

NFMS MID-YEAR MEETING AGENDA

April 29, 2023 – 1:00 pm

Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, Washington Building 3

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89424025113>

- Call to Order Darrell Coyle, President
- Pledge of Allegiance Darrell Coyle, President
- Introduction of Officers & Chairs Darrell Coyle, President
- Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President
- Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President
- Invocation Evan Day
- Moment of Silence For Those Lost **Addendum III** Darrell Coyle, President
- Parliamentary Evan Day

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- President Darrell Coyle
- Executive Secretary Judi Allison
- Treasurer Linda Harvey
- Budget – 1st Vice President Jennifer Haley
- Bulletin Aids Kat Koch
- Circulation Tom Burchard
- Credentials Clara & Del Walker
- Custodian-2nd Vice President Lora Hall
- Directory Carol Willey
- All American Club Award/Education Open
- Endowment Fund Vicki Johnson/Jim Brain
- Field Trip Doug True
- Historian Robert Dalton
- Juniors Gayle Butler
- Newsletter Editor Kathryn Larson
- Nominating Larry Hulstrom
- Northwest Rockhound Retreat Walt Butler
- Past Presidents Council Larry Hulstrom
- Public Lands Advisory Susie Koppert
- Public Relations
- Resolutions Audrey Vogelpohl
- Rockhound of the Year Laurie Ellis
- Rules & Awards Joshua Hulstrom
- Safety Kathy McLean
- Scholarship Mary Lou Northrup
- Show Coordination Pat Lambert
- Slide/Video Open
- Stamps Aaron Currier/Ed Anderson
- Supplies Open
- Ways & Means Janice VanCura
- Webmaster Brad Larson
- Website Competition Kat Koch- Pro Tem
- ALAA Jennifer Haley

ORDER OF BUSINESS. . .

Reports

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AFMS Endowment Raffle Tickets
Collection of Stamps
Distribution of Directories
Remaining Open Positions
New Clubs/Clubs Resigning
Electronic Newsletter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 AFMS/NFMS Show Billings, Montana

2024 NFMS Show Hermiston, Oregon.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of Meeting

*The meeting was called to order by **President, Darrell Coyle** at 1:00pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Darrell introduced himself and the Executive Committee: Jennifer Haley-First Vice President-Springfield; Linda Harvey-Treasurer-Tualatin; Judi Allison-Secretary-Hatrockhounds. Lora Hall-Second Vice President-Hamilton was unable to attend. Others in attendance introduced themselves: Jim Brain-Financial Advisor-Club At large; Janel Lacey-Director, Editor-Marcus Whitman; Ronna Watkins-Judging Director- Yakima; Larry Hulstrom-Director-Lakeside, Josh Hulstrom-Rules and Awards Chair-Lakeside; Charise Ash-Exhibits Registrar-Mt Hood; Bill Harvey-Director- Tualatin; Susie Koppert-PLAC-Mt Hood; Mike Rose-Director-Northern Idaho; Del and Clara Walker-Credentials- Tualatin; Jerry Northrup-Director-Hells Canyon; Mary Lou Northrup-Scholarships-Hells Canyon; Doug True-Director-Billings, Jeanette True-Billings; Kathy Larson-Editor-Lakeside. Joining on ZOOM: Allan Williams-Director-Golden Spike; Walt Butler-Camp Hancock- Tualatin; Gayle Butler-Juniors-Tualatin; Evan Day-Parliamentarian-Golden Spike and Jennifer McKeever-Director-Marysville all joined via ZOOM.*

***Jennifer Haley** introduced the **Past Presidents** who were in attendance: Ronna Watkins, Larry Hulstrom, Doug True-also AFMS, and Judi Allison.*

*A **moment of silence** was held in memory of those we have lost over the last few years. Darrell had compiled a list which is attached to the agenda and reports. Janel Lacey and Jim Brain asked that Sally Reed, Norma Long and Bill Stonecipher from Marcus Whitman be included in the list if they were not already there. Larry Hulstrom announced that news was just received of the passing of Al Liebetrau, one time Lakeside member, yesterday. President, Darrell, suggested that if there were other names that needed to be added, they could be sent to Secretary, Judi.*

***President, Darrell** added a comment to his report, stating that he has been impressed by the executive board and how well everyone communicates, their kindness and helpfulness. He lauded Treasurer, Linda Harvey for the hard work she does. Please be sure to send the changes and updates in membership to her when you send in your dues. Darrell then reviewed and commented on the various reports noting that 1st Vice President, Jennifer had three to her credit. Credentials for the Directors for the annual meeting can be found on the web-most probably in a newsletter. Carol Willey is retiring from the Directory position. Janel Lacey asked about what it entailed. (It appears she is agreeing to take on the position.) Kudos to her!*

