

NFMS MIDYEAR MEETING AGENDA, REPORTS and MINUTES

Saturday, June 1, 2019 3:00 PM

- Call to Order Ronna Watkins, President
- Pledge of Allegiance Ronna Watkins, President
- Introduction of Officers & Committees Ronna Watkins, President
- Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs Ken Zahn, 1st Vice President
- Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates Beth Heesacker 2nd Vice President
- Invocation Ken Zahn

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Ronna Watkins
- Executive Secretary Judi Allison
- Treasurer Lyle Vogelpohl
- Budget – 1st Vice President Ken Zahn
- Bulletin Aids NA
- Circulation Tom Burchard
- Credentials Clara & Del Walker
- Custodian-2nd Vice President Beth Heesacker
- Directory Carol Willey
- All American Club Award NA
- Endowment Fund Jim Brain
- Field Trip Doug True
- Historian Linda Barlow
- Juniors Gayle Butler
- Newsletter Editor Linda Barlow – Pro Tem
- Nominating Keith Fackrell
- Northwest Rockhound Retreat Lamar Tilgner
- Past Presidents Council Jim Bosley
- Public Lands Advisory Katherine Cramer
- Resolutions Audrey Vogelpohl
- Rockhound of the Year Laurie Ellis
- Rules & Awards Lauren Williams & Bob Gibson
- Safety NA
- Scholarship Mary Lou Northrup
- 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 Doug True

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS. . .

2019 Convention

Hells Canyon

The Hells Canyon Gem Club is working on making a fine show for us this fall. We have several speakers lined up and displays of the space needle, Narg and dinosaur display. Our head hotel is the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston. By contacting them early you can make reservations at a reduced cost by mentioning the NFMS rock show. Also I will have preregistration forms for the banquet, past presidents' lunch and editors' breakfast. Please fill these out and return with payment to me if you are going to attend. Camping will be allowed at the fair grounds for \$35.00 each vehicle for the whole weekend. Please send money and registration to me instead of fair grounds. I also have preregistration forms for competitive and noncompetitive cases. Send these in to show off your treasures. All in all we hope to have a great show. Mary Lou Northrup

2020 Convention
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

Possible takers?

President, Ronna Watkins presided over the meeting. Notes taken by Gayle Butler in the absence of Secretary, Judi Allison. Notes transcribed into minutes by Judi Allison.

Past Presidents were introduced. Those in attendance were Paul Heesacker, Chuck Sonner, Lauren Williams, Lyle Vogelpohl and Hidemi Kira.

Following are the written reports with additional information (in italics) outlining information related during the meeting.

President's Report – Ronna Watkins

I had the honor to represent the NFMS at the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Annual Convention in conjunction with the Midwest Federation's Annual convention and show hosted by the Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society in Cedar Rapids, Iowa March 21-24 at the 2019 AFMS Meeting.

I attended all the meetings: AFMS Rules Committee, AFMS Annual Meeting, Scholarship Foundation Meeting, ALAA Meeting, MFMS Annual Meeting, and the Editor's Breakfast.

From the NFMS we memorialized Mel Wilks, Hells Canyon Gem Club, April 2018, Richard Clark, Idaho Gem Club, April 2018, and Richard Neal Thomas (Dick Thomas) Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society, August 5, 2018. These were the only names submitted from our clubs.

Here are the items important to record:

- NFMS Past President, Doug True, from Billings MT presided as AFMS President.
- James Bosley was elected as AFMS 5th VP.
- AFMS newsletter editor, Carolyn Weinberger passed away, March 25, 2019.
- Sue Webb will be the AFMS Newsletter Editor and Cheryl Neary will become the new Central Office after November 1st.
- AFMS Scholarship Foundation, Inc.: \$48,000 is awarded each year to graduate students (Two \$4,000 scholarships in six AFMS regions.) As of 2015, 610 scholarships have been awarded at 132 universities totaling 1.7 million dollars in awards. Sandie Fender of the CFMS will serve as our new AFMS Scholarship Foundation Chair.
- The AFMS 2020 Convention will be held in Knoxville, TN in October and the 2021 AFMS Convention in Sandy, UT.
- Several NFMS contest entries into the Editor's and Website contest received recognition.

As NFMS President I am honored to work with very capable, knowledgeable, and proactive, enthusiastic leaders. Thank you to our chairpersons for their commitment to the NFMS. We still have some chairs to be filled.

