# NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA, REPORTS and MINUTES Friday, October 18, 2019 4:00 PM

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•	Call to	Order Order	Ronna Watkins, President					
•	Pledge	e of Allegiance	Ronna Watkins, President					
•	_	uction of Officers & Chairs	Ronna Watkins, President					
•	Introd	uction of Past Presidents and VIPs	Ken Zahn, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President					
•	Introd	uction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates	Beth Heesacker 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President					
•	Invoca		Pastor Evan Day					
•		ent of Silence	Ronna Watkins					
•		mentarian	Doug True					
•		NESS AT HAND	Doug True					
	0	NFMS Declaration of a Quorum	Clara and Del Walker					
	0	Club Induction	Assembly of Directors					
	0	2020 Annual Show Proposal	Evan Day					
	0	AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle	Judi Allison					
	0	Junior Achievement Presentations	Gayle Butler					
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	0	President	Ronna Watkins					
	0	Executive Secretary	Judi Allison					
	0	Treasurer	Lyle Vogelpohl ADDENDUM I					
	0	Budget – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ken Zahn ADDENDUM II					
	0	Bulletin Aids	NA					
	0	Circulation	Tom Burchard					
		Credentials	Clara & Del Walker					
	0	Custodian-2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Beth Heesacker ADDENDUM III					
	0	Directory	Carol Willey					
	0	All American Club Award	NA					
	0	Endowment Fund	Jim Brain ADDENDUM IV					
	0	Field Trip	Doug True					
	0	Historian	Linda Barlow					
	0	Juniors	Gayle Butler					
	0	Newsletter Editor	Ronna Watkins – Pro Tem					
	0	Nominating	Keith Fackrell					
	0	Northwest Rockhound Retreat	Walt Butler, Lamar Tilgner					
		<ul><li>Presentation</li><li>Past Presidents Council</li></ul>	Judi Allison					
	0	Public Lands Advisory	Jim Bosley					
	0	Public Relations	Open Open					
	0	Resolutions	Audrey Vogelpohl					
	0	Rockhound of the Year	Laurie Ellis					
	0	Rules & Awards	Bob Gibson					
	0	Safety	NA					
	0	Scholarship	Mary Lou Northrup					
	0	Show Coordination	Pat Lambert					
	0	Slide/Video	Darrell Watkins					
	0	Stamps	Chuck Sonner					
	0	Supplies	Patty Amos					
	0	Ways & Means	Janice Van Cura					
	0	Webmaster	Brad Larson					
	0	Website Competition	Cheri George					
	0	ALAA	Hidemi Kira					

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS...

- o Adoption of OP's (corrections/additions)
- o Adoption of Circulation Proposal
- o Election of Officers
- o 2019 NFMS Show

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURNMENT

Rules & Awards Committee ADDENDUM V West Seattle Club ADDENDUM VI

Keith Fackrell Randy Squire

President, Ronna Watkins called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Executive Officers were introduced.

First Vice President, Ken Zahn acknowledged the Past Presidents in attendance: Doug True (current AFMS President), Paul Heesacker, Judi Allison, Hidemi Kira, Jim Bosley, Keith Fackrell, Lauren Williams, And Lyle Vogelpohl. (Chuck Sonner was missed in the initial lineup, but was later acknowledged.)

Second Vice President, Beth Heesacker took charge of the introduction of attendees. The Secretary tallied sixty-four individuals. President, Ronna pointed out that Tony and Sandy Fender of the California Federation were in attendance.

Pastor Evan Day delivered an invocation asking for our proceedings to go well.

**NFMS Declaration of a Quorum** *Credentials Chairs, Del and Clara Walker announced the presence of 22 clubs with 33 delegates and directors. Every state in the Federation but Alaska was represented. Clara then read the names of those without credentials and moved for them to be accepted with voting rights. Paul Heesacker seconded and the motion was carried. With that addition, 29 clubs were represented by 42 delegates/directors.* 

Club Induction Lyle Vogelpohl informed the assembly that the Tualatin Club had applied for reinstatement in 2018 and a new club, Lewis County Rock Club had been formed. Lyle recommended with a motion that the clubs be accepted. Doug True seconded, and the motion was carried by a show of paddles. Chuck Sonner asked that the Lewis County Junior Club also be accepted. Lyle pointed out that there needed to be a separate application. He suggested that more research be done on the requirements and possible ramifications of forming a separate club. Chuck decided the matter should be put on hold. President, Ronna asked for a second vote to cover the acceptance of the representatives of the two additional clubs. The matter was completed and they were accepted.

**2020 Annual Show Proposal** Evan Day stated the proposal by the Golden Spike Club to host the 2020 NFMS Show had been approved by the Past Presidents Council and the Executive Committee. Jim Bosley, Chair of the Past Presidents Council, thanked the club and stated the proposal had been reviewed and negotiated for acceptance. He then made a motion to accept the proposal. Doug True seconded the motion. The Show will be April 10-12, 2020 in Ogden, Utah. Beth asked if the officers were going to be charged show admission. They are not. Ken commented that it will be a great show with three days, a beautiful venue. Evan added that the financial arrangements were the same as in 2015 and that the Golden Spike Club is looking forward to again hosting the Federation. The President then called for the vote which was unanimous. Evan jokingly commented, "Any opposer becomes an automatic volunteer."

**AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle** Judi informed the assembly that she had tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund. The prizes will be given out at the AFMS Meeting in Knoxville, Tenneessee in October of 2020, so members have plenty of time to buy tickets. Prizes are usually listed in the AFMS Newsletter and on the AFMS website, so keep an eye out for them. Tickets are available for \$5 each or 6 for \$20. Ronna presented Kat Koch with a sphere and the Everett Rock and Gem Club with a Mount Ida Quartz. Both were recipients of prizes from the 2019 Endowment Fund drawing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Congratulations to

both!

**Junior Achievement Presentations** Gayle Butler reported there were ten applicants this year: Jesslyn Ilg, Willamette; Jacob Haneberg, Marysville; Isaiah Fu, Cascade; Dustin Peterson, Clackamette; Clairah Moriorty Oregon Agate; Alex Danneman, Cascade; Zoe Ryan, West Seattle; Nadine Marshall, Lakeside; Brenna Baker, Yakima' and Micah Eastwood, Timpanogos. All ten received a certificate and five received a monetary award. Congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

## (Written reports follow with minutes in italics of the day's business following each.)

**President's Report – Ronna Watkins** Welcome to the 2019 Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Annual Meeting.

I am pleased to report that the NFMS is financially and organizationally healthy.

We have come in under budget, we have a stable Endowment Fund, and we are gaining membership societies. Our contribution to the rockhound community and likeminded organizations has had positive impact. Though there are several open chair positions on the NFMS board, our active chairs have accomplished a lot during my term to benefit the NFMS.

- Lauren Williams has written a "NFMS Judges Manual" and he has completed the updates to the NFMS "Rules & Awards Committee's Operation Procedure", to clearly state the committee's operational details and bring them in compliance with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies'. This has been a big job and I thank Lauren for his care and dedication to the competitive displaying in the NFMS.
- Jim Brain, our Financial Advisor, has kept our Endowment Fund Reports up to date, even with the resignation of Jack Edwards; Endowment Fund Chair. We wish Jack and his wife the best for their future and thank him for his years of service to the NFMS. I am grateful to Jim for his vigilance as our Financial Advisor.
- Lamar Tilgner has recruited Walter Butler to fill his chair and continue the work at our Northwest Rockhound Retreat. I thank Lamar and Merlia for their 15 years of dedication and development of our NW Retreat.
- Linda Barlow has coordinated the collection of NW museum information, visited museums, and completed the *NFMS Northwest Museums Directory*; and, copies have been sent to each of our societies. I thank Linda for completing this enormous task of assembling a comprehensive list of museums that are of particular interest to the rockhound community.
- Gayle Butler, our Juniors Chair, has completed a well-executed Junior Achievement Awards contest with a healthy amount of entries. I thank Gayle for her ability to run a contest and move a household at the same time.
- In the absence of a *Northwest Newsletter* Editor, we are still on target for getting six issues out to our membership this year. Linda Barlow edited several issues and Tom Burchard spent hours double checking and updating our mailing list. And, I would be remiss if I did not mention our webmaster, Brad Larson, for his part in all this, of sending out early bird notices and timely posting our newsletter to the website. Thank you, Linda, Tom, and Brad for keeping our organization informed without a glitch.

More NFMS positive impacts to our societies and the community include:

- Diamond Dan's "Mini Miners Monthly" subscriptions were sent to each society.
- Provided many wonderful opportunities for growing in the Lapidary Arts at the Rockhound Retreat; and, we had members from the retreat that volunteered at the Hancock Field Station to share our hobby at their annual family camp.
- We helped bring speakers, displays, and special exhibits to the annual show.
- The Endowment Fund proceeds credited clubs \$1 per member to offset a portion of their federation dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- Our Library helped bring great programs to our societies.
- The Northwest Newsletter published articles and notices of land access concerns.
- Our scholarship honorees awarded two \$4,000 scholarships to two geology grad students.
- Our societies saved stamps and raise over \$700 for cancer.

The NFMS Board has been very busy and so have I. On October 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, I held an Organizational Meeting in Lewiston, ID. The meeting was well attended. In March of 2019 (21-24), I represented the NFMS at the AFMS Annual Convention in conjunction with the Midwest Federation's Annual Convention & Show hosted by the Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society in Iowa. I attended all the meetings held and gave report in the newsletter. I enjoyed exchanging ideas with rockhounds from across the country. Then, on June 1<sup>st</sup> we held our Mid-Year Meeting hosted by the North Idaho Mineral Club. I, also, attended several shows and visited the Northwest Rockhound Retreat. With every visit I was encouraged to see healthy, vibrant clubs and knowledgeable, hospitable leadership. Thank you for the warm welcomes.

In closing, I thank those that have served with me as I have been honored to work with such committed, capable, enthusiastic board members. And, I thank our members for supporting me in sharing our hobby and promoting lapidary arts and rockhounding in all its facets.

President Ronna related that her report was in the packet. She thanked Doug True with the AFMS and Tony and Sandy Fender from the California Federation for their attendance. She also thanked the Hells Canyon Gem Club for hosting the show.

