

**NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**September 11, 2021 10:00 am Via ZOOM (link below)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83294023278?pwd=Mm93dzkvMDBxSm9VdHV3MW05Tlgzd09>

- Call to Order Beth Heesacker, President
- Pledge of Allegiance Beth Heesacker, President
- Parliamentary Evan Day
- Introduction of Officers & Chairs Beth Heesacker, President
- Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs Larry Hulstrom, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates Darrell Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Invocation Pastor Evan Day
- Moment of Silence Beth Heesacker – President
- Credentials Clara & Del Walker
- Resolution: Electronic meetings Bylaws Revisory Committee (With vote)

This and Endowment Resolution Addendum IV

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- President Beth Heesacker
- Executive Secretary Judi Allison
- Treasurer Linda Harvey Addendum I
- Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Larry Hulstrom (With vote) Addendum II
- Bulletin Aids Kat Koch
- Circulation Tom Burchard
- Custodian-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Darrell Coyle Addendum III
- Directory Carol Willey,
- All American Club Award OPEN
- Endowment Fund Jim Brain (Resolution – with vote)
- Field Trip Doug True
- Historian OPEN
- Juniors Gayle Butler
- Newsletter Paul Heesacker
- Nominating Ken Zahn (With Vote)
- Northwest Rockhound Retreat Walt Butler
- Past Presidents Council Jim Bosley
- Public Lands Advisory Susie Koppert
- Public Relations OPEN
- Resolutions Audrey Vogelpohl
- Rockhound of the Year Laurie Ellis
- Rules & Awards Darrell Coyle
- Safety Kathy McLean
- Scholarship Mary Lou Northrup
- Show Coordination Pat Lambert
- Slide/Video Darrell Watkins
- Stamps OPEN
- Supplies Patty Amos
- Ways & Means Janice VanCura
- Webmaster Brad Larson
- Website Competition OPEN
- ALAA OPEN

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS. . .**

2022 Host needed

2023 AFMS/NFMS Show – Billings Gem and Mineral Club Hosting – THANK YOU  
NFMS Scholarship Honoree and Recipients - Beth  
Installation of Officers – Doug True  
Presentation of Hammer – Judi Allison  
Closing Remarks/Announcements

## ADJOURNMENT

### ***2021 Meeting minutes – in italics – Followed by reports and Addendums distributed prior to the meeting.***

Since the meeting took place on September 11<sup>th</sup>, **President, Beth Heesacker** asked for a **Moment of Silence on this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11** in honor of first responders, those who were lost and their families.

She then opened the meeting with a welcome to all, even though she said it was early for her. Beth then led the Pledge of Allegiance, displaying a handheld flag through her monitor.

**Evan Day**, as the **Parliamentarian**, stated that we are operating under the emergency orders the same as our previous ZOOM Meetings. He stated even with an early vote on the meeting resolution, nothing goes into effect until the end of the meeting

**Introductions** were then made by Beth Heesacker, Larry Hulstrom and Darrell Coyle. **The entirety of attendees follows.**

**Directors and Delegates:** Mike Rose and Bill Johnson, North Idaho; Bill Harvey and Gordon Hale, Tualatin Valley; Pat Lambert-Show Coordination, Lakeside; Mike Filarski, Hatrockhounds; Paul Heesacker-Newsletter (Past President), and Denise Harrison, Clackamette; Susie Koppert-PLAC, Mt. Hood; Ronna (Past President), and Darrell Watkins-Librarian, Yakima, Doug True, Billings (Past President), (AFMS Past President: Ken Zahn-ByLaws Revisory (ad hoc), Bitterroot (Past President), Mary Lou-Scholarship and Jerry Northrup, Hells Canyon. (15 representatives from 10 clubs, 4 states)

**Others present:** Clara and Del Walker-Credentials, Kathy McClean-Safety, Evan Day-Parliamentarian, Jim Brain-Endowment, Jennifer Haley – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP nominee, Darrell Coyle-2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Custodian, Larry Hulstrom-1<sup>st</sup> VP-Budget, Beth Heesacker-President, Judi Allison-Secretary (Past President), Linda Harvey-Treasurer, Josh Stone-Guest, Scholarship Recipient.

Clara then acknowledged the **Directors and Delegates**. They were given instructions to use the thumbs up or hand icon on the zoom app or their own hand when voting.

Pastor, **Evan** offered the **Invocation**.

**Beth** called for information of **losses in members** this last year. Several folks offered names of those lost in their individual clubs, some by natural causes and some from Covid 19. She asked for an additional moment of silence in their remembrance.

**Ken** introduced the **Resolution to Conduct Official Business Electronically**. Hearing no comments or objections, Ken proposed to adopt the resolution. Clara then spoke up with one comment. It doesn't address the credentials aspect. Ronna spoke to this pointing out the operating procedures could follow to address such specifics. Ken stated all the procedures for credentialing are in the op's so that makes the process much easier to address such. Evan pointed out, as parliamentarian, that the Resolutions includes the term "appropriately credentialed" and the op's will say how. Ken stated it will show we have a process to go by. He then made a motion to accept the Resolution. Paul seconded. Evan stated no second was needed since the motion came from a committee. With a show of hands-virtual- Beth stated there were enough votes - it is adopted.

**The next order of business included reports, many of which were in the packets. (If nothing is written in these minutes, the information presented stood as written in the reports.)**

**Linda** thanked everyone for helping her and having patience during her learning period.

**Larry** pointed out the **Budget in addendum II** was a bit of a challenge to create with everything going on or not going on-retreat, show. The proposal hopefully covers and addresses all that is needed to continue through the next year. He asked for any questions. Hearing none, he moved to accept the proposed budget with the authority to reallocate funds within the budget as needed. Darrell Coyle seconded it. With a thumbs up vote, the budget was adopted.

With **Darrell C's** comment about the **custodial information** being in the packet, Beth commented that she had the President's briefcase to pass on. Larry asked if Ronna still had the cabochon and Past Presidents' cases.

Darrell Watkins said, "We sold them", which brought a chuckle. Ronna does still have them. Ken offered to take care of them, since there was no venue to display them last year. Ronna added she did not have the opportunity to take care of them either. Larry suggested they could work together to set them up, since it takes three cases for the display.

At this point, **Judi interjected and suggested we ask our Scholarship recipient to speak** so he would not need to stay for the entire meeting. Beth began by stating that she had chosen Nick Zentner as the honoree, who in turn chose two students from Central Washington; **Joshua Stone** and Lulu Garcia.

