

For the Credentials Chair, our job should be done by the time the reports are read. Thanking everyone for reporting to us and bringing your credentials properly signed.

Custodian-2nd Vice President – Ken Zahn presented the list of holdings by referring members to the appendix, **NFMS Holdings See Appendix III**

Directory - Carol Willey (As was written in the packet.)

Well another year to remember for me. If I needed to make a big mistake I did it this year. (First one I ever made!) I sent out the year before addresses and wow I heard from a lot of friendly people. I tried to correct it but had already pushed the wrong buttons. So those who put up with my mistake I apologize. Other than that I spent more hours than can be counted bringing it up to date, hopefully I will double check and triple check next year if I am still needed. I was sorry to see the list this year of people who went to rock heaven. North Idaho Mineral Club, Inc. 4 members, Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society, Oregon City, Oregon: 2 members, Magic Valley Gem Club, Twin Falls, ID: 3 members, North Puget Sound Faceting Guild, Washington: 1 member, Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society, Walla Walla, Washington: 3 members and Everett Rock and Gem Club, Everett, Washington: 2 members.

The only request I have is to save club time I do not publish emails so no need to send them. Have a good year, Thank you.

All American Club Award – (Open)

Endowment Fund – Jack Edwards, Chairman; Jim Brain, Financial Advisor

Financial Advisor, Jim Brain, gave an overview of the fund He stated the general picture is reasonably stable. The Charles Schwab Investment Manager is working well. The Program is tailored to non-profits. We are still up in the market.

(Following is the report as provided for the agenda.)

Briefing Paper: What does the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act Mean to Management of the NFMS Endowment Fund?

The Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) was adopted in Washington state on May 11, 2009. It applies only to endowment funds that are established from donations permanently restricted by the donor to be used solely to generate income to fund the organization's charitable purposes. Endowment funds established from unrestricted donations or fund-raising activities, as is the NFMS Endowment Fund, are not covered by the act. They are referred to as being "board designated endowments" or "funds functioning as an endowment". **The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has determined that these quasi endowment funds should be managed the same as those covered by the UPMIFA in order to protect the charitable intent of the donors.**

UPMIFA provides updated guidance to organizations that operate Endowment Funds. It utilizes portions of previous guidance relative to management of donated funds but adds additional requirements relative to the spending of proceeds from endowment funds.

The investment emphasis of UPMIFA is that the managers must act “**in good faith and with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances.**” Key elements include:

- Only incur reasonable investment and management costs
- Exert a reasonable effort to verify facts relevant to managing and investing the funds.
- May pool to more funds for purpose of management and investment
- Must make decisions about individual assets in the context of the fund’s portfolio of investments as a whole and as part of any overall strategy with objectives that are reasonably suited to the fund and the charity.
- Must diversify the fund’s investments unless, because of special circumstances the purposes of the fund are better served without diversification.
- Must, within a reasonable period of time, make decisions regarding retention or disposal of property and rebalancing the portfolio.

FASB literature gives new definitions for restricted and unrestricted funds.

- **Restricted funds** are donations to a non-profit made by a donor that have a specific project or purpose specified by the donor in their donation instrument. Most are permanent in nature and may only be invested. The exception is donations with a **temporary restriction** such as a time frame that the funds would be available which is usually until the project is completed.
- **Unrestricted funds** are donations to a non-profit that can be used for any purpose. Unrestricted funds usually go toward operating expenses of the organization or to a particular project that the non-profit picks.

UPMIFA modernizes the rules governing endowment funds to provide more strict spending guidelines to enhance the charities’ abilities to cope with fluctuations in the value of their endowments. The law abolishes previous limitations based on historic dollar value of the fund. Supporting literature also suggests that not spending from Endowment Funds is inappropriate as is limiting annual expenditures to dividends, interest and realized capital gains. Instead, it requires that a charity consider the following factors, if relevant, when developing their written **spending policy**:

- Duration and preservation of the endowment fund
- Purposes of the institution and the endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- Possible effect of inflation or deflation over time
- Expected total return from income and appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the institution
- Investment policy of the institution

The UPMIFA suggests that the spending policy guiding expenditures from an “Endowment Fund” be determined by appropriating a percentage of the total of endowment assets. This is further expanded to suggest that the maximum annual expenditure should be 7% of the fund value. It further suggests that the basis for the expenditure be the average endowment fund market value over a period of time, i.e. 3 years or 12 quarters and that the specified percentage be in the range of 2% to 5%.

What does this all mean to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Endowment Fund?

- The investment policies as outlined in our Operating Procedures may need a little bit of tweaking but generally conforms to the requirements of UPMIFA.
- We need to develop a written spending policy that will guide the determination of annual expenditures from the fund while at the same time protecting the long-term viability of the endowment.

- We need to clean up the wording in our Operating Procedures to bring it into line with the intent of the act. Specifically, we need to change the definitions in the Operating Procedures of restricted and unrestricted funds and then explain how each is to be managed and used.

To accomplish this the Endowment Fund Committee will be introducing a motion at the Annual Meeting to replace the entire text of OP COMMITTEE-3 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE as included in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Operating Procedures with new text.

Prepared by Jim Brain, NFMS Endowment Fund Financial Advisor and reviewed by Jack Edwards, Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson, Lyle Vogelpohl, Endowment Fund Committee Treasurer, and Ronna Watkins, Endowment Fund committee member at large.

Field Trip - Doug True stated there was no report this year. Next year he is putting together a trip to South Dakota, so stay tuned.

Historian – Linda Barlow condensed and removed doubles. She will most likely bring them some day to a silent auction. The Past President books and other Historical books are out on display at the show.

(Following is the report included in the packet.)