#### Secretary's Report - Judi Allison

Yet another year has slipped by. Where has the time gone? My hope is that the year has been good to all and that, as we embark on another year of NFMS, everyone experiences all the good of our wonderful earth. With the heart of rockhounds who have a caring and loving relationship with the world that surrounds us, let us keep that frame of mind in all we do. Thanks to each one of you who does your part to make this organization what it is. With our endeavors and sharing we can continue to enjoy that which our earth has given while preserving a legacy to pass on to our future generations. I have felt honored to work with all who have served in the various committees and those who have held an office. Since the first day I became involved with the NFMS, I have met so many wonderful people. Thanks to all who have continued to give me a vote of confidence to continue on as your Secretary.

No further comment other than to say thank you for your continued trust in me.

#### NFMS Treasurer-Lyle Vogelpohl See ADDENDUM I

Lyle pointed out that the Treasurer report could be found in Addendum I. He stated that the balance of members has remained fairly steady.

#### Budget – Ken Zahn, 1st Vice President (Report follows) (Budget – See ADDENDUM II

- Attended the Yakima, WA, April 2018 Annual NFMS meeting, the October 2018 NFMS Organizational Meeting in Lewiston, ID, the March 2019 annual AFMS and ALAA meetings in Cedar Rapids Iowa, and the June 2019 NFMS mid-year meeting in Coeur d' Alene ID.
- Accepted a Directorship position in ALAA in March, 2019.
- Provided a summary of issues relating to circulation of the NFMS newsletter to the President at her request.
- Assisted the President of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation in finalizing selection of two 2019-2020 earth-science graduate student scholarship awardees within the NFMS. Awardees were Ian M. Kallio and Ethan L. Coppage of Montana Technological University in Butte, MT. The "Faculty Nominee" for the 2020-2021 school-year selection of candidates for the 2 AFMS Scholarships will be announced after election of the 2020 NFMS President.
- Suggested draft NFMS Committees' 2020 budget allocations considering certain requests and income projections.
- Reviewed AFMS Procedures and NFMS Bylaws; continued reviewing NFMS Operation Procedures for potential changes.
- To learn more about differences in approaches to conducting annual club shows, since the last annual meeting, I visited 17 shows in Billings(2), Hamilton(2), Butte(2), Bozeman(2), and Helena(2) Montana; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Yakima, Washington; Lewiston(2), Idaho Falls, and Coeur 'd Alene, ID; & Ogden, UT.
- Gave classroom and outdoor demonstrations on rock-hounding, etc., to area school classes at teachers' requests.

- Commented on several US Forest Service and BLM draft NEPA and FLPMA documents covering future recreational management of their Federal Land holdings in the Northwest.
- Graded 2018-2019 Junior Achievement Award applications.

Ken added that he attended seventeen shows this last year. Each club did an impressive job. He was also impressed with the Junior programs. Ken urged the assembly to please encourage the clubs to further Junior participation. The Budget Proposal for the 2019-2020 year is in the packet. Paul Heesacker moved for the assembly to accept it as written with permission for monies to be moved around as needed. Del Walker seconded the motion. Acceptance of the budget passed with a show of paddles.

#### **Bulletin Aids –Open**

BEAC – Chair Open - Though there was no chair, some entries were sent to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies BAC contest and several NFMS entries into the Editor's and Website contest received AFMS recognition. Those awards will be presented tomorrow morning at the Editor's Breakfast. Darryl Powell will be our guest speaker. Time: 8:30 a.m. Place: The Red Barn

If you enjoy encouraging others, giving recognition with awards, and hosting breakfast, this chair is for you. (Submitted by Ronna Watkins)

It appears that **Kat Koch** has accepted the position of **BEAC**. Our hearty thanks!

#### Credentials - Clara & Del Walker

By the time you are reading this, our job will be completed. Thank you to all of you who responded by giving us the names of your Directors and Delegates in advance. This makes our job a lot easier.

## Custodian-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Beth Heesacker SEE ADDENDUM III

NFMS INVENTORY SUMMARY, 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

#### **Directory - Carol Willey**

Updating all summer and all is going well. Carol Willey, Directory Lyle has brought the remaining unsold Directories

#### **Education/All American Club Award - Open**

#### Endowment Fund – Jim Brain, Financial Advisor See Financial Report ADDENDUM IV

NFMS Endowment Fund Committee 2018-19 Activity Summary Prepared for the Annual Meeting in Lewiston, ID Committee Members:

> Jack Edwards, Chairperson Lyle Vogelpohl, Treasurer Norma Long, Secretary Jim Brain, Financial Advisor NFMS 1st Vice President Ken Zahn

#### Key events of the year.

1. The Endowment Fund Committee's invested assets managed by Charles Schwab Investments continue to show growth in spite of market instability. The year-end fund balance increased to \$256,576.

October 1, 2019

- 2. This was the first year for the fund operating under the revised operating procedures approved at the Yakima annual meeting. Based on the fund's spending policy (spend 4% of the previous three year average year-end fund balance), the committee had authorization to spend \$9500 from the fund during the year The year started with a spending obligation from a motion passed the previous year to cover the \$1.00 per member dues reduction shortfall in anticipate income to the NFMS. This was estimated to be about \$6250 leaving \$3250 available to spend throughout the year.
- 3. In the September 2018 and February 2019 NFMS newsletters the committee solicited potential programs or projects to be funded by the Endowment Fund with limited success.