***Financial Advisor, Jim Brain** spoke a bit about the financial report, explaining that the last couple of years have been difficult because of the fluctuations in the financial market. He pointed out a discrepancy between his report and the treasurer's report. He had released the funds to her on 3/31 and they didn't get received until 4/1 so the month end read differently. We have not sold any of the investment money so far. It made around \$11,000 by the end of April. Investments seem to be up. There are no worries about the recent news concerning Charles Schwab having financial trouble. They are only advisors. Our funds are in the Bank of New York which is FDIC covered. A big cost for our Federation is the newsletter. If ten issues are published and sent, the cost runs from \$18,000-\$20,000. The last couple of years we have been publishing only six, the minimum stated in the bylaws, to keep the cost down.*

***Field Trip Chair, Doug True** stated there were no **Multi-federation trips** last year. This year there is one to the Blue Forest May 17-22. One day will be spent at the fish quarry as a fee excursion. Attendees can split the shale in search of fish fossils. June 21-25 members can join the search at Teepee Canyon, South Dakota. The group will stay in Newcastle, Wyoming.*

Doug also gave an overview of the **trips** which will take place after the **Federation Show** in Billings on August 3-6. Monday the 7th will be to Bear Canyon for black and white fortified agate. Tuesday, the 8th will be for fossils north of Hysham. Wednesday, the 9th will likely be on the river for agate and possibly wood. Doug explained there are a number of factors that come into play when collecting on the river, so the river trips may be flexible. (He has planned for two different days.) The 10th will be open for a day of fee digging for fossils. There will be field trip signup sheets at the show, so if you are interested, be sure to find the information and get your name on the list.

Junior Chair, Gayle Butler let the membership know that the deadline for submission of Junior Achievement Award applications is June 30th.

Walt Butler, Rockhound Retreat, announced that at this time twenty-six campers are signed up. There is room for twenty-four more.

President, Darrell announced that the 2024 Federation Show will be in Hermiston, Oregon and that a host is needed for 2025.

Susie Koppert, our Public Lands Access Committee (PLAC) Chair, spoke of Lithium Mines in the Pacific Northwest. She stated that there is work with Representatives of Oregon State to allow the ability to gather rocks out of the river and continue to hand pan. Susie is very busy representing our interests, especially since she was recently appointed to the BLM's John Day Snake Resource Advisory Council.

Rules and Awards Chair, Josh Hulstrom let the membership know that he has been digitizing all the old information for competitive displays to make the process more streamlined. (It is nice to have the younger set around to help nudge us into the world of technology. JA)

President Darrell thanked **Pat Lambert**, current **Show Coordination Chair** for her years of serving. He announced that Faith Farley will be taking over the position in the fall.

Since all items are already housed there, and she knows the process, **Ronna Watkins** plans to continue taking care of the **Slide and Video Library** and to be appointed chair when her current responsibility with the Rules and Awards Committee ends. Although the position is currently open, clubs can access the library through her. Her information is listed in the newsletter.

Janel Lacey inquired as to what a **Stamp Chair** does. Darrell explained some of the background and the process. After some general discussion, Chris Sorensen suggested that an article be put in the newsletter to further clarify the purpose and the process. It was pointed out in the discussion that the basic American flag stamps are not desired. If folks buy commemorative stamps, they are good. The stamps can be delivered in any form. There is no need to trim around them anymore, as the current chairs use a different method of disposal.

ALAA President, Doug True spoke about **ALAA (American Lands Access Association)**. The Federations are taking a new direction the last few years. We are now working with the Feds rather than attempting to be in opposition. He suggested that clubs reach out to local BLM and Forest Service and other government entities and ask to assist. Assistance might be as simple as a cleanup day-but let the agency know so that we are visible.

Jennifer Haley, ALAA Vice President, also added that ALAA can use some go getters. Please pass the word on. We need public relations and other folks to help keep our collecting spots safe for the future. Let Jennifer know if you are willing. We need to have more involvement.

Darrell stated he had studied the financial report and that funds are down. We can't continue to sell assets. With this comment, he proposed the Federation go to an electronic newsletter. An email could be attached to a club and the club could disseminate the newsletter. It would also be on the website, as it is currently. He suggested a discussion could be the introduction to **New Business**.

Judi Allison interceded with an offer of raffle tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and best of luck in the drawing. (It will be held at the banquet in Billings.)