Since our 2018 Annual Meeting we have held an Organizational Meeting in Lewiston. The NFMS has been busy updating operation procedures, aligning our chairs to the AFMS, and generating much needed handbooks.

As voted on by our membership, we have up-dated our investment policies to conform to the requirements of UPMIFA by developing a written spending policy protecting our endowment fund's long-term viability, and changing our definitions of restricted and unrestricted funds explaining how each is to be managed and used.

Endowment Fund: Our membership has approved an Endowment Fund Spending Policy that authorized an annual expenditure of Endowment funds equal to 4% of the average three year fund balance. It is estimated that this will make about \$10,000.00 per year available to spend.

We have added the Special and Memorial Trophies to our OP's.

We now have a Judges' Manual, a Manual for Hosting NFMS Shows, and a "List of Museums" in the NW of interest to rockhounds.

Thank you to Jack Edwards, Jim Brain, Judith Allison, Linda Barlow, Ken Zahn, The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society, and Lauren Williams for their work on these items.

I would also like to thank Linda Barlow for taking on the job of Editor Pro-temp and producing our *Northwest Newsletter* in the absence of a permanent Editor.

Our 2019 show and convention hosted by the Hells Canyon Gem Club of Lewiston, Idaho will be held October 18-20, 2019 at the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds.

Secretary's Report - Judi Allison

I am sorry to miss the Mid-Year Meeting this year, but I do have to admit that I am not sorry to be flying to Atlanta, Georgia at that time. I am a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and I have the opportunity to attend a National Conference. If you are not sure about what a CASA is, following is a quick explanation: "Volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes."

Okay, that has nothing to do with rocks, so I guess I should write a bit about the year. The sequence of events through 2018-19 has been a bit interesting and confusing: Show: April 2018, Organizational Meeting: October 2018, AFMS Meeting, March 2018, Mid-Year Meeting, June 2019, then Annual Meeting October 2019. There have been issues and questions and a great deal of activity within the rockhound world. Yet, we seem to manage to keep a handle on all the odds and ends and business at hand. It really is quite a complement to everyone, considering we are all volunteers giving for something we believe in and love to take part. Just take a look at the list of committee chairs and the roster of those elected to chair this year and future years. It appears we are in good hands. I am looking forward to serving with these worthy people into the future. (Even if I am not at this meeting. ☺)

NFMS Treasurer-Lyle Vogelpohl One Club has requested to join the NFMS. Lewis County Rock and Gem Club has been given conditional membership pending official vote of the Assembly of Directors at the Annual meeting. The club has eighty members. A club in Salmon Idaho has also requested membership information. Lyle reported that Sandy Hanson, Magic Valley Gem & Mineral Club, raised another \$250 thru Walmart's "Volunteerism Always Pays" program; has to date raised \$2,500 thru her efforts. He reminded those attending that all Walmart workers can sign up for the program. Other companies have this benefit as well.

Budget – Ken Zahn, 1st Vice President

1st Vice President Ken Zahn's Oral Report, Mid-Year NFMS Meeting, June 1, 2019

1. *ALAA Support:*
 - *Elected as a Director at 2019 AFMS Meeting.*
 - *Reviewed and advised on California Federation's comments and protest draft to the WMRNP_LUPA_Final SEIS and associated Travel Plan.*
 - *Advised several groups and ALAA on NEPA process for commenting on draft BLM environmental review documents.*
 - *Reviewed and discussed ALAA Bylaws and OPs with President.*
2. *Drafted 2020 Budget Call email message to solicit comment and budget requests from Officers and Committee Chairs; coordinated draft with Treasurer. To be sent out after discussion at Mid-Year meeting.*
3. *Travelled to Golden Spike show in Ogden UT to discuss issues of circulation of paper copies of NFMS Newsletter with Circulation Chair Tom Burchard. Discussed issue with President, Treasurer, Secretary, Directory Chair, and President of the Bitterroot Club. Reviewed circulation-related draft clarifying texts for Newsletter.*
4. *Attended shows of AFMS, Helena (non-member of NFMS), Golden Spike, Idaho Falls, Bozeman, and Bitterroot clubs, and will attend North Idaho and Butte club shows in June.*
5. *Worked with the AFMS Scholarship Foundation's President to assure 2 2019-2020-year graduate-school candidates in NFMS are nominated for \$4,000 scholarship awards. Awardees are geology students Ian Kallio and Ethan Coppage at Montana Technological University in Butte, MT.*
6. *Attended public meetings (and am drafting comments) on the Draft EIS for the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Plan Revision. Comments due June 6th, 2019.*