Joshua then spoke with thanks, as the funds will help fund his lab time for his Master project. He is working on development of a uranium lead dating method which will necessitate a great deal of lab time. Beth mentioned she had taken a number of You Tube Classes at Central Washington with Nick Zentner and was happy to choose him as the honoree. Josh stated that people know Nick's name by his videos. Thanks were given to Josh for sharing before he left the meeting.

**Jim** then spoke to the **Second Resolution** from the **Endowment Committee** discussing the need to include authorization of how to deal with unused unrestricted funds

Jim read the proposed addition and Evan suggested he make a motion since there was a need to vote on it. He added that the Endowment Committee might consider a bylaws change revealing exactly what they are doing. Jim then put the proposal in the form of a motion and asked for discussion. Ken made an aside comment as a suggestion. He stated that as Second Vice President one simply is in charge of the custodial aspect. Perhaps the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP could be assigned the responsibility of attending the Endowment meetings. It might foster more suggestions for endowment use. Jim agreed that such a suggestion was a good idea for the future. A vote was then taken and the proposal was passed.

**Doug** commented that the **Field Trip** information was in the packet. Since he was monitoring the meeting while working, he took the opportunity to touch on other things. He sponsored a show in Great Falls that was very successful. Seventy-six people signed up with an interest of forming a club. In July, he did the same in Miles City. Eighty-seven people there want to start a club. He suggested that others consider unserved communities in their areas, and perhaps try the same tactic. It can be a way for our membership to grow rather than wane. As Chairman of two committees of AFMS they continue their work on creating a more user friendly website with a more comprehensive interactive focus on the Junior program. Those who were able to see the presentation at the AFMS Show in Big Piney, Wyoming agreed that the process, although onerous, is coming along in an impressive manner. As **ALAA President** he stated they are taking a different direction in working WITH entities. They have been working closely with BLM and others. The Bear Canyon area is set aside now. Judi suggested after Doug's input that we should all give him kudos for his activism and volunteerism. Thank you Doug.

Although **Gayle Butler** was unable to attend for lack of internet service, she passed on the word that the three entries for **Junior Achievement Award** were in the same family in separate categories. Although she wasn't able to have everything completed for the meeting, the names and awards will be listed in the next newsletter.

**Paul** stated, as was in his report that **we will be in need of a newsletter editor**. The last issue he will be in charge of will be the October issue. If anyone knows someone, or if you enjoy editing a newsletter, please let the executive committee know. **This is a vital part of keeping our membership informed.**

**Ken** read the roster of **nominees for the executive committee** for the following year: Larry Hulstrom, President; Darrell Coyle, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Jennifer Haley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Judi Allison, Secretary; Linda Harvey, Treasurer. He then asked for additional nominations from the floor. Since there were no additions, and there was only one nominee for each position he proposed that the President declare the slate as adopted. Beth then declared them as adopted, which brought a small chuckle from Evan. Judi asked since we were adopted, did that mean she would take on financial responsibility for us. Darrell then asked, "Mom, can I have chocolate cake for my birthday?" Beth told us all she was sorry, but she wouldn't be able to adopt any of us. Her focus has turned exclusively to minerals. She edits two large mineralogical newsletters and has joined the Friends of Mineralogy. She stated, although she is sure our paths will continue to cross, she had to make a decision to hone in on one thing and give up some others. She and Paul are dropping their membership in the NFMS to make that happen.

Since **Past Presidents' Council** was next on the agenda, Judi let the membership know that she had sent a request to the council to vote on the **Billings Gem and Mineral Club's Proposal to host the combined**

**NFMS/AFMS show in 2023.** She further informed those in attendance that the council heartily approved. She then brought the proposal to the executive committee for their approval. Doug then gave an overview of the club's plans thus far. He said they are looking at a couple of facilities. Within the next few months they will write up a formal proposal. He also mentioned that he would set up a special silent auction for the endowment fund to go toward helping preserve the library slides. He jokingly stated the club voted to do a show, since there was "new blood and they hadn't bled too much yet - not knowing what they were getting into." They are hoping for a date near the first part of May. Ken then made a motion to accept the proposal and Ronna seconded it. The motion carried enthusiastically.

**Susie** reported that she has been **attending a lot of ZOOM meetings** with BLM, Forestry and USDA. They have been really positive. There seems to be a record number becoming excited about and beginning to collect rocks. The BLM has been especially positive. She continues to attempt to get a seat on the advisory committee. She keeps applying and checking. Judi asked if she could send a report to the Newsletter, and offered to edit if for her. Evan stated he had tried many times during the five years he followed in Utah to get on the advisory committee with BLM. He said he never did make it, but they knew him and his relationship to rockhounding. He advised Susie to keep plugging. She said she keeps trying. Evan then made the rhetorical comment, "Hang in there, baby."

**Judi** mentioned that there were no submissions for **Rockhound of the Year** from the Northwest Federation. She suggested there is still time to honor a member; perhaps someone who has kept the club going with zoom meetings or reaching out to members. Consider honoring someone.

**Darrell C.** addressed the **Rules and Awards** issue. As he pointed out, since there was no show, there was no judging. But there is also a lack of individuals to serve. This is the end of his third year and he will be coming up as President soon, so he has been looking for ideas and answers. Larry brought up that Ronna and his son, Josh, had both expressed interest in volunteering for this committee. As Darrell stated, someone would need to jump to Judging Director, since both it and the Registrar are vacant. Darrell brought up the fact that it states the Chairman of the Committee is to "be allowed at a mileage rate no greater than the current round trip economy air fare, or if direct air serve is not available, the by IRS mileage by the most direct, usually traveled route" to addend and represent the NFMS at the AFMS Rules Committee meeting." (Which is generally held at the AFMS convention.) That reimbursement could be an added incentive to have people fill the position. Darrell also suggested that club directors or delegates might be used to serve as clerks and possibly judges, since some clubs pay for their attendance at the meetings. He stated there was a candidate who, because of cost of travel, felt they could not accept. Judi mentioned that the person was a Junior, which would have been a big plus. Evan suggested the possibility of considering a rewording in Article 8 to perhaps allow the executive board the latitude to approve such things, then the requests could be taken to the operating procedures class where a more immediate proposal and vote could be taken. Darrell agreed that a lack of reimbursement is a hindrance to getting individuals to step forward. Larry suggested that he, Darrell, Ronna and Josh meet on ZOOM for continued brainstorming and discussion. It was mentioned that the Junior member who had been asked was Nadine Marshall from the Lakeside Club. Ronna pointed out that Brenna Baker from the Yakima club was also a very active Junior member who would be a plus on the Rules and Awards committee. We will get an article in the next newsletter outlining this plight and request for volunteers.