1. INVENTORY: list on 27 typed pages in One – 4 drawer file cabinet, One- 2 drawer file cabinet, & 4 – 18 gallon plastic lidded bins. Two Drawer file cabinet obtained this year through donation. (Duplicates are available at convention auction table). Includes:
 1. Minutes of annual Conventions and Mid-year meetings
 2. Correspondence through the years of officers and committee chairpersons
 3. Mineralogist Magazines,
 4. NFMS Manuals,
 5. NFMS Directories,
 6. NFMS Binders: Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, , NFMS at AFMS Conventions, Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Books I & II, NFMS Show history
2. VHS Video: conversion to DVD prohibited by copy write law: Video available viewing for @ this convention
3. Researched information for treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl, for Endowment Fund beginning dates and contract. 11/2017
4. Conferred with Brad Larson, NFMS Webmaster, r/t scanning equipment for digitalization of NFMS Historical records. It is suggested the use of digital camera d/t scanners not accommodating oversized items. Then download and categorize. Monthly cost expected (\$15 w/year commitment) for PDF Acrobat merger ability.
5. Monthly Historian Articles for NFMS Newsletter.

PROPOSED HISTORIAN BUDGET for 2018-9

Cost of digital camera to be investigated versus using my current phone camera and downloading to current computer, Acrobat conversion, and storage w/backup system costs available to designated executive board members and for NFMS website. Also investigating using USB for storage of scanned items to greatly reduce NFMS Historian storage needs.

Juniors – Gayle Butler commented that all had been said. Simply, get Juniors involved!!!

Newsletter Editor - Beth Heesacker (As was written in the packet.)

All is well with the NFMS Newsletter if I can judge by the lack of complaints. I hope all are receiving it as planned. Thanks to our article and report contributors, Tom (Circulation Chair), Brad (Webmaster) and our great printer, Oregon Litho.

Nominating – Jim Bosley presented the slate of nominees moving to have them accepted for the following year. Darrell Coyle seconded. Parliamentarian, Evan Day pointed out there needed to be a request for nominations from the floor. **Receiving no new nominations, Ed Moser moved to accept the slate by acclamation, with Cheri George seconding. The assembly agreed.** The group will be installed at the banquet and take over their positions on September 1, 2018. Evan explained for the assemblage that if there were any conflicts in understanding, Beth could continue to do the newsletter as a committee member. Paul Heesacker would then be considered the chairman. (Following are the biographies as they appeared in the original reports.)

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of NFMS officer nominees for the year 2018-2019.

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. She is currently the 1st Vice President for the NFMS, Co Chairman of the 2018 NFMS Show, Junior Leader for her club and has acted as a stand-in for the Bulletin Aids Contest.

1st Vice President: Ken Zahn

Ken has been an active rockhound since 1954. He has been a member of numerous clubs and served under many capacities. He is currently a member of the Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club, where, since partially retiring in 2004, he has taken an active part in a wide variety of endeavors. He has written a variety of articles related to the hobby. Ken's home library collection of 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; as well as his large collection of minerals in home display speak to his passion for the hobby.

2nd Vice President: Beth Heesacker (Personal Biography)

“As a preteen our family used to rockhound on occasion but were not very active at it. My husband Paul also rockhounded as a teenager. In 2001 we decided to give the hobby a try again and joined the TVGC rockhounding club and became active there. I learned how to form cabochons, tumble rock and make jewelry. I have found that the best way to learn is to be active in the hobby based club so I volunteer as much as possible. We later joined the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club and have been very happy and active there too. To support the search for the rough material I also started to study geology. That turned my interest from lapidary work to minerals and now I have an extensive collection of cabinet to micro minerals that takes up a large portion of my house. I love the beauty and the intricacy of the forms and the chemistry of what I find.” Beth is currently a member of the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Corp. She has been a member of a number of hobby related groups since 2001. She has served as Newsletter Editor for many of these groups and has also acted as Show Chairman and President at various times.

Secretary – Judi Allison

Judi belongs to the Hatrockhound and Lakeside Gem and Mineral Societies. She retired from twenty years in the Head Start Program enjoying little ones, fellow employees and life in general. Her favorite aspect of the hobby is the personal relationships and the comradery of the organization. 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 fifteenth 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 There are still openings for the retreat. Let your members know. (As was written in the packet.)

The Retreat now has 31 Registered and we are looking for 55. The carving class is full with another 4 waiting to get in. Those four will be assigned to their secondary choice until an opening comes for Carving. We look forward to another great year.

Sorry I can't be there but our club Show is the same week-end and they need my Wife and me to demonstrate Wire Wrapping. See you down the road.

Past Presidents' Council – Jim Bosley made a plea to clubs to consider volunteering to do a Federation Show. With that he thanked the Hells Canyon Club for stepping up to bid for the 2019 Show.

2019 NFMS Show Proposal

Hells Canyon Gem Club of Lewiston, Idaho would like to submit a bid to host the 2019 NFMS gem and mineral show. It will be a three day show held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday the 18th, 19th and 20th of October, 2019. The show will be open to the public all three days with strong emphasis on elementary school children on Friday the 18th. The show will be held at the Nezperce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Ave, Lewiston, Idaho. The main fair pavilion is 33,000 sq. ft. and can easily accommodate vendors, 80 or more display cases, silent auction, kids' activities and demonstrators. A smaller building nearby known as "The Little Red Barn" can be used for any special educational displays, speaker presentations, and smaller non-food meetings. An event office in the main building can be used for Judges Meetings. There is unlimited free parking at the fairgrounds and some camper spaces at a small fee. These spaces have electric and water hookups with a no-fee dump station on the fairgrounds.

We have a good assortment of hotels in the valley (some new) and arrangements will be made with one of them to serve as the headquarters hotel with adequate space for the Awards Banquet and other food service meetings. We have space for at least 80 display cases and can probably handle more. Our club has 40 cases that can be used. Any additional will need to be borrowed from neighboring clubs. The number of vendors will probably be capped at 28 or 30. Our annual show averages 20 to 24. The silent auction can be handled by our club or with help from the Federation. A complete list of the area hotels and campgrounds will be assembled and included in the show packets.