7. *Discussed the AFMS OPs and Committee structure with Steve Weinberger, AFMS, in preparation for review and possible revision of NFMS OPs and Committee structures (in progress).*
8. *At this year's Golden Spike Club show, I discussed the potential for Golden Spike, UT, club to submit an application to host the 2020 NFMS Show/Meeting on Easter weekend, 2020.*
9. *Plowed snow all winter; first mowed lawn May 29th; browsed for antiques in Iowa; continued as Sr. Trustee of a valuable museum collection owned by the Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club; passed a kidney stone; and got older May 27th.*

Bulletin Aids -NA

Circulation - Tom Burchard *Audrey Vogelpohl, Resolution Chair, stated that Circulation is not listed in the bylaws. She is presenting a resolution to add such with a list of duties. (See under Resolutions)*

Credentials - Clara & Del Walker

We will be prepared to do our duties at the annual meeting in Lewiston. Please inform us prior to the meeting as to who will be representing your Club as a Director or Delegate. Then **bring** your credentials to the meeting. Thank you.

Custodian-2nd Vice President – Beth Heesacker

I am in the process of putting together the Custodians report. I have heard from most of the officers and chairpersons. I hope to have the report, due at the Annual Meeting in October, completed by June.

Directory - Carol Willey

I hope everyone has had a good year so far. The report on the Directory is good and bad, I had the Directory almost done end of February and somehow some clubs forgot to read the instructions how to send in the reports of their club. The last club sent their full membership to me to sort out 5-4-2019, it took me 2 days to figure out and type. I propose that next year all clubs should have the membership to Lyle by the end of February or will publish the last year's list as is, with exception of officer list. I feel my job has been held up by a few clubs which is not fair to the NFMS and the clubs who read the rules. So if some of the contents list address or phone numbers are wrong it is because I type what is sent me. I don't know if the address, names or numbers are wrong, please review your spelling before sending to Lyle. I am sorry I cannot make it to the meeting; personal reasons abound at home. Carol Willey, Directory Chair

All American Club Award - NA

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

A summary of the financial status of the Endowment Fund will be available at the meeting. We are on track to being able to spend \$10,000 from the fund next business year and will continue searching for the best possible uses of the funds. Also we will continue to beat the bushes to find a new committee chairperson and Secretary.

Jim reported that our investment balance was \$283k, but now it is \$254k. This is up \$12k from last year. Ideas are needed that benefit the NFMS along with the cost of the ideas proposed. \$4k is available (4% of the last 3 year average is used to make up the Endowment Fund unrestricted funds.) Hidemi Kira suggested traveling display cases to show specimens from a particular area. It would start new each year. Other suggestions included the possibility of giving help to clubs sponsoring an NFMS show to pay for a special speaker or display, etc. Mindat.org doesn't meet the criteria. Rice Museum is a possible recipient if they had a special project.

Field Trip - Doug True *Doug will put together a field trip next year after his AFMS Presidential and ALAA terms are over.*

Historian – Linda Barlow

This year has been slow with responses to the local and state Museum listing I requested from each club for the NFMS listing. I am continuing to work on this. I started with Alaska as that is my trip for this summer. Looking forward to seeing these museums!

This is a slow process as there are many museums in each state posted in an overall listing without noting an application to Rocks/Gems/Mining/Fossils/Artifacts/Lapidary Items. This has required me to call each museum and talk with the curators for information on possible displays of items applicable to the Mineral Societies population. This has been a great learning tool for me and loved talking with the museum curators in the different states.

The Museum Listing cannot be on website until all states are completed. The list is now complete and submitted to the Webmaster for inclusion on the site.

Juniors – Gayle Butler

So far, (as of May 15) two applications for Junior achievement have been received.

Gayle further reported at the meeting that she now has received several applications.

Newsletter Editor – Linda Barlow – Pro Tem

As Editor Pro Tem, I started with the October issue 2018 to replace our new Second Vice-President, Beth Heesacker who served as Editor for many years. A big THANK YOU to her for her years of service in this capacity and her helpfulness in the transition.