**Mary Lou** reported that the only money received for **Scholarships** was \$681 from the Hells Canyon Club as two separate memorials.

Evan interjected that he was looking at OP 2 in the Rules and Awards Committee and that we could pass an OP right now to pay the "folks" (members of the committee) Doug felt it should be published first in order not to blindside people. Evan agreed that the wording would need to be figured out.

**Darrell W.**, as **Librarian**, mentioned the midyear discussion about attempting to preserve shows by putting them on videos He said they (he and Ronna) had looked through and categorized the types. There are collections of Federation Shows that perhaps would not be ones to reproduce. He suggested that perhaps the AFMS could take up the cost of preserving some AFMS slide shows. He was unsure about saving some made by individuals. He has marked a number of historical shows that appear worthy of saving. The cost of reproducing an program can vary from \$100-300. Ronna stated they went through the list of all slide material and lapidary art and inspected them for educational value. Perhaps the cost of some of the Historical ones could come from

the Historian's budget. Maybe the AFMS could take on the AFMS shows. Some are particular to a particular region. Ronna stated that several regions have already destroyed their slides.

Ronna will make a specific list and categorize them. Jennifer (as AFMS Historian) asked that Darrell send her an email with the titles and such and perhaps she could present the idea to AFMS as a line item for the Historian budget. She also stated she has a scanner and might be able to do some. Larry suggested the list be distributed first so a discussion can ensue about those seemingly worthy of saving. Evan said the board can do this. Doug stated that at the 2023 show he will donate material for a live auction and the funds will be designated to go to that project. Darrell W. made an aside that some of the library has been exposed to the internet. We need to protect our material. Judi asked about the dollar amount per program in order to have an idea of the size of the budget needed. Darrell said it costs about \$100 to reproduce a slide show with approximately 80 slides. He added that programs vary from perhaps 100 slides to a much greater number. Ken said he had seen an ad on TV for "Legacy Box" where one sends the slides and they will convert the whole box for one price; maybe \$350. Ronna pointed out that is simply for the scanning of the slides. It doesn't include the audio and editing to sync the sound and video. There are three costs: transfer, editing and adding audio. The majority of the cost is editing. Beth ended the discussion with a comment that we need to be mindful of not violating any copyrights.

We are without a stamp chairperson. Beth asked if there was any individual who would help with that. One can read the duties of a stamp chairperson in the Operating Procedures. If you enjoy collecting stamps, this might be a position you could take on quite readily.

Our **Website Competition Chair** position is also **open**. Ronna did present the plaque for the year. **The winner of the 2021 contest is Mark Holm of the Cascade Mineralogical Society.** Check out their website and you will see what he has accomplished. We thank Cheri George for her many years of service as the Website Competition Chair. Ronna stated that in the interim, she will accept any entries into the contest. Please consider this taking on this position.

**Ronna and Jennifer, ALAA Vice President**, both spoke on the ALAA, stating, as Doug had, that the ALAA is going in a new direction. They are reaching out to Forest Service, State Parks and such by helping, not complaining. **Ronna is the new membership chair.** She urged those present to get their clubs to join or renew membership and also encouraged individuals to join. If there are things going on in your area pass on the information. Doug thanked Jennifer for the article she wrote for the ALAA Newsletter. He added that he will be getting with them to continue work with ALAA.

**Beth put out a plea for the 2022 Show and Convention.** Judi offered enough centerpieces and individual favors that could be used for a banquet. It would save time and money for any club who agreed to host.

Before the installation of officers began, Ken brought up the point of the By-laws Committee and asked about an appointment for its continuation for next year. Evan stated either Beth can do it or Larry can as an incoming President.

Doug then conducted the installation, stating Larry, Darrell, Jennifer, Linda and Judi were chosen by their fellow members to carry on and follow the bylaws to continue the growth and wellbeing of the federation. He then asked if each accepted the responsibility; to which all replied in the affirmative. Larry then proposed a continuation of the By-laws Committee for another year by direct authority.

Judi presented Beth with the Estwing Hammer engraved with her name and dates of service along with a certificate stating appreciation of her year as "NFMS First Virtual President".

Beth thanked everyone and stated she had really enjoyed the year and board, although it was a little weird doing everything in the virtual world.

**Additional comments followed.** Darrell C. spoke about his contact with Pete Knudsen of the Butte Club and the fact they had a new treasurer, so the dues had not been paid. Darrell thought the matter had been corrected, but Linda said she had not received anything from Butte. Again, it is sad that clubs have had so many issues this year, and we only hope that those who did not pay will be rejoining us next year, when things hopefully reach a "new normal".

Larry let the membership know, presuming things are better, the **midyear meeting will be with the Lakeside show on May 21-22, 2022.** He is proposing, along with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Lakeside Show to have a **judges training** from May 19-22 There would be two days of training before the show, then training practice at the

*show on Saturday with a debriefing session on Sunday. Margaret Kolaczyk, 2022 AFMS President will be conducting the training.*

*Judi reminded Clubs to **double check when other clubs are having their shows so as not to overlap**. She said the Show Coordinator attempts to point that out to clubs when they submit their dates, but she also understands there have become additional factors involved in holding a show. At one time, a club would have a venue and repeat the date every year. With the increasing costs and other things, a number of clubs have had to change the date and/or places. Just try to be aware, at least in closer proximity.*

*Beth called for any other announcements or information. Hearing none, Paul moved to adjourn the meeting.*

*Darrell W. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:48.*

*Recorded and Transcribed by Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary*

### ***NFMS President – Beth Heesacker***

First, I am so proud of our Executive Board. We have worked hard, and well, together to get our Federation through this past year. The challenges of Covid have placed many hurdles in our way but we have cleared almost all of them and have made it to the end of the Federation year. Many thanks for all their help and support.