President, Darrell, began the **New Business** with an overview of the Bylaws relative to the Newsletter. Article XII of the Bylaws states "The Northwest Newsletter", a nonprofit bulletin owned and published by the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., shall be the official publication." The Operation Procedures further make a statement about publication and mailing of a maximum of ten (10) and not less than six (6) issues per year, in accordance with procedures approved by the Northwest Federation's Executive Board. Darrell asked that some club create a resolution addressing such. Darrell added that he has spoken to the Midwest Federation which has gone to this method. **Bill Harvey** stated it might be a hard sell, but he is in favor of the idea. He added that it might be easier to "sell" if the offset of the \$1.00 on dues was maintained to keep them at \$2.50 instead of

\$3.50. **Jim Brain** suggested that Jennifer, in preparing the budget, add a line item for an offset for the newsletter. It was pointed out that an online version needs to have the format changed to 8 1/2x11" to accommodate printing. **Charise Ash** of the Mount Hood Club offered to head up creating a resolution for presentation at the Annual Meeting. There is not enough time to present and distribute a resolution prior to the annual meeting this year. The process would not be complete until next year, but now is the time to get the ball rolling. Darrell stated, "You can turn a battleship around, but it takes a while."

Evan Day stated he would review the bylaws relative to the newsletter. (He has, since the meeting, given guidance that, since this information falls in the OPs and there is not a specification of "type of mailing" it should be an easy fix to convert to an electronic version of the newsletter. What this means is that the issue can be brought before the assembly at the Annual Meeting and a vote can be taken at that time.) Darrell did state, that since it may be a sensitive issue, he would like to see something formal written so the membership is not blindsided.

Janel Lacey opened a discussion about updating membership for the **Directory and Newsletter**. She did not realize that the information needs to be sent for updates during the course of the year. Hers was not the only misconception in this area. Remember, whoever takes care of adding and subtracting people from the club's membership list needs to also inform NFMS Directory and Circulation. As it is, the information in the Directory is quite dated, and if changes aren't made during the year, it becomes almost completely outdated prior to publication. The Directory is being printed later in order to include as current information as possible.

Jim Brain addressed the membership about "an open position". He needs to have someone step up that he can **mentor to learn** the intricacies of his position as **Financial Advisor**, as within a year or so he feels he will need to pass it on. So if you have an interest in the financial world and would like to help out the Federation, please speak with Jim.

Darrell let the membership know that we have a **new club from Miles City, Montana** that will be voted in at the Annual meeting. Doug has also reported that there is another club forming in the Great Falls area.

Doug then spoke about the **2023 AFMS/NFMS Show** to be held in Billings, Montana, August 3-6. The venue will be smaller than previous shows because of the cost and availability of space. The registration dates for all aspects have been moved to July 1. He made a brief comment about trying to be more lenient on specific dates and written rules relative to competitive displays. Currently we are "boxed into the old stuff". Some things are being addressed with hopes of making some changes.

There will be a Welcoming Party. Ask your clubs to bring things for the silent auction so that a percentage of the take can go to the NFMS. There will be a live auction on Sunday with the funds being split between NFMS and ALAA. There will be some artwork signed by Scott Hartman, a dinosaur artist from Madison, Wisconsin auctioned off at the banquet, as well as a piece to be raffled. Doug suggested attendees register early for the hotel. He wasn't certain if the special rate was just for the four days or would extend into the next week.

Janel Lacey of the **Marcus Whitman Club** stated there might be a possibility that they would consider doing the 2025 show. Judi reminded folks there is a guideline to help with doing shows on the website. The key is to remember that the information is just for assistance. It is not cast in stone. She also offered any help she could give if they decided to pursue doing the show.

Darrell mentioned the **New Federation Director's Guide** that Jennifer created and suggested we put it on the website. He then made a second call for any further old business or new business.

Del Walker invited all to the Prineville Pow Wow's 77th Anniversary June 15-18.

The question was asked that since the Federation Show and annual meeting will be in May next year, will there be a mid-year meeting. It was suggested there will probably be a gathering sometime in the fall. That will be the decision of the incoming President and the Executive Board.

Darrell mentioned that the newsletter held most of the information needed for the Show this year and thanked Kathy again for doing a good job.

Larry Hulstrom moved and Doug True seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Adjourned at 3:38pm.

REPORTS FOLLOW:

President's Report – Darrell Coyle

I have gone back and read the President's Reports from 2022 and 2021. A lot has happened since then. Covid is still affecting our lives and the economy is still unsure. Much of what was said in the last two years Reports is a repeat. I went into this year primarily concerned with the finances of the NFMS at the top of my list. So far it seems to be going well. All things considered. There is not much to do except to make sure we are responsible

in our expenditures. The idea of an electronic newsletter was discussed with some differing and strong opinions at last year's Midyear Meeting. I think it will be inevitable, that regardless of differing opinions, it may be necessary to implement.

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes with Judi Allison, our Executive Secretary, and the Show Committee from Billings. There will be tons of information published in the next Newsletter and put on the NFMS and AFMS websites. It will be a great show with lots of field trips in the following week. Billings Montana August 3-6 for the Show, be there. We have an opportunity to participate in Competitive Displays at the National Level. Please consider entering. NFMS members may soon be receiving a Postcard inviting them to Billings. I have approved this to happen. We have taken steps to ensure that your private information is protected.