After researching the By-Laws and Operating Procedures, I announced that there would be 6 issues in 2019 within the requirement of the by-laws. Then proceeded to add my creative touches to all the departments. I added Rock/Gem titles and pictures for each department reporting. This allowed all of you to think more about the metaphysical meaning of rocks and gems. My last newsletter was the largest with 16 pages to prepare for the Mid-year meeting, the Annual Meeting and all the summer events and shows for the federation. Everyone was cooperative with submitting their articles on time and tolerant of my mistakes throughout this 9 months as pro-tem editor. THANK YOU.

Since realizing the nonrestraint of retirement time, I will be rockhunting all summer! Thank you to whomever takes over the newsletter. I will assist in the transition as needed.

Nominating – Keith Fackrell

Following is a list of Nominees for the NFMS Executive Board for the term Sept. 1 2019 to August 31, 2020.

President, Ken Zahn. I am honored to accept the nomination for the Presidency of the NFMS for the 2019-2020 Federation year.

Ken began prospecting and collecting minerals while studying at the University of Arizona from 1954-1960, where he attended on a Track scholarship and majored in both Education (BS in 1959) and Chemistry (BS and MS in 1960). He served 26+ years in the Army, earning a PhD in organic chemistry (U of Illinois 1964-1967), teaching at the US Military Academy at West Point, commanding the Army's large crime laboratory in Georgia, analyzing foreign intelligence documents, and serving in nuclear missile units in Germany, aviation units in Vietnam, as well as doctrine-development and equipment-testing units in Panama, Alaska, Europe, Utah, California, and Maryland. He retired in 1985 as Deputy Commander of the US Army Chemical Research and Development Command complex at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. In retirement, he has taught chemistry at Utah Valley University and worked 20 years for the University of California at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories as an Environmental Evaluations Group Leader and Program Manager. Since 1972, he has been a member of 12 different gem and mineral clubs in California, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Montana, and has served in many leadership and collection-trusteeship positions in the Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club since 2004. His main hobby interests are field collecting, studying pegmatites, speaking at schools and meetings, and participating in NEPA reviews of Forest Service- and BLM-proposed Management Plans, Travel Plans, and Regulations. He is a big supporter of balanced use and increased motorized access for partially disabled and older forest recreational users. He, too, is "getting older," but still actively hunts, fishes, prospects, and collects. Ken

1st Vice President, Beth Heesacker. I accept the nomination as 1st VP of the NFMS for 2019-2020. Attached is an updated bio for your use.

Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Member – 2001-2008, Editor of the HyGrader – 2006-2008
Clackamette Mineral and Gem Member – 2008-2019. Editor of the Clackamette Gem– 2010-2019
1 st VP and Show Chair – 2014-2018, President and Show Chair – 2017 (latter half of the year)
NFMS - Member – 2001-2019, Editor of the Northwest Newsletter – 2009-2018
SCRIBE - Member – 2008?-2019, NW Regional VP – 2012?-2017, SCRIBE VP – 2016-2017
Micro Mineral Study Group, Member – 2011-2019, President – 2014-2019
Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy - Member – 2013-2019, Editor of the PNWFM Newsletter – 2014-2019
Friends of Mineralogy - Member – 2013-2019, Editor of the Friends of Mineralogy Bulletin – 2016-2019
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.

As editor of the NFMS Newsletter (retired), our rock club's Clackamette Gem and the Newsletters for the Pacific NW Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy and for the National Friends of Mineralogy Bulletin; I have learned about the inner workings of the groups and have helped support their outreach concerning our hobby.

2nd Vice President, Larry Hulstrom. Accepts the Nomination of 2nd Vice President for the term 2019 - 2020. Larry Hulstrom – Candidate for NFMS 2 nd Vice President in 2019

Larry's interest in rocks began as a child on the southern shores of Lake Superior in Michigan looking for Lake Superior agates and freezing in the waters of the lake. An interest in dinosaurs during grade school and his families move to Ann Arbor resulted in his enrollment at the University of Michigan in the geology department where he studied paleontology and furthered his love of rocks and fossils. (He is also a staunch MI Wolverine fan!) Graduate school at Michigan Technological University in Mining Engineering furthered his collection of native copper and resulted in the start of his professional career at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in southeastern Washington working on a project to determine the viability of nuclear waste disposal in a geologic repository in basalt.

After cancellation of that project, Larry shifted gears and moved into the environmental restoration field where he spent the remainder of his career.