The club is proposing a \$3.00 per adult entry fee or a three day pass for \$8.00. Children under 12 will be free. After all show related expenses have been paid the remaining net profit will be split 50/50 between Hells Canyon Gem Club and the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

We look forward to working with the Federation Officers and feel that together we can have a successful 2019 show. Thank you for your consideration. Hells Canyon Gem Club

Cheri George moved and Linda Bosley seconded to accept their bid for the 2019 show to be held in Lewiston, Idaho, October 18-20, 2019. Motion carried. With that, Keith thanked Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup for all their hard work to make this happen. Mary Lou let the members know that they had brought some packets containing information around the area.

Public Lands Advisory – (Open) First Vice President, Ken Zahn spoke to this vacancy stating that each club has a member who is passionate about maintaining our access to places. We need to be vocal, make use of the ALAA and put in pleas to the powers that be for continued access.

Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl told members what her position entailed. She let them know that if they wanted help getting a proposal written in a proper format, she could help. She mentioned that we need to "clean house" to make sure the By-laws and Operating Procedures are up the current times.

Rockhound of the Year –Laurie Ellis added to her report, commenting that a lot of contacts are not up to date. She again mentioned the Rolling Stone Program idea and sent around a paper for current email addresses. Certificates for Rockhound of the Year were given out to Bert Kae-Je from Lakeside, Bob Riggs of Hellgate, Olan and Norma Long from Marcus Whitman, Elmer and Marilyn Ringering from Hatrockhounds, Bob Pattie of Cascade and Carolyn Hess from Clackamette. Laurie again encouraged clubs to turn in names of those who

made special contributions during the year. It is a simple, free and painless way to bestow a special recognition to a member.

(As was written in the packet.) I'm reaching out to all the clubs in the NFMS. I have three main topics. #1 I want to encourage all clubs to think about their choice for 2018 Rockhound of the Year. Let's give extra recognition to some of our exemplary members. Tell us some highlights about why you are bestowing this honor on your member, or couple. Please try to keep your glowing description to 125 words or less. I believe a photo for the newsletter is acceptable as well. #2 There has been some confusion on where to send submissions. Please send submissions to Laurie Ellis 65shark@gmail.com #3 I wanted to personally reach out to clubs, and encourage interaction. We all have gifts and talents. The Hatrockhounds has talent from both within, and from without the club who come in to give demonstrations, and or classes. Schools have an Artist in Residence program where they have an artist come in and stay with a local family while they do a project with the children. I'm curious if there is any interest in doing something along these lines between clubs. Maybe call it the Rolling Stones project. Feedback, and suggestions welcome! Thank you.

Following Laurie's report we took a fifteen minute break.

Rules & Awards – Lauren Williams, Chairman stated the judging committee has a few problems now. It has had a dynasty in Dee Holland, and now is the last of it. Members of the Rules and Awards Committee come in for three years first as Registrars, then Directors, then Chairmen and the cycle is over. Bob Gibson will be Chairman next year, then his cycle is over. Lauren stated, "We need someone younger going in-by that about 65." As a member of the committee one is supposed to get paid a pittance. There were eleven cases to be judged plus three for awards. Norma Long asked about judges training. Lauren said there used to be a training by Jay Bowan of Oklahoma, but it is no longer happening. Ken Zahn stated if you know minerals, and, it would seem that if one "could read the rules," you could volunteer to be a clerk. In that way they could learn about judging and be a note taker. Perhaps it might lead to someone wanting to be a judge. Lauren stated that Bev Dillon could vouch for the process as her husband, Carol, knew judging. He stated that to compete one only need to read the section of the rules that applies to their category along with the first section that pertains to all competitions. One does not have to read the whole rule book. The judges like to have the person being judged present at the time of judging to help clarify questions and give input. Bob Gibson stated he had never been a rockhound, but found what was needed for the record keeping. A third person is needed. Please volunteer.

Safety - Tanya Sonner (Unable to attend-No Report.)

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup simply said, "Get me money." She stated she is so new she does not yet know what she is doing.

Show Coordination - Pat Lambert (As was written in the packet.)

A reminder that I need your show information at least 4 months before your show date to ensure that the information makes it into the print copy of the magazines. I would also 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. Pat Lambert

Slide/Video - Darrell Watkins – See NFMS Inventory for Holdings

Stamps - Chuck Sonner (As was written in the packet.) (Doug True gathered the stamps for Chuck.)

Thank you for all the stamps you have collected. As much as I wanted to be at the annual meeting, I made a commitment to my club, Mt Hood. The money raised will go to the organization(s) the Federation selects. There is still more to come. Again, thank you.

Supplies - Patty Amos (Unable to attend. See listing in the Custodian report.)

Ways & Means - Janice Van Cura (No report.)

Webmaster - Brad Larson (As was written in the packet.)

I have updated the old NFMS site pages to point to our new site, so we won't have any more issues that we had in Hamilton. Other than that the site has had an increase of approximately 30 percent in viewership over last year's numbers.

Website Competition - Cheri George (As was written in the packet.) We had four entries in the Website Contest, two tied for first. Congratulations to you all!! I have forwarded our top entries to the AFMS Judge. For those of you going to Raleigh for the AFMS Show, you will find out our status there. I will have plaques and certificates for our entries at our Show in April. See you all at the show.