The NFMS is losing a couple of clubs for certain. A couple more may be on the fence. Why is this? It takes only a few people to voice discontent and win over a club. Often, they do not understand the benefits of being in the AFMS and NFMS. If no one takes the floor and explains the benefits of being a member club, then the dissent will win. Jennifer Haley and Judy Allison have worked on and will make available a handbook for our Federation Directors. The Federation Directors are not just representing the club they come from but they also have a responsibility to learn about the NFMS and educate their club members.

On a positive note we are for sure gaining one club from Miles City Montana and possibly a club from Great Falls. If you know of a club that left during Covid, a new club that is forming or the need for a club in an area, get involved, get contact information. The NFMS can help clubs with the steps needed.

Normally a President will go back through the year and submit a condensed history of the year as the Report. The Mid-Year meeting, the Annual meeting, etc. I know that all who are reading this have read the Newsletters and already know these details. Instead I want to talk about something that I think is important to all of us, our clubs and the NFMS. Communication and Participation. Respect and Kindness.

Communication: Are you sharing information that is relevant to others? Does the right hand know what the left hand is doing? Keep people informed please. Are you updating Officer Rosters, Membership Rosters, and other information that is pertinent and getting it to our Treasurer, Secretary, Circulation Director, Show Coordinator? If your club members are not getting Newsletters, let us know. Updated member lists are needed with additions and deletions. Is our Treasurer getting notice for dues to the club treasurers? Probably not if you have not sent an updated Officer Roster immediately after your elections. Show not listed? Contact the Show Coordinator in a timely manner.

For many leadership positions there isn't really a step by step manual. If you have held an office and know the ropes, be a mentor. Not knowing what to do is frustrating for a new leader and a helping hand rather than a slap to the face is the better thing to do. We are all in this together. All of us are the Federation. We need to work together.

When interacting with others we do not know what is happening in their lives. Listen. Be respectful and kind. Those that join and have not one person at a meeting be welcoming usually leave. Take the time to thank those in your clubs that are participating and keeping your club functioning. If things in your clubs are getting done by the same people all the time, remember they will at some point burn out.

Recruiting of your members to participate is key to keeping your club happy and functional. A mass email is not usually as effective as actually talking to someone and asking for their help. Clubs are supposed to be social, get engaged with others, it will be good for you as well.

Rather an unconventional Report but an important message. Communicate, participate, and make things better not worse.

Secretary's Report – Judi Allison

This has been a busy year behind the scenes. Your elected officials have been earning their pay, as they say in the political realm. Seriously, though, I have been Secretary for about nine years, and this group is one of the hardest working collectives I have seen. There is a lot going on behind the scenes that the executive committee strives to handle so the machine of the NFMS will run smoothly. It may not always run perfectly, but rest assured each one of us has a passion for the Federation, what it stands for and the preservation of its future. But, certainly don't sell yourselves short as the members of the NFMS. You are the lifeblood that keeps things going on into the coming

years. With all of us working together for a common purpose we can review, revise, reinvent, rebuild, regain and remain strong for our future generations.

I want to thank each and every individual within the Federation for the part they play in our success. I especially want to thank all the volunteers who give countless hours of their time for whatever passion they have burning inside. I am heartened to see folks continue to step forward to take on positions within the Federation. I hope that each one gains as much from the experience as I have over the years. I hope to continue to serve you into the future-as long as the old brain and body cooperate. . ☺

NFMS Treasurer-Linda Harvey – Treasury and Membership

Hi all - The most recent Receipt and Disbursement report with the majority of clubs having responded and the list of member clubs with the ones that haven't responded in light red. **(The Receipt and Disbursement report and the membership list are attached as separate PDFs)**

Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President

I'm enjoying my year working with everyone on behalf of our federation. The majority of the NFMS chairmen I contacted wish to continue their committee positions into 2024, which is always a joy to hear. It does look like we will have openings on a few committees, which we are hoping some of you will step up to volunteer for.

I've found it a joy to volunteer for my federation even when I'm new to a committee. If you know of someone in your club you think would be great as a committee chairman but they haven't had experience before, we'll give them the help they need so they can enjoy their volunteer job.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting concerning the budget, I've been reviewing the committee budgets with the chairmen.

This year we created a NFMS New Federation Director Guide. This a guidebook for the new directors to help them feel at home with their duties. A short in-person meeting will be held by Judi Allison and myself the morning of our Mid-Year meeting, for all new and experienced directors who wish to attend.

NFMS 2023 Budget Report-Jennifer Haley, 1VP

In preparation for the Annual Meeting concerning the presentation of the 2024 Budget for approval, I've been reviewing the committee budgets with each of the chairmen; reviewing past financials, budgets and minutes concerning budgets from previous years; taking into account the financial world we are navigating in today; and in consultation with the NFMS officers and Endowment Fund committee members. In doing so, I have a greater understanding and appreciation for where the federation stands today.