- 4. The following spending proposals were received throughout the year and were presented for discussion at the NFMS mid-year meeting in Coeur d'Alene. (Highlighted text is the action taken by the committee on the various proposals.)
  - a. A written proposal suggested we make an annual donation of up to \$1,000 per year to mindat.org. This is a non-profit organization "dedicated to the discovery, study and preservation of mineral species and their history, and to increasing public awareness and appreciation of the mineral kingdom through outreach and education". This proposal was rejected as it conflicted with the fund spending policy that specifies the federation cannot make donations to organizations outside the federation to cover operating expenses.
  - b. There was a verbal proposal from a club to use endowment fund monies to purchase lapidary equipment for their shop that their junior members could use. This proposal was rejected because it would benefit only the local club and have limited benefit to the federation as a whole. It also might have opened up the flood gates for others similar requests that could not be afforded over time.
  - c. Another verbal request with no written follow-up or cost estimate was to pay the cost of filing and maintaining mining claims filed to protect digging areas. Rejected because of lack of details and the fact it could become a permanent obligation that would benefit only the clubs filing the claims.
  - d. From Hidemi Kira. Proposal to develop a traveling exhibit that could be shared between clubs and used at local shows and events. The exhibit would promote the lapidary hobby as well as the NFMS and local clubs. The committee felt this was a good idea and would benefit the federation membership if it didn't cost too much. Before funding we will need a better cost estimate and an individual or group to take a lead to develop and manage the exhibit.
  - e. From the Endowment Fund Committee. Make the \$1.00 credit to individual membership dues that has been in place the past two years a permanent for the next 5 years. Based on current federation membership this would cost about \$6500 per year. There are pros and cons to this proposal. The biggest con is that it will limit the funds available for other proposed projects or programs that would benefit the membership of the federation more because it is a permanent obligation for the next five years. The main pro is that it would benefit every member of the Federation. This will require a vote as it is a modification to the NFMS operating procedures and will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in October in Lewiston.
  - f. From the Endowment Fund Committee. Use Endowment Fund proceeds to pay the expenses of outside speakers or special exhibits at the annual federation shows. Details would be worked out with the hosting club and included in the hosting agreement. Costs would vary each year but could be capped at a fixed amount, say \$3500 per show. This was discussed and received positively at the mid-year meeting. Funds will be used to cover Daryl Powell's travel expenses to be a speaker at the 2019 annual meeting in Lewiston
  - g. From the Endowment Fund Committee. Purchase material from Diamond Dan Publications for use as handouts at local or federation shows. This might include items such as placemats, rock posters etc. The federation would make one large purchase for the year and distribute to member societies of the federation. Set aside say \$5000 per year for this. This was discussed and received positively at the mid-year meeting, but any action has been deferred pending additional discussion and getting a better handle on costs and who would take the lead on such a program.
  - h. From the Endowment Fund Committee as a result of discussions with the Hells Canyon Club who is hosting the next NFMS annual meeting. They suggested using Endowment Fund proceeds to offset some of the costs that run over and above what a club would normally spend for their show. i.e. larger venue, more publicity, outside speakers, etc. Note this is an expansion of item f. above. The Hells Canyon club submitted a cost itemization totaling approximately \$3250. This was discussed at the mid-year meeting and agreement was made by the committee to fund this request.
  - i. From the Endowment Fund Committee. This proposal was to work with the Rice Museum or other regional museums that have major rock and lapidary exhibits whereby the museum would be reimbursed for granting free or reduced admission for NFMS members to the facility. The federation would reimburse the museum for the lost revenue. This would require that members of federation be issued annual membership identification cards and that the museum would have to keep records of how many reduced or free admissions they processed. Action on this proposal was deferred until the committee found out if there was any interest on the part of the Rice Museum.
  - j. From the Endowment Fund Committee. Same as Item i. above but would apply to admission fees for NFMS members attending the shows and activities associated with the annual meeting. *The same requirements as*

mentioned above would apply. When presented at the mid-year meeting there was limited support for this idea.

- 5. Jack Edwards resigned as Chairperson due to duties at his home club and Secretary Norma Long stepped down as committee secretary due to health issues prior to the Mid-year meeting in Coeur d'Alene. (Sadly, Norma passed away in August 2019.) The committee ended the year with two vacant positions.
- 6. We prepared a year-end financial report for the annual meeting that displays the year-end fund balance and summarizes overall fund growth as well as deposits and expenditures for the year.

The Endowment Fund Committee continues to encourage the members of the Federation to identify programs or projects which would provide a maximum benefit to the membership of the federation that could be funded by endowment fund proceeds. Feel free to contact Lyle or myself if you have questions or to share your proposals. Our contact information is in the Federation newsletter.

Prepared by Jim Brain

Financial Advisor (in the absence of a Chairperson and Secretary)

Lyle added to the Endowment fund report by moving to extend the use of the Endowment Fund earnings, when available for the next five (5) years to offset adult dues in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) Paul Heesacker seconded. There was a question as to what exactly that meant. Lyle explained that the dues are now \$3.50 per adult member, but with the \$1.00 offset, clubs will pay only \$2.50 per adult member. The question was then asked for, with a vote in favor of the motion.

#### Field Trip - Doug True

Doug said, "No packet, no news, no nothing. Maybe next year."

#### Historian - Linda Barlow

NFMS HISTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT, OCTOBER 18, 2019

The NFMS Newsletter have been transferred to the Historical files as received. All material received of historical nature pertaining to the NFMS has been maintained and preserved including the Annual Show, copies of the NFMS Annual Meeting Agendas & minutes, the Endowment fund meeting reports, the Junior Achievement contest results, the updated directories, the by-laws and operation procedures, and any special committee reports.