After marrying his wife Kay and having two sons, Joshua and Jason, the boys showed interest in Dad's collection as they were growing up. This resulted in Larry joining the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club in Kennewick WA where he became one of the Junior Club leaders and got involved with the adult club in the early '90's.

His sons began competitively displaying in 1998 at NFMS Shows and other club shows throughout the area with mineral and fossil collections, and the family began attending shows on a regular basis. Larry began competing with his mineral collection in 2000.

In the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Larry was president for 2 terms from 1997-2000. He has been the club's Federation Director almost continuously since 2001. He was the show chairman for the 2003 NFMS Show held in Pasco at the TRAC facility where the year's theme was "Trail of Gems: Following Lewis & Clark".

He was the club president for another term in 2011-2012 and oversaw the update of the club's By-Laws and generated of a set of operating procedures for the club. He was co-show chairman with Evelyn Cataldo in 2012 for the NFMS Show that year in Kennewick. Over the course of those years

he was also the NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar, Judging Director, and Rules and Awards Chair for one year terms.

As Show Chairman for the April Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club show for a number of years he was also the host for the NFMS mid-year meeting when it was held in Kennewick. He has been involved with those annual shows for the past 23 years that they have been held. He was Lakeside's "Rockhound of the Year" in 2015. He is once again the Show Chairman for 2019 and actively supports the club wherever and however he can.

Executive Secretary. Judi Allison. I will accept the nomination.

I have always been fascinated by rocks. I remember my brother and I sitting in the "rock picker" gathering up all the shiny agates and sparkly quartz. As an adult, nature was always a part of my life. But it wasn't until my second husband and I took a geology class in 1986 I paid much attention to anything specific. We started noticing the geology on every road trip we took and in 1992 joined a rock club. In 1998 we attended the annual meeting in Billings, Montana. Then we were really hooked. We created the original NFMS website and my husband maintained it for five years before his health deteriorated. He passed away in 2007, but I continued to enjoy the hobby. I served as show coordinator and eventually went through the chairs to serve as President in 2011-12.

When Joan Day passed away, I volunteered to fill in as Secretary pro tem. And I am still here. I am not an expert at any category dealing with rocks. I am just "hooked" on the enjoyment of nature, the great people I have met and the opportunity to go to different places and spread my enthusiasm for our great hobby. After all, I have never met a rockhound I didn't like. What a great bunch of folks!

Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl. I am willing to accept the nomination for NFMS Treasurer for the 2019 - 2020 year. Thanks for asking, and here is my story.

Lyle has been an active member of West Seattle Rock Club since 1968. His participation expanded to being elected 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.

Greetings to all;

I have been in contact with each one of the above listed Nominees/ Candidates for the various offices in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Each of them have expressed an enthusiastic desire to be a Candidate for the position they are being nominated for.

Therefore I am submitting each of the above named persons' as my Candidates for their respective Office they are running for.

I thank each one of these Great Men & Women for their desire to serve NFMS and All of the Clubs and Societies. They are truly Great People. This is my report! Thank You. Keith Fackrell

Larry Hulstrom has accepted the nomination for Second Vice President.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat - Lamar Tilgner

The Retreat is now rounding in to shape and we will try to start Registration this week. Should be another good year. This is our 15TH year and everyone still wants more. What fun.

Lamar reported that the retreat will cost an additional \$50 this year, making the total cost \$375. A new metal crafting class will replace metal casting.

Past Presidents' Council – Jim Bosley

Public Lands Advisory – Katherine Cramer

Resolutions: Audrey Vogelpohl *Audrey is available to proof read any proposals clubs might submit.*

She submitted a Resolution from the West Seattle Rock Club as follows:

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical

Societies By-Laws ARTICLE X Committees, Section 2 (a) Add Circulation

If the above resolution is passed at the Annual Meeting we need to proceed to the following.

Operation Procedures

OP COMMITTEE - 1 ALL STANDING COMMITTEES

Add CIRCULATION

Chair shall:

- 1. Manage list of member households,*
- 2. Shall provide data for "mailing labels" to the firm who mails the Northwest Newsletter.*
- 3. Update mailing information from annual club membership lists from Directory Chair.*
- 4. Update by deleting and adding members' info received from the individual clubs during the calendar year.*
- 5. As needed, use a service to obtain correct address data when US Postal Service sends a "not deliverable as addressed".*
- 6. Submit a financial report to the NFMS Treasurer.*

Delete from DIRECTORY the third line: "Print and provide mailing labels for the Northwest Newsletter to the firm who mails the newsletter.: All else remains as printed.