NFMS Club-at-Large Report 2023 Jennifer Haley, Chairman

At the time this report was written, the federation currently has 28 members composed of 25 adults and 3 juniors in the Club-at-Large. The purpose of the NFMS Club-at-Large is to provide membership to individuals who, for whatever reasons, have no "home club," and to whomever wishes to belong. Members in good standing of the NFMS Club-at-Large shall have all the rights and privileges of the NFMS.

Bulletin Aids –Kat Koch

Credentials – Clara & Del Walker

We are prepared to do our job for the annual meeting and looking forward to another trip to Montana. We want to inform you that we have a new email address. It is **cwalk12377 at gmail.com** Thank you to all of our volunteers....keep up the great work!

Lora Hall, 2nd Vice President – Custodian - ADDENDUM I

As 2nd Vice President, I have spent the last six months watching, listening, learning, and preparing to someday serve as the 1st Vice President and then President. In the role of Custodian, I prepared an inventory of NFMS properties and submitted it for review. I want to thank Jennifer Haley and Judi Allison for helping me through that process. While the actual inventory is not difficult and rarely changes from year to year, tracking down the contact information for those in possession of NFMS propriety can be. I am sorry I cannot attend the mid-year meeting in person. If the technology allows, I will participate via zoom or whatever remote option is available. I am looking forward to the annual NFMS meeting and AFMS Convention in Billings and God willing, I will be there in person.

Directory – Carol Willey

This year has been more of a struggle coming out of the shutdown of Covid. Sorry to see some clubs not renewing membership and in hopes they renew again. It was harder this year to update as clubs were slow to respond to membership. I hope this year will become more normal and people will be able to get out and find those rocks and know NFMS offers so much more to the clubs.

Education/All American Club Award – OPEN

Endowment Fund – Vicki Johnson, Chair: Jim Brain, Financial Advisor

ADDENDUM II-Financial Statement

NFMS Endowment Fund Committee Mid-year Meeting 2023 Report

It is a good news bad news report. The Good News is highlighted first, the Bad News is at the end.

The Endowment Fund Committee membership consists of Chairperson Vicki Johnson of the Southern Washington Mineralogical Society; committee treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl of the West Seattle Rock Club; Financial Advisor, Jim Brain of the Club at Large group; and Jennifer Haley, NFMS 1st Vice President of the Springfield Thunderegg Club. The by-laws change approved at the last annual meeting resulted in adding the NFMS 2nd vice president to the committee. We welcome the current NFMS 2nd Vice President Lora Hall of the Hellgate Mineral Society as a member of the committee. The committee still has a vacant secretary position. The primary activity of the committee has been to work closely with the NFMS treasurer to make sure funds are available when needed.

The committee started the year with slightly more than \$20,000 in the Operating Account. In September, after consultation with NFMS Treasurer Linda Harvey, we transferred \$10,000 from the operating account to the NFMS treasurer to cover NFMS expected expenditures until club dues payments started coming in later in the business year. It left an Operating Account balance of around \$10,000. In late March we transferred another \$5,000 to the NFMS treasurer to cover income shortfall due to clubs dropping from the federation. The current Operating Account balance is a little over \$6,000.

The committee financial advisor is working closely with Linda to make sure that we have available funds in the Operating Account to cover any additional NFMS operating shortfalls. It may require the committee to sell invested stock to cover the obligation as we approach the end of the year.

Donations to the endowment fund from member societies and individuals are going well thanks to a generous donation from an individual member. To date donations have totaled \$1,125.00. The committee continues to encourage member societies to consider making donations to the endowment fund as a good will gesture or in memory of deceased members. Contact Lyle Vogelpohl for more information on how to do that.

The Endowment Fund Investment Account has weathered the general decline in the market over the past few months. The account currently has a balance of around \$253,000 which is slightly higher than what we started the year with. (For a more detailed breakdown of the activity within the two accounts see the attached financial status report.)

Now the bad news. Because of the current financial situation of the Federation caused by effects of inflation, reduced income, and other factors, the full endowment fund's authorized annual expenditure limit for this year has been used to support the NFMS budget. We will not be able to fund any other programs or projects from the Endowment Fund this year. Unless the economic situation improves this limitation will probably last well into next year.

Vicki Johnson Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson

Field Trip – Doug True –Oral Report

Historian – Robert Dalton (Report from an email with the Executive Committee)

The Historical files were moved with the help of William Harvey JR. Many thanks, Bill!

I found a filing cabinet on Facebook Marketplace place earlier today. \$5!! Just got back from NE Portland picking it up. Not quite as tall as the NFMS one we brought back but it is deeper! I got a receipt too! Oh, and Bill? After moving this one into my home myself? I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY appreciate your help and Ronna's boys yesterday!!!!

Juniors – Gayle Butler

Information on the Junior applications was requested to be put on the website and sent in to be published in the NFMS newsletter. Applications deadline is June 30th for Juniors.