Materials of NFMS meetings and conventions received have been gathered and maintained.

Due to lack of materials from previous years in the historical files, there will be no Historian Display Case at the annual meeting. There will be a Past President's set of display cases at the annual meeting provided by Keith Fackrell. The Past President collection was not loaned to any museum or at the AFMS Show this year. This year the NFMS Museum list was updated and provided to NFMS Webmaster for publication on our website. As a representative of NFMS, I traveled via RV to Alaska via Canada, the Alaska Highway (Alcon), and visited with the Chugach Gem & Mineral Society. My companion and I attended both routine monthly meetings in July that this society holds: the business meeting and the potluck. This is the only society in Alaska belonging to the NFMS. The members verified the Museums on the list and added another place not a museum, the Alaska Geologic Materials Center, which provided us a private tour.

There were no inquiries this year necessitating historical research.

I have kept NFMS members informed of NFMS Historical related activities or information by submitting articles to the NFMS Northwest Newsletter for each publication. These articles were (1) President's Message 1976, (2) Dr. Henry C. Dake, First NFMS President, (3) Portland Oregon Convention 1941, (4) Hell's Canyon Gem Club's 1973 Letter of Invitation to NFMS Annual Show, (5) Historian Facebook summer adventures a & AFMS Woodruff Trophy Runoff Contest 1961, second place by the Rice's of Hillsboro, Oregon, (6) Alaska State Gem story.

There has been no budget or expenditures this year.

### **Juniors – Gayle Butler**

Gayle stated, "You saw my presentation."

Newsletter Editor - Linda Barlow, Ronna Watkins - Pro Tem

Even with all the duties she has fulfilled as President, Ronna has stepped up to publish the Newsletter after Linda Barlow temporarily took up the position. Thanks to both of them for keeping our Federation members informed. The Newsletter is on track with the 6 issues to the members as directed by the bylaws.

Ronna stated we still need a person to do the Newsletter. Gayle said there was a person willing at the Portland Regional Show, only her club is not an NFMS member. Lyle suggested she could become a member at large. Ken jokingly offered to pay her dues.

#### Nominating – Keith Fackrell See Biographies under ADDENDUM V

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

President, Kenneth Zahn

1st Vice President, Beth Heesacker

2nd Vice President, Larry Hulstrom

Secretary, Judi Allison

Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl

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.

Keith stated it has been a pretty good year. We have a great slate of officers running. He then introduced each as willing to serve and do their best. He then asked for any other nominations from the floor. Having received none, he moved to accept the candidates by acclimation. Jim Bosley seconded. The assembly agreed. They will be installed at the banquet.

#### **Northwest Rockhound Retreat - Lamar Tilgner**

Lamar grew this retreat from its infancy and has served as Chairman for 15 years.

Lamar and Merlia were presented with a plaque of appreciation for fifteen years of service as the Chair of the Retreat. Lamar said thanks to all who have gone, and do go if you haven't. Walt Butler will continue as chair. Lamar said that President, Ronna had come to visit this year, and that was the one time an officer had come. Walt added there were 47 campers this year and that OMSI made 703 meals. There are lots of classes and evening programs, so consider next year.

#### Past Presidents' Council – Jim Bosley

The Past Presidents Committee has reviewed the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society's Proposal for the 2020 NFMS Show and found it to be acceptable. We will present the 2020 show proposal to the Board at the annual meeting in Lewiston, Idaho

Jim stated it is in the packet. He added that we need more clubs to volunteer. There is an online guidebook to help you understand the process. It is not onerous. The Secretary can send information on what other clubs have done to create a bid. The Federation will help you be successful.

#### **Public Lands Advisory – Open**

Ronna asked for volunteer to keep an ear to the ground about things that will affect rocks. There was a statement from the assembly that there is no feedback from the federation or the AFMS. Ronna explained that ALAA handles lobbying. It is a private group with annual dues of \$50 for clubs and \$25 for individuals. Doug explained that the AFMS is not one that gives information. He commented that many in the East have little interest in the public lands as Banket Jones property has become what is Federal land east of the Mississippi. He talked about hearsay not always being correct. A club may hear bad news about a closure. Sometimes it is not true. He stated what's important with the government, in order to be noticed, is numbers.

Ken suggested several options for every club to know what goes on in each area. There is a major guide. There are two types of plans: Forest Plan and Travel Plan. Meetings must be advertised and must be published and announced in papers of local interest in the legal section. Plans are usually proposed to be in place for about a ten-year period. Members should participate in the meetings. Very few are attending. Most of those who attend want wilderness.

Information at the local level is listed in the local office that manages the Forest Service or BLM. Bill Clark shared that Washington State Mineral Society shares Washington information. He had recently attended a meeting and agreed that one has to be active and advocate for rockhounds and the like. Ask rockhounds to reach out and write their own letter. Ronna recommended for Linda Barlow to become a RAC.

Ken stated the ALAA newsletter is on line. Doug added that we need to work from all perspectives. Walt Butler added that he gets weekly emails from Lenore Smith and reads all the information she sends.

Beth explained that ALAA is a lobbying group, but the NFMS, as a 501(c)(3), can't lobby. When she served as editor she put information in the newsletter from ALAA if it was not political.