Submitted June 1, 2019

West Seattle Rock Club, Inc. Brooke Babcock, President Audrey Vogelpohl, Federation Director

Rockhound of the Year –Laurie Ellis

Rules & Awards – Lauren Williams, Bob Gibson

This year the Competitive Exhibit Application looks different from other years. The Hell's Canyon Gem Club has designed the form for Competitive and Non-Competitive cases to be used at their show in Lewiston in October. The form may look different but that is the one to use. Keep working on your Competitive Exhibit. There were no changes to the Competitive rules at the AFMS Rules meeting in Cedar Rapids this year.

Written by Lauren Williams

Approved by Bob Gibson

SEE ADDEDENDUM: CHANGES TO OP COMMITTEE -2 RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Lauren spoke to the proposed changes to the OP Committee – 2. These changes will comply with AFMS competition.

Safety – (Vacant)

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

Activity for the scholarship fund has been light this year. I received a \$20.00 memorial scholarship from the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club to honor Debra Johnson and Bett Wall. Our Hells Canyon Gem Club also sent a \$100 donation to the scholarship. Remember money donated to scholarship fund returns benefits to students in geology who are continuing their education. Every little bit helps these students with their studies so if your club is looking for a donation please consider the AFMS scholarship fund. Mary Lou Northrup

Show Coordination - Pat Lambert

When I receive information from your club about your upcoming show/events, I forward the information to several websites, magazines, and calendars. Magazines send print editions to press several months prior to us seeing the magazine. In order to meet their press deadlines, I need to send your information to them, at least, four months prior to their deadlines.

Some of the magazines like a short description of events happening at your show. Please include a sentence or two (or more) about what events are featured at your show or attach a copy of your show flyer, if it lists events, to the email/snail mail you send me.

Check page two of the NFMS newsletter under show coordination to see the other information I need.
If anyone has a suggestion about other locations that we could use to publicize our shows, please let me know.
Pat Lambert, Show Coordination

Slide/Video - Darrell Watkins

The library has been busy this year. It is nice that our member societies are taking advantage of these resources. I enjoyed attending the AFMS' Annual Convention and Show in Iowa this year and would like to encourage the NFMS clubs/members to submit videos into the AFMS' video contest. I have submitted the information on how to enter into the May/June *Northwest Newsletter*.

We have six new additions to our library. This includes: An AVI/MPEG-4 format DVD "Micro Mounts A - G" by Michael Shaw the AFMS Program Winner 2015, four DVD's donated by Ken Zahn ("What's Hot in Tucson 2012", "Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium 2013", "What's Hot in Munich 2013", and "What's Hot in Tucson 2016"), and from the AFMS' "Treasures of the Earth: Power, Gems, Metals": A PBS NOVA Program. I will be adding these to the Directory.

Stamps - Chuck Sonner

Chuck reported that \$760 was made last year on stamps and \$325 so far this year. He will take all stamps, but be sure to leave a 1/2 inch margin around them if they are on an envelope. Cut, do not tear them. Washington State Grange continues to collect for us. Chuck sells them on the internet. He introduced Ella Vogelpohl of the White Center Eagles Auxiliary, the group coordinating the volunteers who are using the special yarn and filler material provided by the NFMS for the Knitted Knockers project for breast cancer patients. Over 300 pairs have been donated so far. This Eagles group is also now collecting stamps. This group was thanked, as was Paul Heesacker for his donation again of the special filler material.

Supplies - Patty Amos

Essentially all I have are some t-shirts and hats. My email is changed. Packrats2000@yahoo.com.

Ways & Means - Janice Van Cura

Webmaster - Brad Larson

We have a total of 247 members in our Facebook site and every month a steady increase in our website traffic.

Website Competition - Cheri George

Cheri is unable to be at the meeting, but plans to be at the show in the fall. (She lost her desktop to age [most of us know how that works.] and hasn't replaced it yet.)

ALAA (Reporting: Hidemi Kira and Ken Zahn)

We are at a disadvantage since we have no lawyers. We need to attend ALAA and local meetings and write letters to let our opinions be known on protecting public access to land before it becomes a law. Tourists can carry a lot of weight to let them know that if public lands close to collecting they won't be coming to visit. Ken Zahn showed us a law book called NEPA. A discussion followed.