Newsletter Editor –Kathy Larson

Well, being a new editor has been a challenge and learning curve. One that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I'm looking forward what I'm going to learn this year.
Thanks for the opportunity.

Nominating – Larry Hulstrom

An email has been sent out to members selected from each state within the NFMS as a call to identify potential candidates for 2nd Vice President. Both treasurer and secretary have agreed to remain in their positions, and it is assumed that the current 1st and 2nd VP's will advance in their roles. The health of Gary Warren, previously nominated as 2nd VP is going to prevent him from accepting the nomination at this time. There will be an article in the next Newsletter soliciting candidates. A potential candidate from Utah has been identified and his resume follows.

Introducing 2nd VP Candidate, Michael Rhodes

Michael Rhodes is currently serving in his fourth and final year as president of the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society. Michael has always loved rocks. At age 14 he started an apprenticeship at Ray's Rock Shop, where he learned lapidary, equipment maintenance and rock identification. After 2 years, his boss became mayor of Tremonton, Utah and Michael became responsible for much of the operation of the shop.



In 1972 Michael began a 20 year career with the USAF, serving in Alaska, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iceland and back to Nebraska. In Oklahoma he was a communications systems instructor for the AWACS Aircrews. In Iceland he was on the Squadron Staff, responsible for communications security, and training incoming crews, In Nebraska he was responsible for communications security and was responsible for a communications team. While in Nebraska and Iceland Michael also worked at the base hobby shop as a lapidary instructor. After retiring from the Air Force, Michael attended Utah State University, earning his BS Degree in Public Health. He served on the State of Utah Environmental Health Association Board and served on several state committees, updating state regulations, After retiring again, Michael returned to lapidary pursuits. After volunteering at several senior center labs, he chose to volunteer at the Golden Hours Senior Activity Center in Ogden, Utah He currently teaches two classes a week, working with students ranging from 10 years up. He collaborated with the center director to add new equipment and upgrade existing equipment, while improving the lab experience. Michael works closely with the Golden Spike Show Chairperson and board to put on a show that the vendors, the public and the club members enjoy. This show is the club's primary source of revenue for the year. This revenue is used for club activities for the year. Additionally this money goes to fund scholarships for earth science students at Weber State University as well as a donation to the Eccles Dinosaur Park.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat – Walt Butler

It's that time again. The registration documents have been created and are ready to distribute in March. The camp will be held September 4th thru 10th, 2023 at OMSI's Hancock Field Station in Central Oregon. Last year was the first year we were able to use the beautiful co-ed bathrooms and showers. Although they do not match the rustic feel of the rest of the camp they are a needed upgrade. The beading class was dropped from the offerings again this year. We have seen reduced interest in this activity and our instructors have not been able to attend since covid. We may add the class in the future when and if the demand increases. Again, we are planning to have two instructors for wire weaving and wire wrapping this year to add additional student availability.

This year we had to increase the fee's for the Rockhound Retreat by \$50 to cover the increased costs of maintenance on equipment, safety equipment, and materials. This is the first increase in many years.
Hope to see you there

Past Presidents' Council – Larry Hulstrom

A proposal from the Hermiston Hatrockhounds to host the 2024 show was reviewed and approved by members of the Past President's Council. This approval and proposal were forwarded to the Executive Board for their review and concurrence.

Public Lands Advisory – Susie Koppert

Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl

Nothing to report at this time.

Rockhound of the Year –Laurie Ellis

We've had a couple rough years but look how beautiful that stone looks when it emerges from the tumbler! We are slowly getting rolling and gaining momentum. I'm seeing a few more nominations. Let's keep it going! Make sure you send them to **nfmsroy at gmail.com**

Rules & Awards –Joshua Hulstrom

Reviews were performed on drafts of competitive and non-competitive display applications for the upcoming NFMS/AFMS show in Billings, MT. Final applications will be available in the NFMS Newsletter and the NFMS website any day now.

In a separate activity over the winter months the NFMS Eligibility File, a metal file box containing records of all individuals and societies that have competed at the annual show/meeting over the years has been converted to digital files. These records are used by the Rules & Awards Committee to verify competitive entries and to record all trophies that have been awarded.

Safety – Kathy McLean

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

Just wanted to say a big thank you for the AFMS scholarship donations we have received this spring.

Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society \$250.00

Hells Canyon Gem Club \$500.00 A memorial to Nancy McDonald

Lakeside Gem & Mineral \$75.00 a memorial to Rod Coler

Lakeside Gem & Mineral \$600.00 A memorial to Frank Omstead

Lakeside Gem & Mineral \$175.00 A memorial to Rick Tobin

Jerry & Mary Lou Northrup \$50.00 A memorial to Elmer Ringering

Total of \$1650 donated this spring.