ALAA – Hidemi reminded attendees there would be a meeting upstairs at 10:00am on Saturday.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Operating Procedures Changes

The Golden Spike Club presented two proposals for change. The first proposal reads as follows:

NFMS Memorial Trophy OP amendment 2018 (Signed) 12/6/2017

The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society moves to amend Operating Procedure:

OP Committee – 2 Rules & Awards Committee,
Part B Specific Duties of Committee Members,
Section 4 Memorial Trophy,
To add Subsection 2, to read:

“2. Depending on appropriate exhibits being displayed at the NFMS Annual Show, the Committee may award the following Memorial and Special Trophies:

- The Lester Ziehen Memorial Trophy for best “Mineral” exhibit.
- The John T. Hedin Memorial Trophy for best “Petrified Wood or Wood Casts” exhibit.
- The Rodney J. (Rod) Smith Memorial Trophy for best “All Northwest Material” exhibit.
- The Isabelle B. Mattison Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit by a Junior Member or Junior Society
- The Lucille Lindner Junior Achievement Award (to be administered by the NFMS Junior Committee.)
- A special Sweepstakes Trophy may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit at the Show.

Rationale for OP amendment:

At the 2017 NFMS Show in Hamilton, the Rules & Awards committee searched our fallible collective memories for what Special and Memorial Trophies were in place for presentation at the Awards Banquet. Since there seemed to be no written list anywhere, we recommend this Operating Procedure change to correct this omission.

Lyle Vogelpohl has done some research from the treasurer's records about the awards and clubs/persons that established them:

“The JOHN T HEDIN MEMORIAL was established in June 1973 by Mrs. John T Hedin for the "best display of petrified wood or wood casts at our annual NFMS Show". The initial trophy was presented at the 1973 NFMS Show in Lewiston, Idaho.

- Mrs. Rodney J (Jane F) Smith established the RODNEY J (ROD) SMITH TROPHY for malachite. The first trophy was presented at the 1980 NFMS Show in Boise, Idaho. Sometime later because of limited number of malachite exhibits and same persons receiving the award, the trophy was changed to "All Northwest Material" that is materials from within the boundaries of the NFMS.
- The ISABELLE B MATTISON TROPHY was established in July 1990 by the Three Rivers Mineralogical Society, Kennewick, Washington, for the best exhibit by a Junior Member or Junior Society. The minimum score of 60 points is to be used to qualify for the trophy.
- The LUCILLE LINDNER JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD was established by the Rock Rollers Club, Inc. of Spokane, Washington in August 1997, and was to be administered by the NFMS Junior Committee. This award was in the form of a petrified wood desk pen set with a brass plate engraved with the awardee's name. A supply of polished petrified wood slabs and pen sets were donated with the Trust Money for the plates. Unfortunately, during the transfer of Junior Committee Records and Materials all of the Records and the Materials donated by the Spokane Rock Rollers was lost.
- The DARRELL DALTON TRUST FUND was established in April 1998 by the Tualatin Valley Gem Club for the best display of obsidian. This trust fund was reclaimed by the Tualatin Valley Gem Club for lack of awardees in February 2007.
- In May 1999 the LESTER ZEIHEN TRUST was established. I do not have a copy of the contract establishing the award, so do not know what materials the award covers. If someone has a copy of the agreement, I would like to have a copy.”. Joe Slouber advised that the trophy was intended for either competitive or non-competitive displays, and for “Minerals Only”, not as part of a broader exhibit.

Tom Buchard moved to accept the proposed changes to be added to the Operating Procedures. Darrell Coyle seconded the motion. In explanation, Audrey summarized what is changing. She stated that we have been adding trophies that had been accumulating all these years, but were not officially listed. The change will do that. Lauen explained that the Darrell Dalton trust was rescinded in February of 2007. **A vote was called for. Motion carried by a show of paddles.**

The second proposal from Golden Spike reads as follows:

NFMS Rules and Awards Committee OP amendment (Signed) 12/6/2017

The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society moves to amend Operating Procedure:

OP Committee – 2 Rules & Awards Committee,
Part B Specific Duties of Committee Members,
Section 2, JUDGING DIRECTOR,

To add a sentence after “Prepare judging teams ofspecial and memorial trophy awards” To read:

“The Judging Director shall request the NFMS Treasurer to reimburse participating Judges and Clerks for their entrance fees paid to the Host Club at the NFMS Annual Show.”

Rationale for OP amendment:

At the 2017 NFMS Show in Hamilton, the Rules & Awards committee discussed proposing an Operating Procedure change to recognize the contribution that Judges and Clerks make to the Federation at the Annual Show, by having the NFMS reimburse their entrance fees.

It is universally recognized that both Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibits add a great deal of direct benefit to the attractiveness of the Show to the public. Host Societies have always extended the courtesy of free admission to Exhibitors, and *occasionally* to Judges. The Judges and Clerks do not supply a direct benefit to the Show and Host Society, but certainly do so to the NFMS by facilitating competitive awards and consequential eligibility for National (AFMS) awards. Most Judges have expended considerable effort and money traveling to AFMS Uniform Rules seminars, and keeping up with changes to the complex rules. They also spend a lot of time at each Show working to evaluate the competitive exhibits, and to select Memorial and Special Trophy winners. This OP change represents a small “Thank You” to them.

Signed, Evan E. Day, Vice-President, Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society

Tom Buchard made a motion to accept the proposal as written. Roger Beck seconded the motion.

Lauren Williams stated that it only asks for a reimbursement to the show but his personal opinion was that it was petty; don't bother. It could become a nightmare to figure it out.

Norma Long asked why we can't just say to the clubs that judges can come in free.

Kat Koch added that when you host a show why not just have it listed under the host information.

Doug True stated that 95% of us that are doing things as volunteers only get a fraction of what you spend. You do it because you love it. It is part of what we do. With that he called for the question. **With a show of paddles the motion was defeated.**

As detailed in the briefing papers under the Endowment Committee report, the following proposal is to bring into line written duties of the committee with current laws.

NFMS OPS AMENDMENTS 2018 OP Committee 3

A motion to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Yakima

The Endowment Fund Committee moves to amend Operating Procedures: OP Committee – 3 Endowment Committee by removing the current OP COMMITTEE-3 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE text as contained in the NFMS Operating Procedures and replaces it with the text below.