We need to protect lands for collecting. A private, as well as a public, collecting site database needs to be created. Field trips are the most important part of a club. Recreational rock hounds should be an emphasis, not mining. Look for notices in the legal section of the local newspaper about meetings that are being held. SOPA (Schedule of Proposed Actions) – Dept. Of Agriculture meetings.

NFMS SHOW 2019 (Reporting: Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup)

The Lewiston Federation show is on track for October 18-20th. Camping starts as early as Tuesday and is \$35 for entire stay. Camping forms need to in by Sept 15th. Camp hosts will be Walt and Gayle Butler 503-702-5743.

Booklets and forms for the show were handed out to the clubs in attendance, so see your club representatives. If more booklets or forms are needed contact Marylou Northrup from the Hells Canyon Club. Bring rocks for the silent auction!!!

Agenda compiled by Secretary, Judi Allison; Notes taken for minutes of Mid-year meeting by Gayle Butler, Acting Secretary; Notes collated into above document by Secretary, Judi Allison

ADDEDENDUM: CHANGES TO OP COMMITTEE -2 RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Lewiston, ID October 19, 2019 (Presented by Lauren Williams)

I find nothing in the By-LAWS that need changing. Therefore no Resolution is required. All changes are to the OP's which can be done from the floor.

This does not affect anything that was voted on last year, 2018. Last year's voting established a new item 2 in Section 4, Memorial Trophy.

In Part A the first line (a) should be deleted. The Rules committee has nothing to do with non-competitive displays. And re-number the following lines accordingly.

ALL words "Chairman" is replaced by the word "Chair".

Green is what is to be changed – Red is the Justification

OP COMMITTEE -2, RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Subject Duties of the Rules and Award Committee

PART A, GENERAL DUTIES

The Rules and Award Committee shall:

*Administer the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Uniform Rules in the NFMS and supervise their use at the Annual NFMS Show, as directed in the By-Laws.

*Edit, publish, and make available the NFMS Supplementary (Remove word. I have never seen a supplementary rule, only the rule book. A proposal is not a rule) Rules for show competition, pursuant to provisions in the AFMS UNIFORM RULES. These will provide for:

(a) Provisions for non-competitive display. (Remove line. The host society is in charge of all non-competitive displays and all of the floor space they occupy on the floor. We just tell the host society how many competitive displays we have after the deadline for entry is met. The host society decides where to put the cases in with the rest of their displays).

(b) Listing of divisional awards and classes, plus special and memorial awards and trophies.

(c) Special Northwest classes available for regional competition.

(d) Any interpretations or supplemental (Remove word. There is no official supplemental information only the one rule book), information available since publication of the current AFMS Uniform Rules Book, or reference to such information.

(e) Special rules for the show such as: (re-number the lines accordingly)

(1) Hours for placing exhibits.

(2) Opening and closing hours.

(3) Instruction for leaving keys to exhibits for special judging situations. Change to, Faceting and Miniature Minerals.

(4) Any special circumstances not covered in the AFMS Uniform Rules. Typo.

* Plan and provide Host Society with an exhibitor's registration form to be reproduced and included in the Host Society's information packet. (Delete sentence. Published in NFMS Newsletter. Only Host Society gets Host Society club newsletter, the rest of us have to get it in the NFMS Newsletter).

PART B, SPECIFIC DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBER.

SECTION 1, RULES CHAIRMAN

Rules Chairman shall:

*Throughout the year, see that the work of the Rules Committee is being done on schedule and in proper fashion including that assigned to the Judging Director and the Exhibits Registrar (Exhibits Registration Chairman in the AFMS Uniform Rules Book).

*Solicit suggestions for recommended rules changes from NFMS members, and in consultation with the other Committee Members prepare and present suggestions for changes in the Uniform Rules to the AFMS Rules Committee.

*Represent the NFMS at the annual AFMS Rules Committee meeting or prepare an alternate. Compensation will be allowed at a mileage rate no greater than the current round trip economy air fare, or if direct air service is not available then by IRS mileage by the most direct, usually traveled route.

*See that all materials pertinent to the competitive show are purchased and available for the annual show, e.g.:

(a) Award trophies and place ribbons.