Remember an AFMS scholarship donation makes a wonderful way to honor a club member who has passed away. Maybe some of the other clubs in the federation would like to contribute a donation (big or small) for any reason. The Northwest Federation receives two \$4,000.00 scholarships a year from this money. If you would like to contribute in any way send your donation to me and I will send it on to the appropriate person. Thanks again for supporting our scholarship fund.

Show Coordination – Pat Lambert

Faith Farley will be taking over the Show Coordination position later this year. I want to thank each and every one of you who have helped me find new places to post our information, those who keep me on the straight and narrow when I get creative and, most of all, thank you for the kind comments I have received over the years. It has been a pleasure working with you.

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. A method to contact the contact person (phone, email). 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, and The Gold Prospectors Association of America Newsletter. I send Idaho shows to Idaho Magazine. If anyone has other sources that I could use to spread the word, please let me know. Pat Lambert

Slide/Video – Open (Items can be checked out through Ronna Watkins)

Stamps – Aaron Currier and Ed Anderson

Supplies – Open

Ways & Means – Janice VanCura

Webmaster – Brad Larson

Website Competition – Kat Koch – Pro Tem

ALAA-

ALAA 1st VP Report-Jennifer Haley for NFMS I want to congratulate our own NFMS PLAC chairman, Susie Koppert, as this year's AFMS Conservation and Legislation chairman. I am really happy and proud to see her there. I would like to see more rockhounds finding out how they can get involved in helping to preserve our collecting areas. All 7 of the AFMS Federation collecting sites matter. Whatever ground we can make in one area, will only help further the support for other areas whether it is in our NFMS territory or another's. If you or your club has questions or concerns, please contact me. I'm very interested in including articles any of you would like to contribute to the ALAA newsletter, about what you are working on regarding your collecting site and encouraging experiences you have found working together with public land management. When other clubs and federations see what you as clubs and individuals are doing that's helping, it will inspire them to do the same.

ADDENDUM I – CUSTODIAL REPORT

NFMS CUSTODIAN REPORT and INVENTORY SUMMARY

Prepared for April 29, 2023 Mid-Year Report

NFMS OFFICERS INVENTORY

PRESIDENT: President's items: briefcase, gavel, flag. SUPPLIES COMMITTEE inventory until new chairman found: 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.

Judi Allison has Past President Case materials; NFMS 50th Anniversary Cabochon collection. She will be cleaning and redoing the labels in preparation for the NFMS/AFMS Billings, MT Show 2023.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley– No items.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Lora Hall – No items

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Judi Allison - 3 Estwing Rock Hammers, 1 Pyle Speaker Assembly with 2 wireless microphones, 3 Reams NFMS letterhead paper, 25 long NFMS Envelopes, Archived Minutes from Past Meetings, 1 four-drawer File Cabinet. (Past Presidents' case and items within, Cabochons of the Northwest case)

TREASURER: Linda Harvey – (1) 1-drawer file cabinet, 1 calculator and multiple (4) boxes of records.

PAST PRESIDENT: See President-Larry Hulstrom.

NFMS COMMITTEES

ALL AMERICAN CLUB/Education: Open

BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Jennifer Haley- 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: Lora Hall- No items.

DIRECTORY: Carol Willey- No items.

EDUCATION: Open

ENDOWMENT FUND: Jim Brain- No items.

FIELD TRIPS: Doug True- No items.

HISTORIAN: Robert Dalton. (Ronna Watkins is storing the inventory at her property). Items listed on 27 typed pages: one 4-drawer file cabinet, one 2-drawer file cabinet, (3) 18-gallon plastic-lidded bins. 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 *NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS

JUNIORS: Gayle Butler- No items.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING: Vacant.

NEWSLETTER: Editor: Kathy Larson- No items.

NOMINATING: Larry Hulstrom- No items.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Walter Butler- No items.

OPERATIONS REVIEW: Open

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL: Larry Hulstrom- No items.

PUBLIC LAND ADVISORY: Susie Koppert- No items.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Open

RESOLUTIONS: Audrey Vogelpohl- No items.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR: Laurie Ellis-No items.

RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE: RULES AND AWARDS CHAIR: JUDGING DIRECTOR:

Joshua Hulstrom- metal box (NFMS Eligibility files) 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.; 1 box of plaques to be awarded, 1 box of exhibitor record cards for competitors, judging worksheets, and competitive entry records for 2016, 2019, and 2022; 1-large society plaque; 1-small society plaque; 16-Award Plaques.

SAFETY: Kathy McLean- No items.

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup- No items

SHOW CHAIRPERSON 2023: No items.

SHOW COORDINATION: Pat Lambert- No items.

SLIDE & VIDEO LIBRARIAN: Open- Ronna Watkins has the 1 Epson Perfection V600 Scanner. See NFMS website and directory for inventory of Slides, VHS, DVD's, Power Point.

WAYS & MEANS: Janice Van Cura – No items.