Submitted by: Jack Edwards, Endowment Fund Committee Chairman

A Member in Good Standing in the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society

OP COMMITTEE -3, ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Implementation of OP GENERAL - 3

PURPOSE: The purpose of this operating procedure is to establish and provide rules for the guidance and administration of the Endowment Fund mandated by OP No. General - 3.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Advisor, NFMS First Vice President

The committee members shall be appointed to one or two-year terms by the NFMS President. The Committee Chairperson and Treasurer shall be appointed to alternate two-year terms, so as to give the committee a continuity in management and direction. The Chairperson shall be appointed or re-appointed in the even numbered years and the Treasurer in the odd numbered years. The other committee members will be appointed to serve one-year terms. The NFMS President shall fill any vacancies by appointment to serve the remaining term of the vacant position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. *The role of the committee is to manage the invested assets of the fund, keep the general membership informed of the status of the invested assets and make recommendations for distributions as may be appropriate.*
- B. *The Committee Chairperson shall oversee the activities of the Endowment Fund Committee and shall report to the Executive Board and the Assembly of Directors.*
- C. The Endowment Fund Treasurer shall maintain such records and books of accounts as may be necessary, invest all moneys received and provide receipts for donations.
- D. The Financial Advisor shall advise the Committee on investments and should be a member of the NFMS and have investment experience.
- E. *The Financial Advisor or, if incapacitated, the Committee Chairperson shall be empowered to sell, assign, and transfer the assets of the NFMS Endowment Fund as approved by the Committee.*
- F. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings and *other business activities* of the Committee.

FUND MANAGEMENT-General:

- A. *All Endowment Fund assets will be managed in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) of 2009. (Codified in the state of Washington as 2009 Substitute House Bill 1119.) Key elements of the investment portion of this act include:*

- 1) **SOUND DIVERSIFICATION** is fundamental to risk management and is therefore ordinarily required of trustees.
 - 2) Risk and return are so directly related that trustees have a duty to **ANALYZE** and make conscious decisions concerning **LEVELS OF RISK** appropriate to the purposes, distribution requirements and other circumstances of the Endowment Fund;
 - 3) Trustees have a duty to **AVOID FEES TRANSACTION COSTS, AND OTHER EXPENSES** that are not justified by the needs and realistic objectives of the Endowment Fund's investment program. It is important for trustees to make careful **COST AND EXPENSE COMPARISONS**, particularly among similar products of a specific type of investment being considered. Likewise, trustees have a duty to make careful peer group **PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS** over differing time periods among similar products of a specific investment class;
 - 4) The fiduciary duty of impartiality **REQUIRES A BALANCING** of the elements of return between **PRODUCTION OF CURRENT INCOME** and the **PROTECTION OF PRINCIPLE**
- B. *The Endowment Fund Committee may utilize the services of a professional financial management firms to manage fund investments, if needed. (Note: On October 16, 2016, the Endowment Fund Committee entered an agreement with Charles Schwab Investments for that firm to manage the fund's invested assets and insure concurrence with the above investment requirements. The performance of the investments under that agreement will be monitored to ensure that the costs and fees are acceptable when compared to the investment returns.)***
- C. *Investment fund management decisions may be made by the Financial Advisor after a yea vote by three-fifths of the members of the Endowment Fund Committee.***
- D. *All investing decisions should be well documented to demonstrate that decisions were prudent under the circumstances and that mandated policies and procedures were followed.***

FUND MANAGEMENT—Fund Raising

- A. The committee shall solicit, receive and acknowledge donations to the Endowment Fund.
- B. *Donations may*** be in the form of money or any items acceptable to the Committee. For monetary donations a receipt is to be sent to the donor stating the amount of money received. If the donation is made in a form other than money, conversion to money should be made as soon as practical. The conversion method will be determined by the Committee, who shall send the donor a receipt, as required by State and Federal regulations, stating the actual amount of money received for the item donated. In no case will the Committee provide any donor with a receipt which states an appraised or estimated value.
- C. *Under Financial Accounting Board Standards issued on December 15, 2017 all donations to non-profit organizations will be considered as being either restricted or unrestricted.***
 - 1) *Restricted donations are donations designated for a specific purpose or project.*
 - 2) *Unrestricted donations are donations the organization may use for any purpose.*
- D. *The UPMIFA specifies that a restricted fund is specified by the donor at the time of the donation. If the monies are in response to a formal request by the organization, the solicitation asking for donations must clearly state the proceeds will be used for a specific program or project or for unrestricted general use of the organization. Restricted donations retain that designation until the program or project is completed. A separate accounting must be maintained to insure the restricted donations are available for their intended use. (Note: At this time the Endowment Fund has no designated restricted funds.)***
- E. *All future donations to the Endowment Fund will be considered un-restricted unless a specific use is specified at the time the funds are solicited or by the donor at the time the donation is made.***
- F. All donated funds received shall be forwarded to the Endowment Fund Treasurer for investment.