During the discussion and exchange Susie Koppert from the MT Hood Club volunteered to serve as PLAC Chair. It was suggested she read page 26 of the Directory right away, as the duties are listed there. Thanks so much, Susie for volunteering to fill this important position.

#### Resolutions - Audrey Vogelpohl

Audrey reminded the assembly that bylaw changes require a ninety day notice. There are two items to vote on, which we will do in further business. Ronna added her thanks to Audrey for reviewing the resolutions and offering input and corrections.

#### Rockhound of the Year -Laurie Ellis

Hello Rockhounds! We had several transitions over the last year. Apologies for any inconvenience. We are sorted out and looking forward to seeing more nominations, and hearing how these rockhounds have contributed to your club. I have set up an email dedicated to Rockhound Of The Year nominations. This email is **nfmsroy@gmail.com** It's not too soon to plan your next nomination. Feel free to send questions or comments. Thank you, Laurie Ellis

Laurie reiterated about the dedicated email (shown above) as she gets a lot of junk mail and this will help her be sure to see your submissions.

#### Rules & Awards -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 VI: CHANGES TO OP COMMITTEE -2 RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bob Gibson pointed out that information is in Addendum V. He stated the committee is in desperate need of members. Members serve for a three year period rotating through the positions.

#### Safety - Open

Ronna pointed out this position is open and asked if anyone would like to serve as **Chair**. **Kathy McLean** of the Rock Rollers said, "Maybe". After some jovial interactions and suggestions, she agreed to take on the position. Ronna pointed out that a chair could submit "dumb things" as a previous Chair had come to the annual meeting in a neck brace because he had fallen off a ladder and subsequently wrote about the mishap. The AFMS Chair, Ellery Borow was mentioned as a resource. Ken suggested Kathy read the description of the position in the bylaws. Thank you Kathy!

#### Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

Our Northwest Scholarship Committee has been a little slow again this year. Early in the year Hells Canyon Gem Club donated \$100 and Yakima Rock and Gem gave a \$20 memorial scholarship gift. Just lately a \$25 memorial gift for Norma Long was given by Jerry and Mary Lou Northrup from Hells Canyon Gem Club/Remember, please, if your club is looking for a place for a donation this s a very worthwhile place to help students further their education. Even a small donation is welcome and appreciated.

Audrey added a story about a past scholarship awardee. In 2014 she and Lyle selected two continuing students. Kevin Delong attended the Central Washington University. A question that Audrey and Lyle asked in 2014 was, "What will you be doing in 2019?" Kevin's description of a moon mission as a geologist on a crater painted a vivid picture. He has since communicated with them and is pursuing watershed science and policy in Sacramento. He still wants to be an astronaut someday. Audrey suggested that he should apply for Mars. Thank you for sharing, Audrey.

#### **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

No entries to the AFMS Video/Slide Programs Contest have been received from the NFMS. Deadline is November 15, 2019. So, there is still time to enter. I submitted the information on how to enter into the May/June *Northwest Newsletter* and a reminder in the August/September *Northwest Newsletter*.

The new video from the AFMS Video/slide Program Chairman has been received. "Treasures of the Earth: Power, Gems, Metals" from PBS' NOVA.

The library has been busy this year. It is nice that our member societies are taking advantage of these educational resources.

I enjoyed attending the AFMS' Annual Convention and Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa this year.

I have not started to convert slides to disc, because I have not purchased the equipment budgeted for yet.

#### **Stamps - Chuck Sonner**

Chuck Sonner stated the dollar amount he sent to Lyle this year netted over \$500. He asked why there are not more stamps with rocks. There are only a few states that have a gem, rock and fossil. We need to encourage all states to have all three, then maybe we could get more stamps with rocks on them,

#### **Supplies - Patty Amos**

Ronna let the membership know that supplies were for sale at the Federation table. There are small and medium t-shirts, a few hats and some old pins.

#### Ways & Means - Janice Van Cura

#### Webmaster - Brad Larson

Hello All,

We currently have 259 in our NFMS Facebook group. Statistics from 1 October 2018 thru 8 October 2019

Total hits or views on our <a href="http://northwestfederation.org">http://northwestfederation.org</a> site are as follows:

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2018	2019	Percentage Gain Type of web connection
2645	2795	105.67% Desktop/Laptop
948	1290	136.08% Cell Phone/Mobile
305	327	107.21% Tablet
3898	4411	113.16% Total connections

Based on the numbers above, we are increasing usage on all types of web connections!! Top 10 states who have visited our web site:

- 1. Washington = 1,168
- 2. Oregon = 955
- 3. Illinois = 412
- 4. Idaho = 246
- 5. California = 213
- 6. Montana = 173
- 7. Utah = 122
- 8. Virginia = 79
- 9. Texas = 54
- 10. Colorado = 43

Note this is just the top 10 states, I have not included any other states or countries that have visited our web site. Thank you for letting me be your webmaster for the NFMS.

#### **Website Competition - Cheri George**

Presentations will be made at the Editors' Breakfast on Saturday, October 19, 2019

Ronna reported that Cheri couldn't get her local club to change the date of their show, so she was unable to make it. There will be a presentation tomorrow at the Editors/Webmasters Breakfast.