Second, our biggest challenge, in my opinion, is to bring back our Federation to its former strength. We have lost clubs and our clubs have lost members. We have had many retirements from our Federation committees. We each need to take up the challenge to see what we can do to volunteer, to recruit, to share our talents with our clubs and with our Federation. Third, an offer to host our Annual Meeting in 2023 has been made but we still need to take care of 2022. With the current Covid uptick it leaves us in the position to maybe go back to Zoom for the Mid-year Meeting, but it would sure be nice to have a place to get together for the Annual Meeting later in the year. The NFMS is willing to work with our member clubs to accommodate their needs just as we have for this year's Annual Meeting. Many thanks to the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society for providing the use of their clubhouse for our Annual Meeting. I know as I leave the Presidency that the Northwest Federation is in very capable hands. Larry Hulstrom has been a star player on our Executive Board, and he will make a remarkable President. Judi Allison has also been the best Secretary that someone could hope for. Her experience in her position has been a great help in guiding us this past year. I pray that all of us will stay safe and healthy!! Many virtual hugs to all!!!

### ***Secretary –Judi Allison***

It is with a bit of sadness I write this report. After our midyear ZOOM meeting in April I had high hopes of a 'normal' annual meeting. With board approval, I worked to set up a time and place for a meeting by coordinating with Jack Edwards and the Marcus Whitman Club. Although they were unable to take on the task of hosting a full blown Federation Show, they graciously offered the free use of their clubhouse for a meeting. We set the whole thing up in conjunction with their show in order to give meeting goers a venue for enjoying some sort of show at the least. I excitedly worked to set up a banquet with an anticipation of a large number of folks at the ready to again join in person for some good food, comradery, and fellowship. As time went on and few reservations came in, my hopes dwindled. Well, you all know where that ultimately led. We held on to the idea of an in person affair until it was completely evident that it was not feasible. All we can do now is hope for the best going into spring and all the coming year. The most important thing is that everyone remains safe so we can come together in the future. (Just so you know: any club that takes up the challenge of hosting the 2022 Show; I have sufficient centerpieces and individual favors for a banquet of up to 90 people I will happily donate. . .and help in any other way I can.)

I should add in my report that the entire executive committee has been working hard behind the scenes.

### ***Treasurer – Linda Harvey (See Addendum I for Treasurer Reports)***

By viewing the membership information in the Treasurer's Report, you will notice a number of clubs did not renew their membership this year. With covid, a new Federation Treasurer and no in person meetings for clubs this last year, communication and updating was difficult. With the help of other members of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer reached out to all the clubs, attempting to give them the needed information and additional time to get their dues into the Federation for the year. (Even though many clubs had deferred their membership dues because of covid, it was decided that since there was already a \$1.00 offset per person for

dues and the fact that there had been no show to generate income, the Federation would need to assess dues for the year.) Most clubs managed to pay their dues. Those that chose not to, or were unable to pay their dues this year, will hopefully seek reinstatement next year through the process of reapplying. The clubs from whom there was no dues payment for 2021 follow: Bellevue Rock Club, Grays Harbor Geological and Gem Society, Seattle Faceting Club, Malheur County Rock and Gem Club, Oregon Trail Gem and Mineral Society, Rock and Arrowhead Society, Umpqua Gem and Mineral Society and Butte Mineral and Gem Club.

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report***

As NFMS 1st VP I am responsible for preparing the budget for 2021-2022. This year it has been a challenge, given all that has been going on, or not. The proposed budget reflects a lack of revenue from both the Annual Show and the NW Rockhound Retreat, a presumption there will be at least 6 newsletters if we find a new editor, no expenses for the NW Rockhound Retreat since it was not held, and a proposed budget to cover judges training in conjunction with next year's Mid-Year meeting (more on this later). The proposed budget is included as an Addendum in the packet.

The Executive Board has continued to operate throughout the year and communicate via email or via Zoom meetings such as the April mid-year meeting. Our new Treasurer Linda Harvey has continued to learn her new job, with the help of Lyle Vogelpohl. This has also been a challenge, given the restrictions we have all faced. I attended the AFMS annual meeting in Big Piney, WY in June and enjoyed the company of rockhounds from all around the country. The show was well attended, including people from 33 states. Hardly anyone wore face coverings. In addition, I attended the AFMS Scholarship Foundation and ALAA annual meetings. Be sure to keep an eye on the AFMS website in the coming months for the rollout of a completely updated look. The NFMS website has also been updated with more current information, with the help of Brad Larson and others. As we continue moving towards 2022 I hope that you will consider volunteering to take on one of the open committee roles that have been identified in the past two newsletters. There are lots of things to be done in the coming year to help us all recover from the pandemic. Your support and time is needed in this effort.

**(See Addendum II for the Proposed Budget)**

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Custodian Report-Darrell Coyle***

***(Darrell reported there were no changes since his mid-year report, so the information stands.)***

#### ***March 29, 2021 UPDATE***

*There is little change to the last report as there have been no in person meetings. Pending transfers will be noted. Submitted by Darrell Coyle NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*

#### **NFMS INVENTORY SUMMARY, 2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

*March 29, 2021*

#### **NFMS OFFICERS**

***PRESIDENT:*** Beth Heesacker – the following items are pending transfer from Past President Kenneth Zahn to the current president: 10 NFMS pins for transfer to the Supplies chairperson; leather case with Mini Flags and gavel.

***1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:*** Larry Hulstrom – No items.

***2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:*** Darrell Coyle – No items (related to this position)

***EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:*** Judi Allison -- 5 Estwing Rock Hammers, 1 Pyle Speaker Assembly with 2 wireless microphones, 3 Reams NFMS letterhead paper, 25 NFMS Envelopes, 4 Old Tie Tacks, Archived Minutes from Past Meetings, 1 four-drawer File Cabinet.

***TREASURER:*** Lyle Vogelpohl (Resigned)– One 1-drawer filing cabinet and one calculator. Multiple boxes of records. Pending transfer to Linda Harvey (New).

***PAST PRESIDENT:*** Ronna Watkins – Box containing display items for Past President's case and a small suitcase of cabochons from the NFMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display. To be transferred from Ronna Watkins to Past President Kenneth Zahn. See list at end of this report provided by Ronna Watkins. Verified 27 Feb 2021

#### **NFMS COMMITTEES AND AFMS REPRESENTATIVES HOLDING FEDERATION EQUIPMENT OR OTHER ITEMS**

***HISTORIAN:*** Linda Barlow (Resigned) Need to arrange transfer of custody– Same as previously listed. Inventory items listed on 27 typed pages in one 4-drawer file cabinet, one 2-drawer file cabinet, and four 18-gallon plastic-lidded bins. One two-drawer file cabinet obtained this year through donation. Items include:

- Minutes of Annual Conventions and Mid-year meetings.
- Correspondence through the years of Officers and Committee chairpersons.
- Mineralogist Magazines.
- NFMS Manuals.
- NFMS Directories.