FUND MANAGEMENT—Spending Policy

- A. *The Endowment Fund shall strive to maintain a minimum balance of \$200,000.00 to ensure the continued ability to fund activities over time. If the balance should drop below the \$200,000.00 level, no funds shall be available for expenditure until the \$200,000.00 balance is reestablished unless specified otherwise by the NFMS Executive Board.*
- B. *The Endowment Fund committee will determine the amount of money available for expenditure using the following methodology:*
 - 1) *Determine the average value of the invested assets of the endowment fund over the previous three federation fiscal years.*
 - 2) *Designate 4% of that figure as being available for expenditure in the following fiscal year of the federation.*
- C. *Expenditures of restricted funds, if any are received, will be in accordance with the wishes of the donor as specified at the time the donation is received.*
- D. *Funds approved for distribution will be transferred to the NFMS treasurer and be included as line items in the NFMS annual budget.*

FUND MANAGEMENT—Expenditure Identification

- A. *The Endowment fund committee will solicit requests for projects or activities from the member societies of the federation which might be funded from the available endowment fund's unrestricted funds.*
 - 1) *Projects should be for the general benefit the NFMS membership or it's member societies. Projects cannot be made to cover operating expenses of organizations outside the federation.*
 - 2) *Since NFMS is "organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes" and is qualified as exempt under IRS Section 501 (C) (3) we must allocate some of our expenditures to programs that show general public benefit.*
 - 3) *Examples of approved projects might include items such as:*
 - a. *Cover administrative activities of the federation as needed.*
 - b. *Purchase equipment needed to enhance the federation or member society's ability to present educational information to the public.*
 - c. *Supplement Annual Federation Shows through publicity and other promotions, reduced admission, outside speakers, special exhibits, etc.*
 - d. *Produce educational material for use by federation members and the general public.*
 - 4) *The endowment committee will prioritize the requests and submit their recommendations to the Executive Board for final approval at the next annual meeting of the federation.*

RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING:

- A. *The Endowment Fund Financial Advisor shall prepare and present to the Committee Chairperson for forwarding to the NFMS President, Ways and Means Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for inclusion in the meeting agenda an interim financial report thirty (30) days prior to the Mid-Year and regular convention meetings.*
- B. *The Financial Advisor shall prepare and present to the Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson for forwarding to the NFMS President, Treasurer, Secretary and Ways and Means Chair not more than thirty (30) days after the close of the NFMS fiscal year a complete report of the true and financial status of the Endowment Fund.*

BUDGET:

The Committee Chairman shall submit an annual budget to the NFMS First Vice President covering the administrative expenses of the Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Committee shall hold an annual meeting at the time of the NFMS Annual Meeting to conduct the business of the Committee. Other meetings may be called by the Committee Chairperson or the NFMS President and may be conducted in person, by mail, e-mail, or telephone.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE HANDBOOK:

In lieu of maintaining a handbook, the preceding Operating Procedures will serve as the committee's handbook detailing its internal operating procedures and functions to assure consistency in its activities and provide information for its members.

Committee Chairman, Jack Edwards explained that the change is making everything legal within the guidelines. It is not really changing what we do.

Financial Advisor, Jim Brain pointed out the primary changes include our definition of restricted and unrestricted funds and the need to have a written spending policy. He related the committee's request for input about ways to utilize the funds for the betterment of the organization. Out of sixty-six clubs he only got input from the Everett and Owyhee Clubs. **He then presented the proposal in the form of a motion. It was seconded by Jim Bosley.** A discussion followed.

Beth asked what we had done historically concerning the fund. Lyle stated there had not been any requests from the endowment fund for the last 3-4 years to cover any operating expenses of the Federation, so we will ask again to approve a dollar offset for members as was done last year. It was explained that \$5000 had been used to make improvements at Camp Hancock. A purchase amounting to \$3000 was made to buy the Brianna Stone for the Museum in Butte, Montana owned by the Bureau of Mines. Jim pointed out that we average about 8% interest on our funds over the years, but the committee suggested the projection stay at 4% in order to safely cover any proposed spending.

The question to accept the NFMS OPS AMENDMENT 2018 OP Committee 3 was called for. The motion was carried with a show of paddles.

Jim Brain stated again that the Endowment Fund Committee has repeatedly asked for help with ideas in determining what kinds of projects the membership would like to see implemented. There was even an article in the newsletter. Audrey repeated the purpose of the endowment fund is to fund programs and projects that benefit the NFMS.

With that, **Jim Brain moved that the endowment fund unrestricted money again be used to extend the \$1.00 offset per adult member for an additional year. Audrey Vogelpohl seconded the motion. Motion was carried with one in opposition.**

Hidemi suggested a traveling exhibit that could be used in various venues that shows what we are about as an idea for utilizing funds. Michael Blanton suggested the possibility of the fund being used to bring individuals like Diamond Dan to shows. Lyle pointed out the money for him actually came from the Junior fund, but that could be a viable use of funds. Kat Koch offered the possibility of producing a video to be used at shows.

Vicki Johnson gave the possibility of donating to Rice Museum or other worthy places. Lyle clarified that the Federation does not support the operating cost of museums, but funds could go for a specific purpose such as a speaker. Darrell Powell is an example of what we can do. Beth stated their club gives \$500 a year to the Rice Museum and in turn the members get in free. That is certainly individual clubs could do.

Jack Edwards then introduced **Norma Long** as the new **Secretary for the Endowment Fund Committee.**

Judi Allison shared a copy of the "Retyped, Revised **Manual for Hosting a Federation Show** and pointed out that it was suggested at the Organizational meeting in October that the "red parts" be removed and make it an "official" reference manual. Judi pointed out that was the idea: to have a resource available for those who wished to use it in hosting a Federation Show. Although there was no formal vote, all agreed that it was worthy of posting on the NFMS Site. Judi will forward a copy to Webmaster, Brad Larson to be added to the site.

Ken Zahn revisited the importance of a Public Lands Access Committee Chair with all the changes going on in our country. **Katherine Cramer of the Yakima Rock and Mineral Club** then spoke up and volunteered for the position of **PLAC**. She feels she has the passion and interest in this position to carry on with it. Thanks, Kathrine!

Lauren brought up a point of clarification: What AFMS does and doesn't do. It is a Minnesota corporation that deals in outreach to the seven Federations. The ALAA is an Idaho Corporation and completely separate, as it is a lobby group. Donations to the ALAA are not tax deductible, since it is a lobby group. The AFMS and NFMS, as 501c3 corporations, are not allowed to lobby. Audrey pointed out that as a member we can inform, but we cannot lobby to persuade. Lauren also pointed out that the AFMS Scholarship is also a Minnesota corporation that makes gifts. It is also completely separate. There are just a lot of the same people doing a lot of different things.