#### ALAA - Hidemi Kira

Hidemi is now serving as Vice President of ALAA. If your club or you are a member and you are not getting the newsletter, check on it. The government will close areas if it assumes they are not being used, so we need to be more vocal. Doug added that there will be an ALAA meeting at Quartzite on January 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm. There will be speakers. On Sunday, as previously, there will be a land cleanup. We have partnered with BLM in this endeavor. Lauren urged members to be an individual joiner. Ronna is the current membership chair for ALAA. The Oregon Council is working on cleanup at Hampton Butte. The subject of partnering with others for visibility and cooperation rounded out the discussion.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS...

#### Adoption of OP's (corrections/additions) Rules & Awards Committee ADDENDUM V

Lauren, speaking for the Rules and Awards Committee stated that they had done a "meatball surgery" on the operating procedures. Jim Bosley moved to accept the changes as written in Addendum V. Doug True seconded. Two questions ensued. Walt Butler pointed out a spelling error, which will be corrected. Beth Heesacker asked about the viability of a club creating its own display applications as in the case of the Hells Canyon Club. It was deemed to be okay. With those questions answered, a vote was called. Motion passed with a show of paddles.

#### Adoption of Circulation Proposal West Seattle Club ADDENDUM VI

Audrey Vogelpohl presented the proposal in the form of a motion from the West Seattle Club. Paul Heesacker seconded the motion. Jim Bosley asked about the fact that nothing was written about receipt of the newsletter

through email. Beth explained that the receipt of online Newsletters were not handled by Circulation. If a club is interested, the webmaster sends a notice of the newsletter being on the website to a designated contact. That person in turn passes the information on to their club members. Ken pointed out that the proposal does not change or add any duties of the Circulation Chair, it simply creates a position and Bylaw entry for what is already being done. Beth then said that she polled her members about the online newsletter and only two in the club were actually reading it. Due to the poor response of the members reading the on-line version, she returned the club to the hard copy. Lyle reminded members that copies go to each household as part of their Clubs' dues payment. The motion was then brought to the floor for a vote and was approved by the assembly of directors.

## 2019 NFMS Show - Randy Squire

Although Randy was the chair of the show, he was busy, so Jerry Northrup reluctantly addressed the membership. He stated the show is going on fine. They are making a profit. People are helping out. He thanked folks for the donations to the silent auction.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Doug reminded everyone that there will be a live auction in the Little Red Barn, Sunday at 2:00 pm. There will be around 30 lots, so bring your money.

Ronna asked delegates and directors to please remember to turn in their paddles. With that the meeting was adjourned.

ADDENDUM I: TREASURER'S REPORT Membership

## NFMS MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2018-2019

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Gold Hill Diggers Rock Club	1	16	5	-	14	5		
Hells Canyon Gem Club	1	96	21	-	95	22	0	2
Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	1	177	0	-	152	0	-25	
Idaho Gem Club	1	334	47	1	204	28	-149	1
Magic Valley Gem Club	1	63	6	1	60	6	-143	
North Idaho Mineral Club	1	51	7	1	53	13	-3	1
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	1	233	5	-	184	10	-44	
Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	1	52	20	1	59	4	-44	
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Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	1	141	13		110	1	11	
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Society	1			1	113	13	-28	11
Butte Mineral & Gem Club			51	1	190	40	-49	
Heligate Mineral Society	1	99	0	1	91	6	-2	
Kalispell Rock Hound Club	1	79	12	1	91	20	20	
Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	1	16	0	1	14	0	-2	
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Far West Lapidary & Gen Society	1	171	0	1	162	0	9	
Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	1	136	4	1	109	5	-26	
Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	1	62	10	1	58	9	-5	1
Malheur County Rock & Gem Club		35	0	1	52	0	17	
Mount Hood Rock Club	1	16	1	1	16	. 1	0	
Oregon Agate & Mineral Society	1	319	30	1	218	28	-103	1
Oregon Coast Agate Club	1 1	114	16	1	123	33	26	
Oregon Trail Gem & Mineral Society	1 1	18	0	1	19	0	1	
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Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	1	178	36	1	194	45	25	
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	1	151	12	1	218	21	76	
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Bellevue Rock Club	1	69	0	1.	55	0	-14	
Cascade Mineralogical Society	1	41	1	1	64	4	26	***************************************
Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association	1	100	.1	1	118	0	17	
Darrington Rock & Gem Club	1	12	1	1	20	0	7	
East Kingco Rock Club	1	56	8	1	46	12	-6	
Everett Rock & Gem Club	1	156	18	1	161	24	11	3
Grays Harbor Geology & Gem Society	1	43	4	1	49	. 2	4	
Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	1	211	0	1	206	0	-5	2
Lakeside Junior Rock Club	1	0	20	1	0	42	22	_
Lewis County Rock & Gem Society - New Club	0	0	0	1	81	0	81	
Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	1	118	13	1 2	128	17	14	
Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	1i	137	25	1	130	24	-8	4
Marysville Rock & Gem Club	1	119	30	1	112	28	-9	
Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club	1	53	0	1	58	2	7	A 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
North Puget Sound Facetors Guild	1	33	0	1	33	0	0	700000
Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	1	94	0	1	84	0	-10	
Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	1	231	42	1	303	59	89	
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Rock Wolves	1	22	0	1	22	0	0	
Rocky Trails Junior Rockhound Club	1	. 0	36	1	1	26	-9	
Seattle Faceting Club	1	11	0	1	12	0	1	-
Skagit Rock & Gem Club	1	41	0	1	46	2	7	
Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	1	139	5	1	83	7	-54	
Washington Agate & Mineral Society	1	34	3	1	47	5	15	
West Seattle Rock Club	1	54	10	1	45	10	-9	
Whidbey Island Gem Club	1	69	0	1	86	0	17	2
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	1	73	29	1	72	33	3	5
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#### ADDENDUM III: NFMS INVENTORY SUMMARY, 2019 ANNUAL REPORT October 5, 2019