- *NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS Conventions, Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Books I & II, NFMS Show history).*
- *VHS Video: (Conversion to DVD prohibited by copyright law).*
- *Monthly Historian Articles for NFMS Newsletter.*

*NEWSLETTER: Editor: Paul Heesacker – No property to report.*

*NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Walter Butler – No items.*

*RULES AND AWARDS: Darrell Coyle - 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 21-Award Plaques*

*SLIDE AND VIDEO LIBRARY: Darrell Watkins – No changes to current inventory shown in the directory. (Update 11/14/20 – An Epson Perfection V600 Scanner was purchased to convert slide to digital programs.) Verified 27 Feb 2021*

*STAMPS: Chuck Sonner – Fourteen stamp sets and 5 pounds of stamps left to sell. Updated 5 Feb 2021*

*SUPPLIES: Patty Amos – No report submitted.*

*1 extra Large Gray Tub containing the following:*

*T-Shirts*

*Small: 5 Light Blue, 6 Orange, 3 Yellow, 8 Red, 6 Beige, 7 White*

*Medium: 2 Orange, 3 Red, 3 Beige, 2 White*

*Caps: 1 Green, 20 Black*

*NFMS Show Pins 38 2005 Albany, OR; 12 2006 Longview, WA; 09 2014 Hermiston, OR*

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

*BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Larry Hulstrom – No items.*

*BULLETIN AIDS: Kat Koch - No items.*

*BY LAWS REVISORY: Kenneth Zahn - No items*

*CIRCULATION: Tom Burchard - No items.*

*CREDENTIALS: Del & Clara Walker – No items.*

*CUSTODIAN: 2nd Vice President: Darrell Coyle – No items.*

*DIRECTORY: Carol Willey – One printer cartridge.*

*EDUCATION: Vacant.*

*ENDOWMENT FUND: Jim Brain - No items.*

*FIELD TRIPS: Doug True – No items.*

*JUNIORS: Gayle Butler – No items.*

*LONG-RANGE PLANNING: Vacant.*

*NOMINATING: Immediate Past President (Ken Zahn) – No items.*

*OPERATIONS REVIEW: Vacant.*

*PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL: Jim Bosley – No items.*

*PUBLIC LAND ADVISORY: Susie Koppert – No items.*

*PUBLIC RELATIONS: Vacant.*

*RESOLUTIONS: Vacant – No items.*

*ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR: Laurie Ellis – No items.*

*SAFETY: Kathy McLean.*

*SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup – No items*

*SHOW CHAIRPERSON 2021: Unknown at this time – No items.*

*SHOW COORDINATION: Pat Lambert – No items.*

*WAYS & MEANS: Janice Van Cura – No report submitted.*

*WEBMASTER: Brad Larson – No items.*

*BULLETIN EDITORS' ADVISORY (AFMS): Vacant.*

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

*CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (AFMS): Laurie Ellis - No report submitted.*

*CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATION (AFMS): Vacant.*

*ALL AMERICAN (AFMS): Vacant.*

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

*JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (AFMS): Gayle Butler - No items.*

*PROGRAM COMPETITIONS (AFMS): Darrell Watkins. No report submitted.*

*SAFETY (AFMS): Vacant.*

*SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (AFMS): Mary Lou Northrup. No report submitted.*

*SUPPLIES (AFMS): Patty Amos: No report submitted.*

*JUDGES TRAINING (AFMS COMMITTEE-OF-ONE): Margaret Kolaczyk – See NFMS RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE above.*

*UNIFORM RULES (AFMS): Margaret Kolaczyk – See NFMS RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE: above.*

*WAYS AND MEANS (AFMS): Janice Van Cura – No items.*

*WEBMASTER (AFMS): Brad Larson – No items.*

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

### ***Bulletin Aids -Kat Koch***

#### ***Circulation -Tom Burchard***

#### ***Credentials -Clara & Del Walker***

Thank you to the Directors and Delegates who sent us your info in advance....this makes our job much easier. Unfortunately, the response to our request was extremely poor. I am hoping this is simply due to the circumstances of our past two years and will improve in the future. It is good to see all the smiling faces in person.

***Custodian-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Darrell Coyle (See Above)***

***Directory - Carol Willey***

Thanks to all the clubs who have sent their reports to the NFMS Directory. Due to the price of gas/travel/lodging our club has voted to not support my attendance at the NFMS meeting. Thanks to Tom Burchard, Judi Allison and many others who have kept me updated with additions and corrections. I hope that next year we can be more normal and meet again.

***All American Club Award - OPEN***

***Endowment Fund - Jim Brain***

#### **2020-2021 NFMS Endowment Fund Annual Report**

Our Endowment Fund investments continue to do well. They grew by just shy of \$36,300 or 13.44%. We now have an Endowment Fund account balance of \$290,882.76 split between the two accounts we have.

We only spent a portion of the authorized spending limit which is based on the 4% spending policy approved a few years ago. We spent \$5813 of the \$9771 that was authorized leaving an unobligated balance of \$3958 which is retained in the Operating Account.

The existing NFMS operating procedures are silent relative to how we should handle the unobligated funds that are authorized to be spent. The committee prepared a modification to operating procedures to clarify how these funds should be handled. This was presented in the May NFMS Newsletter and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

There are two options.

- a. The unused authorization can be cancelled with the funds remaining in the Operation Account.
- b. The amount of the unused authorization can be carried over to the next year and added to the authorization for that year.

The committee continues to operate without a Chairperson and a Secretary. Neither position require much time but are essential for the committee to function as intended.

Attached is a copy of the 2020-2021 year-end financial status report. (See **Addendum III**)

***Field Trip - Doug True 2021 Field trip Report- AFMS Chair***

2020 field trip report : A trip was held at the Blue Forest location in May 2020 4 day event – Digging Blue forest Petrified Wood and a day to a Fish Fossil Quarry., splitting lime stone to locate fish Fossils

We had attendance from North Dakota, Arizona, California, Washington, Idaho and Montana 28 collectors in all Not bad during Covid

For 2021 we have a multi federation trip scheduled for May 19 thru 24 or 25<sup>th</sup> Already have over 40 plus interested and plan on coming, we also have the Fish fossil Quarry on Sunday May 23.