PLAC is a liaison for individual clubs and the ALAA. Individuals need to go to the meetings in their areas about the possible fate of various collecting areas.

2018 Show and Convention Ronna thanked everyone for coming. She stated she has had a great time and asked about the possibility of anyone thinking about 2020. A club doesn't have to have a giant show. The Yakima Club hadn't hosted a Federation show since 1969 so they decided to "Go Big or Go Home." Things went okay considering the dealer chair had to check into the hospital and that was the same person who was going to do security. She said the same people basically did the same things they always did in order to promote geology and lapidary arts. Thanks, Yakima! You did a great job!

2019 Show and Convention Jerry Northrup said it took about five years to get the club to agree to put on a show. It will be in Lewiston, Idaho, October 18-20, 2019. Save the date. There are some packets of information about the area, so take one with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audrey reminded the assembly there will be a Junior Cracker-barrel at 8:30 on Sunday.

Hidemi spoke about the National Rockhound Hall of Fame. He said he would write an article for the newsletter about applying.

Linda Barlow asked for clubs to submit information about museums in their area in order to make a list of museums around the Northwest. Washington State already has such a list.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Bosley called for adjournment and Darrell Coyle seconded. All approved. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

Appendix I Treasurer Report

NFMS MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2017 - 2018

Report Date 03/31/2018		2017		2018		NET		Directories
	ADULTS	JRS		ADULTS	JRS	CHANGE	Ordered	
ALASKA								
Chugach Gem & Mineral Society	1	77	1	90	0	13		
TOTAL ALASKA		77	0	90	0	13		0
Total Alaska Clubs		1		1		0		
IDAHO								
Eureka Rock & Gem Club	1	16	1 1	16	1	0		
Gold Hill Diggers Rock Club	1	18	5 1	16	5	-2		
Hells Canyon Gem Club	1	114	27 1	96	21	-24		2
Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	1	168	0 1	177	0	9		
Idaho Gem Club	1	262	39 1	334	47	80		
Magic Valley Gem Club	1	47	6 1	63	6	16		
North Idaho Mineral Club	1	59	3 1	51	7	-4		1
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	1	138	10 1	233	5	90		
Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	1	45	3 1	52	20	24		
Thursday Night Pastry Tasters & Flint Knappers	1	8	7 1	8	4	-3		
TOTAL IDAHO		875	101	1046	116	186		3
Total Idaho Clubs		10		10		0		
MONTANA								
Billings Gem & Mineral Club	1	100	1	0	0	-101		
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	1	47	3 1	141	13	104		1
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Society	1	186	6 1	228	51	87		
Butte Mineral & Gem Club	1	97	4	0	0	-101		
Hellgate Mineral Society	1	95	0 1	79	12	-4		
Kalispell Rock Hound Club	1	23	0	0	0	-23		
Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	1	38	6 1	55	10	21		
TOTAL MONTANA		586	20	503	86	-17		1
Total Montana Clubs		7		4		-3		
OREGON								
Central Oregon Rock Collectors	1	75	1 1	97	2	23		
Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corporation	1	148	17 1	152	15	2		
Columbia Gorge Rockhounds	1	15	0 1	16	0	1		
Columbia-Willamette Faceters Guild	1	135	0 1	171	0	36		
Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	1	110	1 1	136	4	29		
Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	1	45	11 1	62	10	16		1
Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	1	63	0 1	35	0	-28		
Malheur County Rock & Gem Club	1	15	1 1	16	1	1		
Mount Hood Rock Club	1	222	17 1	319	30	110		2
Oregon Agate & Mineral Society	1	130	23 1	114	16	-23		
Oregon Coast Agate Club	1	22	0 1	18	0	-4		
Oregon Trail Gem & Mineral Society	1	25	0 1	29	4	8		
Prineville Rockhound Pow-Wow Assoc.	1	183	0	0	0	-183		
Rock & Arrowhead Club	1	94	2 1	112	12	28		
Springfield Rock Club	1	42	3 1	49	3	7		
Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	1	91	3 1	115	0	21		2
Trails End Gem & Mineral Club	1	18	9 1	20	4	-3		
Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	1	57	7 1	178	36	150		
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	1	123	9 1	151	12	31		
TOTAL OREGON		1613	104 18	1790	149	222		5
Total Oregon Clubs		19		18		-1		

Appendix III NFMS Inventory Summary, 2018 Annual Report

NFMS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Keith Fackrell – Briefcase containing gavel and table flags.

1 ST VICE PRESIDENT: Ronna Watkins – No items.

2 ND VICE PRESIDENT: Kenneth Zahn – No items.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Judi Allison -- One Estwing Rock Hammer, one Pyle Speaker assembly with 2 wireless microphones, ~ 4 reams of NFMS letterhead paper, ~ 1000 NFMS envelopes, archived minutes from past meetings, miscellaneous old pins and bars (that may or may not be of use one day), and one 4-drawer file cabinet.

TREASURER: Lyle Vogelpohl – One 1-drawer filing cabinet and one calculator.

PAST PRESIDENT: Jim Bosley – Box containing display items for Past President's case and small suitcase of cabochons from the NFMS 50 th Anniversary display. Zipped electronic files of 2017-inventoried items also were provided by last year's President.

NFMS COMMITTEES AND AFMS REPRESENTATIVES HOLDING

FEDERATION EQUIPMENT OR OTHER ITEMS

HISTORIAN: Linda Barlow – Inventory items listed on 27 typed pages in one 4-drawer file cabinet, one 2-drawer file cabinet, and four 18-gallon plastic-lidded bins. One two-drawer file cabinet obtained this year through donation. Items include:

- Minutes of Annual Conventions and Mid-year meetings.
- Correspondence through the years of Officers and Committee chairpersons.
- Mineralogist Magazines.
- NFMS Manuals.
- NFMS Directories,.
- NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS Conventions, Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Books I & II, NFMS Show history).
- VHS Video: (Conversion to DVD prohibited by copyright law).
- Monthly Historian Articles for NFMS Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER: Editor: Beth Heesacker – Petty cash fund of \$32.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Lamar Tilgner – No property items but buckets of rock slabs donated each year.