**PRESIDENT**: Ronna Watkins – Small Case with Mini Flags and gavel

1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Kenneth Zahn – No items. 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Beth Heesacker – No items.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**: Judi Allison -- 7 Estwing Rock Hammers, 1 Pyle Speaker Assembly with 2 wireless microphones, 3 Reams NFMS letterhead paper, 14 10x12 Envelopes, 60 NFMS Envelopes, 4 Old Tie Tacks, Archived Minutes from Past Meetings, 1 four-drawer File Cabinet.

**TREASURER**: Lyle Vogelpohl – One 1-drawer filing cabinet and one calculator. Forty-four 2018-2019 Directories that I have been unable to forward to Patty Amos.

**PAST PRESIDENT**: Jim Bosley – Box containing display items for Past President's case and small suitcase of cabochons from the NFMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display. See list at end of this report provided by Keith Fackrel.

## NFMS COMMITTEES 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 donated this year. Items include: • Minutes of Annual Conventions and Mid-year meetings. Correspondence through the years of Officers & Committee chairpersons. • Mineralogist Magazines. NFMS Manuals. & 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: Ronna Watkins – No report submitted.

*NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT*: Lamar Tilgner – No items.

RULES AND AWARDS: Lauren Williams – 1 - metal box with histories and forms about judging; 1 - box of ribbons to be awarded for judging; 1 - box of supplies - pencils, clip boards, erasers, scissors, stapler, etc.; 2 - boxes of plaques to be awarded, should last two more years; 1 - large society plaque; 1 - small society plaque SLIDE AND VIDEO LIBRARY: Darrell Watkins – Please add these videos to the inventory (plus 5 DVD's): An AVI/MPEG-4 format DVD "Micro Mounts A - G" by Michael Shaw the AFMS Program Winner 2015 "What's Hot in Tucson 2012", "Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium 2013", "What's Hot in Munich 2013" "What's Hot in Tucson 2016" "Treasures of the Earth: Power, Gems, Metals": A PBS NOVA Program. Please remove: DVD #43 "Opal Fever" by Mike & Cory Piper Tape #28 "Wire Wrapping" by Alice Turner .STAMPS: Chuck Sonner – Two stamp albums and a few sets left to sell.

SUPPLIES: Patty Amos – No report submitted.

#### NFMS COMMITTEES HOLDING NO FEDERATION EQUIPMENT OR OTHER ITEMS

BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Kenneth Zahn – No items.

BULLETIN AIDS: Vacant. Ronna Watkins Stand-in. No report submitted.

CIRCULATION: Tom Burchard - No items.

CREDENTIALS: Del & Clara Walker – No items.

CUSTODIAN: 2nd Vice President – No items.

DIRECTORY: Carol Willey – No report submitted.

EDUCATION: Vacant.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Jim Brain - No items.

JUNIORS: Gayle Butler – No items.

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

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

PUBLIC LAND ADVISORY: Vacant.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Vacant.

RESOLUTIONS: Audrey Vogelpohl – No items.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR Laurie Ellis - No report submitted.

SAFETY: Vacant.

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup – No report. SHOW COORDINATION: Pat Lambert – No items. WAYS & MEANS: Janice Van Cura – No items. WEBMASTER: Brad Larson - No items.

#### ADDEDENDUM V: 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.

#### 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 Rules for show competition, pursuant to provisions in the AFMS UNIFORM RULES. These will provide for:
  - (a) Listing of divisional awards and classes, plus special and memorial awards and trophies.
  - (b) Special Northwest classes available for regional competition.
- (c) Any interpretations or information available since publication of the current AFMS Uniform Rules Book, or reference to such information.
  - (d) Special rules for the show such as:
    - (1) Hours for placing exhibits.
    - (2) Opening and closing hours.
    - (3) Instruction for leaving keys to exhibits for Faceting and Miniature Minerals.
    - (4) Any special circumstances not covered in the AFMS Uniform Rules.

## PART B, SPECIFIC DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBER.

#### SECTION 1, RULES CHAIRMAN

Rules Chair 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 Chair 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.
  - (c) Rules Committee Chair 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. 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 AFMS 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.

- \*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, faceting inventories, carrying boxes for faceted stones and micro-mounts, references, rules, etc.
- \*Prepare judging teams to do their work. See that Judges are made aware of interpretations that have been made and are using up to date rules and revisions.
- \*Supervise the judging procedure, making certain that the Uniform Rules are being properly administered.
- \*Be prepared to make any decisions concerning judging procedures on the floor, however any rules interpretations should be referred to the Rules Chair 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 Chair of the Host Society 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 Chair closely posted as to number of exhibitor in each class.
- \*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.
- \*Prepare an 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.

## Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

## By-Laws

ARTICLE X
Committees, Section 2 (a)
Add <u>Circulation</u>

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 <u>laels</u> 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