We will also be having 2 federation fields after the Federation show on June 21<sup>st</sup> a trip to Blue Forest and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a trip to a fish Quarry for Fossil Fish.

It is also my understanding that a few field trips were held throughout the different Federations, but I have not received any reports at this time.

***Historian - OPEN***

***Juniors- Gayle Butler***

There were three entries for the Junior Achievement Award this year: All from the same family and each one in a different age group.

***Newsletter - Paul Heesacker***

I want to thank all those who have contributed articles and reports this past year. Also many thanks to Tom Burchard for maintaining the snail mail list and to Pat Lambert for her processing of the rock club show information. There are so many people that have made the editing of the newsletter possible for me. Many thanks to the "many".

As of December 31, 2021, I and my editing committee are again retiring from the NFMS Newsletter. We have other interests that we want to pursue and need the time and energy to do that. I encourage anyone who is interested in editing the newsletter to contact me before the end of the year and I can help get them started.

Thanks again.

### ***Nominating - Ken Zahn***

Introducing Jennifer Haley-Nominee for 2nd Vice President 2021-2022

I have been a CFMS President twice, in 2014 and 2018, and I have been an AFMS VP twice on behalf of the CFMS. My husband and I moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, the week before Christmas 2019. I belong to 2 Oregon clubs, Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club, and the Rock & Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls. Both clubs are 4 hours away either north and south of me. They accepted my membership when I wrote to them before I moved, knowing I needed to be a club member of a Northwestern Federation to keep my AFMS Historian Committee chairmanship that I dearly love. I have been a member of both clubs since November 2019. Between the snow closing the highway north and south of me, and then the pandemic, I haven't been able to meet with either of clubs. Both clubs understood that I might not be able to attend meetings every month due to the travel, but they were fine about that. Over the years I have worked together with Hidemi Kira, Ronna Watkins, Doug True, Ken Zahn and Lauren Williams in the American Lands Access Association, along with my work with AFMS and CFMS. I discovered there were rock and gem clubs in 2004 when I was in my 40's. When I walked in the door of my first meeting as a guest, I fell in love with the people and the hobby immediately. When I looked up the different towns I lived in when I was a child through high school, to see if they ever had clubs, every town had a rock club even before I was born. I'm still upset about the fact I missed out on the shows back then. My personal favorites in working with our hobby ~ Creating mineral and gem sculptures, making obsidian beads and using those beads in jewelry, and enjoying the Rockhound family of people.

### ***Slate of Nominees for 2021-2022 Positions***

Larry Hulstrom – President

Darrell Coyle – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Jennifer Haley-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Judi Allison-Secretary

Linda Harvey-Treasurer

### ***Northwest Rockhound Retreat - Walt Butler (Report stands from Mid-Year)***

The registration for the 2021 NW Rockhound Retreat held at OMSI's Hancock Field Station has been delayed. Gov. Brown has not released a date for the resumption of non-family gatherings of greater than 50 people and OMSI is not able to confirm that Camp Hancock will be available. OMSI has applied for and received a grant to replace the NW Restrooms (men's toilets and showers). They will demolish the existing facilities and rebuild form new plans. The OMSI does not have approved plans, permits nor construction contracts for the work. They hope to have the work done by September, but a number of planning items have to be completed. Until the construction and all associated work is completed all of the surrounding cabins will be unavailable. OMSI hopes to be able to determine if the Camp is a go by June 1st, 2021. At that time I will make the decision to Start Registration or Cancel the NW Rock hound Retreat for 2021. Thank you for your patience, and look forward to seeing you back this year.

### ***Past Presidents Council - Jim Bosley***

### ***Public Lands Advisory - Susie Koppert***

### ***Public Relations - OPEN***

### ***Resolutions - Audrey Vogelpohl***

I received two proposals for changes to NFMS documents. My job was to "review them immediately, making sure that the aims and purposes of the Society submitting the Resolutions are clearly set forth." The following submissions were reviewed, making certain that they were not contrary to the aims and purposes of the legal documents of NFMS, Inc.

#1 - Proposed **By-Laws ARTICLE VIII** Change to reflect the ability to conduct official business via electronic means when essential. The submitted proposal also corrected prior typos and improper wording in the Article. This proposal was submitted by representatives of four separate NFMS Clubs: Ken Zahn, Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club of Montana; Ronna Watkins, Yakima Rock and Mineral Club of Washington; Evan Day, Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society of Utah; and Judi Allison, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society of Oregon. (By-Laws Article XIV requires written notice be given each of the member Societies as least three (3) months in advance.)

#2 - Proposed **Operating Committee-3 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, Fund Management-Spending Policy Section**, adding a Section E. a modification of unobligated portion of an annual authorization. The proposal was submitted by the Endowment Fund Committee: Jim Brain of Rock Rollers Club of Spokane, Larry Hulstrom, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club of Kennewick, and Lyle Vogelpohl, West Seattle Rock Club of Seattle. (By-Laws Article XI states OP's may be adopted without prior notice.)

Do you see some changes that need to be addressed? Just contact me at <[avogelpohl@comcast.net](mailto:avogelpohl@comcast.net)>

**(See Addendum IV for Resolutions in their entirety)**

***Rockhound of the Year - Laurie Ellis***

***Rules & Awards - Darrell Coyle***

***Safety - Kathy McLean***

***Scholarship - Mary Lou Northrup***

***Show Coordination - Pat Lambert***

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

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

***Slide/Video - Darrell Watkins***

Video/Slides Librarian: No videos have been checked out this year. There has been no action in the library since the virus began. I went to the AFMS/RMFMS annual meeting hosted by Sublette County Rock Club in Big Piney, WY and had a great time! Upon my return, I had not been doing very good with my health, but just got some new stents and I am up and running again. It is my hopes that some money from the endowment fund will be allocated to the transfer of slideshows to electronic formats in the near future for their preservation and your pleasure in viewing. In closing, I would like to encourage everyone (clubs included) in submitting a video to the AFMS Programs Contest.

***Stamps - OPEN***

***Supplies - Patty Amos***

***Ways & Means - Janice VanCura (From Mid-Year, Janice and committee continue to work on this.)***

We are currently in the process at looking at the prior treasurer records and helping provide a smooth transition to the new Treasurer. Other than that I have nothing to report.