(b) Judges & Exhibitors score cards should be sent to Exhibits Registrar **Chair. Added word.**

(c) Rules Committee Chairman may be asked to purchase ribbons need by the Host Society, e.g. paid for by the Host Society – “Host”, “special Awards”, and “Dealer”, and paid for by the NFMS – “Officer”, “Past President”, “Delegate”, “exhibitor”, “judge”, and “clerk”. (This is really confusing to me. The Host Society has been furnishing all of the badges for the show except for the Judgers Ribbons which is the responsibility of the Judging Committee. This line should read “should provide judge badges for all Judges and Clerks”.)

*See that members of the NFMS are kept aware of all current revisions and interpretations of the Uniform Rules. Add “see www.amfed.org for current AFMS Rules).

*Be the final authority on interpretation and application of the Uniform Rules at the Annual Show except that those rules pertaining to judges and judging shall be the responsibility of the Judging Director.

*Maintain records of all past winners and those who have gained eligibility for AFMS competition and see that the ASMS Rules Committee receives copies of this information.

*Oversee the processing and recording of all score cards during the Judging, indicating place awards, division awards and those in contention for the sweepstakes, special and memorial awards.

*Oversee the distribution of all place awards and awarding of trophies.

*Provide a list of all winners to the Northwest Newsletter Editor for Publication.

*Answer questions from the membership regarding nomenclature. Those questions that cannot be answered personally will be referred to the best authority available.

Add:

*Make up Competitive Application (forms) for the applicable show and have them printed in the NFMS Newsletter.

*Tell Host Society that the Judges need a room with two tables and chairs from start of set up time to close of the Awards Banquet.

*Tell Host Society to provide at least three chairs for each Judging Team to use on the floor.

SECTION 2, JUDGING DIRECTOR

Judging Director shall:

*Be responsible for obtaining and appointing sufficient judges and clerks to judge all classification of exhibits at the NFMS Annual Show.

*Prepare judging teams of two (2) or more judges and one (1) or more clerks for NFMS judging. Three (3) member judging teams are mandatory for AFMS trophy judging. A separate judging team or teams may be required for special and memorial trophy awards.

*If at all possible, only one team should judge the cases competing for single division award except in divisions where mixed exhibits are allowed. If this is completely impractical it will be necessary to form a composite team of those involved to re-evaluate the place winners to determine a division winner. This is necessary since each team will judge at a different level and the highest score may not represent the highest quality. Select a composite team with representation from each competitive field to re-evaluate all the blue ribbon winners for election of a sweepstakes winner. This will have to be done for General, Society, and Junior exhibits.

- *See that all material pertinent to judging is obtained and made available e.g. judging forms , 10 X Loupe (microscopes are not allowed anymore), faceting inventories, carrying boxes for faceted stones and micro-mounts, references, rules, etc.
- *Prepare judging teams to do their work. See that they (change to Judges) are made aware of interpretations that have been made and (add) are using up to date rules and revisions.
- *Supervise the judging procedure, making certain that the Uniform Rules are being properly administered as well as the NFMS Supplementary Rules. Delete
- *Be prepared to make any decisions concerning judging procedures on the floor, however any rules interpretations should be referred to the Rules Chairman for final decision.

SECTION 3, EXHIBITS REGISTRAR

Exhibits Registrar shall:

- *Be in charge of receiving applications for Competitive display space for the NFMS Show and AFMS Show when hosted by the NFMS.
- *Work closely with the Display Chairman of the Host Society in planning display arrangement. (Host Society should make this person a member of the Society to comply with AFMS Uniform Rules). (Delete, replace with "and notify Display Chair at least three weeks before the show as to how many Competitive cases there are.")
- *Keep records of all application, checking eligibility of exhibitor to compete in indicated group and Class.
- *Keep the Judging Director and Rules Chairman closely posted as to number of exhibitor in each class.
- *Work with the Host Display Chairman using their general plan to display area to make specific space assignments for competitive displays, keeping in mind convenience for judging teams. (Remove, see above).
- *Prepare a list of non-competitive exhibits for Host Display Chairman who will make these space assignments. (Remove sentence. Host Society is in charge of non-competitive and special displays).
- *Be available during show set-up with sufficient help to assist incoming exhibitors to their proper location and see that the case is properly identified for judges.
- *Supply exhibitor with exhibitor ribbons. (Delete sentence. Ribbons mentioned above.)
- *Prepare a exhibitor card for each competitive display entry and a judges score card for each class for which you have an entry. This should be done prior to the show and be available for the judging Director prior to judging time.
- *Provide application forms, request and status reports for publication in the Northwest Newsletter.