RULES AND AWARDS: Dee Holland/Bob Gibson/Lauren Williams; (Chair, Judging, Registrar) – Box of judging supplies (clipboards, pencils, ribbons and rosettes, signage ["Judging"], 30 blank wooden award plaques, etc. NFMS logo for printing award ribbons, wooden box for cut stones); box of Registrar's supplies (exhibitor cards, pencils, tape, pattern for exhibitor card printing from master).

SLIDE AND VIDEO LIBRARY: Darrell Watkins – Current individually numbered library holdings available to be "checked out" by clubs for programs (DVD disc-based presentations, VHS tapes, CD-based Power Point presentations, and tray-based 35mm

slide-set presentations with written scripts) are listed in subject-detail as an enclosure within the current NFMS Directory. The lists are updated annually, as replacements (e.g.,

DVD#16, Tree Stories) or additions are obtained, and as older-formatted presentations are converted to more modern digital formats. Equipment held by the Librarian includes

3 cardboard slide-storage boxes (full) and 3 flat boxes of slide-show scripts, plus

"Micromounts H-Z" by Michael Shaw (AFMS Winner 2016) on disc (AVI, MPEG-4,

WMV) files. Storage and Equipment held: One particle-board cabinet (3'x5', 4 shelves);

2 metal file cabinets; one Slide Projector w/carousel tray (Kodak ERKTAGRAPHIC III); one single-slide viewer, a Pana-Vue 6566 Automatic Slide Viewer.

STAMPS: Chuck Sonner – No report. No equipment/property items noted last year.

Stamp donations received are bundled for sale as a fund-raiser for charity.

SUPPLIES: Patty Amos – AMFS pins (4), Fossil lists (6), Mineral classification lists-2003 (5), Guidelines for Editor-2012 (4), Guidelines for Judges-2003 (1),

NFMS pins (5), 2006 Show pins (20), Public relations (2), Show Committee

Chairman Federation hats (need to count again), NFMS small/medium T-Shirts (need to count again), Cash box (1), Paper punches (2), Reams of copy paper

(2), Box of misc. colored paper (1), NFMS label sheets (25), Box of file hangers (1), Box of sheet protectors (1), Bubble mailers (4), 10 x 13 Clasp envelopes (3).

**NFMS COMMITTEES AND AFMS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
HOLDING NO FEDERATION EQUIPMENT OR OTHER ITEMS**

BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Ronna Watkins – No items.

BULLETIN AIDS: Vacant. Ronna Watkins Stand-in. No items reported last year (2017).

CIRCULATION: Tom Burchard - No items.

CREDENTIALS: Del & Clara Walker – No items.

CUSTODIAN: 2nd Vice President – No items.

DIRECTORY: Carol Willey – No items. (Excess yearly directories usually held by Treasurer?)

EDUCATION: Vacant. (No items mentioned in 2017 Annual Report).

ENDOWMENT FUND:

CHAIRMAN: Jack Edwards – No report. 2017 Chair reported no items.

SECRETARY: NFMS Secretary (Judi Allison) – No Comm.-related items.

TREASURER: NFMS Treasurer (Lyle Vogelpohl) – No Comm.-related items.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Jim Brain – No Comm.-related items.

JUNIORS: Gayle Butler – No items.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING: Vacant.

NOMINATING: Immediate Past President (Jim Bosley) – No items.

OPERATIONS REVIEW: Vacant.

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL: Jim Bosley – No items beyond those of Past President listed above.

PUBLIC LAND ADVISORY: Vacant – No items reported in 2017.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Vacant.

RESOLUTIONS: Audrey Vogelpohl – No items.

SAFETY: Tanya Sonner – No report. No items listed on 2017 report.

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup. No items listed on 2017 report.

SHOW COORDINATION: Pat Lambert – No items.

WAYS & MEANS: Janice Van Cura – No report. No items listed in 2017 Annual Report.

WEBMASTER: Brad Larson – No items.

BULLETIN EDITORS' ADVISORY (AFMS): Vacant.

BULLETIN EDITORS' HALL OF FAME (AFMS COMMITTEE-OF- ONE): ?Vacant.

NEWSLETTER (AMFS): Beth Heesacker – No items beyond NFMS petty funds.

CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (AFMS): Judi Allison; Laurie Ellis reported –No items.

CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATION (AFMS): Vacant; No items reported in 2017.

ALL AMERICAN (AFMS): Vacant.

PUBLIC/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (AFMS COMMITTEE-OF- ONE): Vacant.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (AFMS): Audrey Vogelpohl - No items.

PROGRAM COMPETITIONS (AFMS): Darrell Watkins. No items beyond those of Slide and Video Library Committee Chair listed above.

SAFETY (AFMS): Chuck Sonner - No Items.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (AFMS): Mary Lou Northrup. No items listed on 2017 report.

SUPPLIES (AFMS): Patty Amos: No Report in 2017; Will be provided orally by Custodian at 2018 Annual Meeting.

JUDGES TRAINING (AFMS COMMITTEE-OF- ONE): Dee Holland – See NFMS

RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE above.

UNIFORM RULES (AFMS): Dee Holland – See NFMS RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE above.

WAYS AND MEANS (AFMS): Lauren Williams and Janice Van Cura – No report. No items listed in 2017 Annual Report.

WEBMASTER (AFMS): Brad Larson – No items.

WEB SITE CONTEST (AFMS): Cheri George – No items.