***Webmaster - Brad Larson***

Hello All,

We have had a good year for visitors to our website.

Below are the top 10 states that have visited and the percentages of the visits.

Region	Percentage of	
	Users	
1. Washington		(34.56%)
2. Oregon		(17.44%)
3. California		(8.48%)
4. Idaho		(6.47%)
5. Kansas		(3.92%)
6. Montana		(3.76%)
7. Unknown		(3.26%)
8. Ohio		(2.22%)
9. Utah		(2.19%)
10. Texas		(1.88%)

We have had an increase in mobile usages vs. desktop usages.

Desktop	53.25%
Mobile	42.65%
Tablet	4.09%

I hope all have had a safe year. Regards, Brad Larson (Webmaster)

**Website Competition - OPEN**

**ALAA – OPEN**

**ADDENDUM I: TREASURER'S REPORT****Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) Check List for Membership**

Report Date 07/17/2021

	2019 -- 2020			2020 -- 2021			NET CHANGE
	Dir	ADULTS	JRS	Dir.	ADULTS	JRS	
<b>ALASKA</b>							
Chugach Gem & Mineral Society	1	72		1	74	0	2
<b>TOTAL ALASKA</b>		72	0		74	0	2
Total Alaska Clubs		1			1		0
<b>IDAHO</b>							
Eureka Rock & Gem Club	1	20	0	1	3	0	-17
Gold Hill Diggers Rock Club	1	23	8	1	27	8	4
Hells Canyon Gem Club	1	96	26	1	95	26	-1
Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	1	156	0	1	85	0	-71
Idaho Gem Club	1	210	28	1	166	18	-54
Magic Valley Gem Club	1	32	1	1	32	0	-1
North Idaho Mineral Club	1	45	2	1	42	3	-2
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	1	172	7	1	152	19	-8
Salmon Valley Rock Hounds	1	77	19	1	56	13	-27
Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	1	55	8	1	42	10	-11
Thursday Night Pastry Tasters & Flint Knappers	1	13	5	1	13	6	1
<b>TOTAL IDAHO</b>		899	104		713	103	-187
Total Idaho Clubs		11			11		0
<b>MONTANA</b>							
Billings Gem & Mineral Club	1	93	2	1	99	0	4
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	1	118	5	1	77	11	-35
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Society	1	193	34	1	161	23	-43
Butte Mineral & Gem Club	1	114	8		0	0	-122
Hellgate Mineral Society	1	105	21	1	65	21	-40
Kalispell Rock Hound Club	1	13	0	1	13	0	0
Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	1	64	6	1	68	9	7
<b>TOTAL MONTANA</b>		700	76		483	64	-229
Total Montana Clubs		7			6		-1
<b>OREGON</b>							
Central Oregon Rock Collectors	1	128	11	1	147	13	21
Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corporation	1	159	28	1	177	22	12
Columbia Gorge Rockhounds	1	10	1	1	10	1	0
Columbia-Willamette Faceters Guild	1	157	0	1	121	0	-36
Far West Lapidary & Gen Society	1	84	0	1	84	0	0
Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	1	54	6	1	48	4	-8
Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	1	40	0	1	41	0	1
Malheur County Rock & Gem Club	1	18	1				-19
Mount Hood Rock Club	1	218	30	1	244	37	33
Oregon Agate & Mineral Society	1	133	28	1	97	27	-37
Oregon Coast Agate Club	1	20	0	1	20	0	0
Oregon Trail Gem & Mineral Society	1	17	0				-17
Prineville Rockhound Pow-Wow Assoc.	1	165	2		PD 9/1		-167
Rock & Arrowhead Club	1	81	6				-87
Springfield Rock Club	1	64	2	1	45	0	-21
Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	1	77	4	1	65	4	-12
Trails End Gem & Mineral Club	1	22	9	1	25	6	0
Tualatin Valley Gem Club	1	100	11	1	113	29	31
Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	1	133	18				-151
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	1	230	29	1	144	5	-110
<b>TOTAL OREGON</b>		1910	186		1381	148	-567
Total Oregon Clubs		20			15		-5

Report Date 07/17/2021

	2019 -- 2020			2020 -- 2021			NET CHANGE
	Dir	ADULTS	JRS	Dir.	ADULTS	JRS	
<b>NFMS CLUB AT LARGE</b>							
NFMS Club At Large	1	31	2	1	30	2	-1
TOTAL NFMS CLUB AT LARGE		31	2		30	2	-1
Total NFMS Club at Large		1			1		0
<b>UTAH</b>							
Cache Rock & Gem Club	1	52	18	1	70	42	42
Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	1	169	2	1	113	1	-57
Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society	1	188	55	1	123	46	-74
TOTAL UTAH		409	75		306	89	-89
Total Utah Clubs		3			3		0
<b>WASHINGTON</b>							
Bellevue Rock Club	1	44	0		0	0	-44
Cascade Mineralogical Society	1	88	4	1	51	2	-39
Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association	1	0	0	1	88	13	101
Darrington Rock & Gem Club	1	12	0	1	20	0	8
East Kingco Rock Club	1	51	13	1	51	13	0
Everett Rock & Gem Club	1	186	20	1	112	11	-83
Grays Harbor Geology & Gem Society	1	51	4		0	0	-55
Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	1	188	0	1	191	0	3
Lakeside Junior Rock Club	1	0	43	1	0	43	0
Lewis County Rock & Gem Society	0	75	10	1	75	10	0
Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	1	159	17	1	97	7	-72
Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	1	131	18	1	105	13	-31
Marysville Rock & Gem Club	1	123	39	1	106	20	-36
Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club	1	54	0	1	77	0	23
North Puget Sound Facetors Guild	1	36	0	1	29	0	-7
Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	1	68	0	1	68	0	0
Rock Rollers Club Inc.	1	100	10	1	100	10	0
Rock Wolves	1	18	0	1	20	0	2
Rocky Trails Junior Rockhound Club	1	2	23	1	2	15	-8
Seattle Faceting Club	1	11	0		0	0	-11
Skagit Rock & Gem Club	1	52	4	1	60	5	9
Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	1	98	4	1	78	3	-21
Washington Agate & Mineral Society	1	43	4	1	43	4	0
West Seattle Rock Club	1	49	13	1	43	13	-6
Whidbey Island Gem Club	1	79	0	1	72	0	-7
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	1	74	19	1	48	6	-39
TOTAL WASHINGTON		1792	245		1536	188	-313
Total Washington Clubs		25			23	0	-2
<b>TOTAL NFMS MEMBERSHIP</b>		<b>5813</b>	<b>688</b>		<b>4523</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>-1384</b>
<b>TOTAL NFMS CLUBS</b>		<b>68</b>			<b>60</b>		

## ADDENDUM IV

### Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies May 3, 2021

**Subject:**

Proposed By-Law Change to Reflect Ability to Conduct Official Business via Electronic Means When Essential

**Rationale:**

The events for the past year (i.e., Pandemic) have brought to light the need to conduct official business by electronic means under certain unforeseen emergency conditions. An Emergency Proclamation by the Governor of Washington State (where the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies is incorporated) allowed for such to occur for the October 17, 2020 Annual NFMS Business Meeting regardless of our current By-Laws.

Since unforeseen circumstances could again provide the necessity for a repeat occurrence, and because of the efficiency, effectiveness and cost saving factors of widely available electronic meeting procedures, this Resolution to amend the current NFMS By-Laws is submitted.

**Current By-laws: Read ARTICLE VIII Parts A, B, C, D, E, F**

**Proposal: Correct spelling errors and wording in Parts A-F as indicated in Bold Underline.**

**Create Part G to address Electronic Meetings. (In Bold)**

**Add Part G to Table of Contents under ARTICLE VIII**

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#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Meetings

##### Part A. Annual Meeting

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Assembly of Directors and Delegates of the Federation shall be at a time chosen by the host society whose bid for the convention and show has been accepted by a majority vote of the Assembly of Directors. The date of the Convention and Show shall have no effect on the fiscal or the operations year of the Federation.

Section 2. The Member Society Directors and Delegates present at any Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.

Section 3. Each Member Society may be represented at the Annual Meeting by two (2) delegates who are members of the Society they represent; **each** has one vote.

Section 4. Before being seated at any Annual Meeting, all Delegates shall be required to file with the Credentials Committee; **authorizations being** signed by the president and Secretary of their representative societies.

Section 5. No delegate may represent more than one Member Society.

Section 6. No Proxy votes will be accepted.

Section 7. All business of the NFMS shall be transacted at the Annual Meeting, except such business as may be specifically assigned to the Assembly of Directors or the Executive Board.

##### Part B. Special Meeting

Section 1. A post-Convention meeting of the Assembly of Directors may be called by the newly elected President following the Annual meeting, at which time they shall transact any business assigned to them by the Delegates at the Annual meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President for the purpose of transacting any business within the authority of the Assembly of Directors.

Section 3. The President, or any seven (7) Member Societies may call a special meeting of the Assembly of Directors for an emergency.

Section 4. One third (1/3) of the membership of the Assembly of Directors shall constitute a quorum when the **special** meeting is assembled. A majority of the membership of the Assembly of Directors shall constitute a quorum when meeting by mail or electronic means.

#### Part C. Mid-Year Meeting

If needed for the purpose of informing and discussing with the directors of the Member Societies impending business, committee progress reports, and other pertinent business to be acted upon at the next Annual Meeting; one (1) NFMS Directors **Mid**-Year Meeting may be held annually at a centralized location. The date of this meeting is to be set by the NFMS Executive Board.

#### Part D. Organizational Meeting

To be held, **whenever possible**, in the fall of the year at a date and place designated by the newly elected President, **for** the purpose of organizing the new Executive Board; **also** for resolving any old unfinished business including any known AFMS considerations.

#### Part E. Rules of Order

**Robert's** Rules of Order, Revised, unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, shall govern all meetings of this Federation and its Assembly of Directors.

#### Part F. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall not be a Delegate or Director of any Member Society.

#### Part G. Electronic Meetings

**All meetings specified by this Bylaw Article VIII, Parts A, B, C & D shall be conducted with Officers, appropriately credentialed Directors and delegates present in person if possible. However, in case of Emergency declared by Governmental authorities, such as a Public Health Crisis, Natural Disaster, Civil Unrest, or other Disaster, the Executive Board is authorized to conduct such meetings by electronic means. The provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, 12th (or later) Revision, Appendix "SAMPLE RULES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS" pp.635-649 shall apply with special regard to conduct of the meeting, and voting by show of hands or secret ballot as appropriate. The specific Internet protocol and program used to hold such a meeting shall be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.**

**Furthermore, informal meetings such as those of Committees, Executive Board, or other working bodies of the NFMS may also be similarly held by electronic means at any time when requested by the Chairperson.**

Electronically Signed by:

Resolutions Revisory Committee Members Representing Four Separate NFMS Clubs

Ken Zahn, Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

Ken Zahn

Ronna Watkins, Yakima Rock and Mineral Club

Ronna Watkins

Evan Day, Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society

Evan Day

Judi Allison, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

Judi Allison

## **ADDENDUM IV (Cont.)**

### **Proposed addition to the Endowment Fund Operating Procedures**

The Endowment Fund Committee proposes to introduce a modification to the Endowment Fund Operating Procedures for approval at the next annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Background. The existing Endowment Fund Committee operating procedures are silent relative to how the committee should deal with an approved spending authorization that is not obligated or committed to a project or program during a specific budget year. For example. The fund spending plan authorizes the expenditure of 4% of the average of the year-end Endowment Fund balances for the previous three years during the budget year. If the requests for Endowment Fund monies do not total the amount authorized to spend that budget year, how should the unused fund authorization be dealt with.

The committee looked at two options.

1. Cancel the unused authorization and roll it back into the Endowment Fund Balance and start over as if it never existed. This is what we have been doing in recent years.
2. Carry the unused authorization over into the next budget year and make it available as an addition to that year's 4% authorization. This could have the effect of increasing the amount of money available in a particular year.

The committee feels option 2 serves the membership of the federation the best and is proposing the following addition to its operating procedures.

**Add the following to OP COMMITTEE -3, ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, Fund Management-- Spending Policy section.**

Add the following:

**E. Any unobligated portion of an annual authorization will be rolled over to the following budget year and will be treated as an addition to the authorization for that year.**

This may create a slight increase in record keeping work for the committee.

The Endowment Fund Committee urges the various NFMS societies to discuss this and be prepared to vote on the change at the next annual meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jim Brain, Endowment Fund Committee Financial Advisor at [jrbrain233@outlook.com](mailto:jrbrain233@outlook.com)