STAMPS: Ed Anderson and Aaron Currier- Fourteen stamp sets and 5 pounds of stamps.

SUPPLIES: Open: Inventory give to Larry Hulstrom. See President's Inventory

WEBMASTER: Brad Larson- No items.

WEBSITE CONTEST: Kat Koch- No items

NFMS PAST PRESIDENTS CASE

The items listed below are placed in SHOW CASES each year at the NFMS ANNUAL SHOW and CONVENTION. (Please Note, No additions 2017 – 2022 by Past Presidents)

<u>SHOW DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM DISCRPTION</u>
2 Sep 1961	Darrell Irwin	Black/White Mineral Specimen
6 Sep 1964	Dorothy Lee	Wood Cast, OR (polished on both ends)
5 Sep 1965	Dr. George Williams	Agate Nodule, Southern Brazil
6 Sep 1970	Emil Rosenau	Redwood, Yellow Cat Region, UT
2 Sep 1973	Glenn Lee	Petrified Fern Tempskya, Greenhorn, OR
10 Aug 1974	A. J. "Joe" Bybee	Smoky Quartz, 30.5 cts. Tri-foil cut
19 Aug 1977	Don Kendall	2 Limb Casts
21 Aug 1981	Ray Moon	Faceted Y.A.G.
21 Aug 1982	Lyle Vogelpohl	Bruneau Jasper (oval cab)
5 Aug 1983	Ben Kolski	Tempskya Cab, Great Falls Area, MT
8 Aug 1986	R. Ed Romack	Faceted Stone, Rose Quartz
7 Aug 1987	Carroll Dillon	Idaho Cut Laser Ruby
9 Sep 1988	Dee Holland	Spencer Opal Triplet
9 Jun 1989	Dr. Robert Carlson	Quartz Stone (faceted)
22 Jun 1990	Jon Eckerly	Plume Agate, Angelwing, Graveyard Point
26 Jul 1991	Harland Lindner	Petrified Wood, Saddle Mountain, WA
31 Jul 1992	Jon Spunaugle	Opal & Turquoise Channel Pendant
23 Jul 1993	Lauren Williams	Montana Moss Agate
3 Jun 1994	Darrell Dalton	Obsidian Bow Tie w/Mexican opal (faceted)
12 Jul 1996	Dick Glismann	Lace Cut Laser Ruby 46cts
23 Jun 2000	Rocky McCall	Intarsia Jewelry
30 Aug 2001	Doug True	Amethyst Crystal (large), Riverhead County, MT
1 Aug 2003	Russell "Russ" Snook	Belt Buckle & Bola-Snake River Dendritic Agate
23 July 2004	Chris Blickfeldt	Silver Metal Pendent w/Wine colored Faceted Stone
3 Aug 2007	Chuck Sonner	Turquoise Silver Ring
20 June 2008	Patty Amos	½ Thunderegg
31 July 2009	Paul Heesacker	Camp 5, Oregon Shaped Cab
18 Sept 2010	Evelyn Cataldo	Clay Canyon Variscite
30 July 2011	Fritz Mack	Red & Grey Rhyolite (polished on one side)
18 May 2012	Judi Allison	Green Bed Geodes (2 pieces)
9 Aug 2013	Kathy Moedl	McDevitt Creek Petrified wood (polished one side)

15 Aug 2014	Don Innes	Wire Wrapped Pendant (milky white druzy quartz)
10 Aug 2015	Warren Rood	Mexican Lace agate (wire wrapped)
29 Jul 2016	Hidemi Kira	Carey Ranch Plume Agate, CA
18 Oct 2019	Ronna Watkins	Biggs Jasper
11 Spt 2021	Beth Heesacker	Chabazite

CABOCHONS FROM THE NFMS 50th ANNIVERSITY CASE Detailed list with items.

<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2-Petrified Wood, 8-Jasper, 2-obsidian, 2-agate	Elvin Irwin
Rim Jasper	Gary & Linda
Bruneau Jasper	Robert Stobaugh
2- Jasper, 2agate, 1 wood	Keene Clay
2- Jasper	Russell Snook
Jade	Oro Stewart
2-Petrified Wood, Thunderegg	Bill Hall
5- Petrified Wood (Saddle Mnt)	Melvin Hill, Jim Cotant, Harland Linder
Montana Agate	Ed & June Sept
Biggs Canyon Jasper	Hellen Collins
Owyhee Picture Jasper	Dorothy Lee
1-Petrified Wood, 1-agate	Bob Bever
Tempskya (petrified fern)	Ben Koloski

Report submitted, Lora Hall 2023 NFMS 2nd VP, Custodian

In Loving Memory of Fellow Rockhounds We Have Lost
NFMS Members Passing during 2017 – 2023* (Final compilation 4/19/23)

***Note those listed may not be in Chronological Order**

NFMS Club at Large

Cheri George - Palmdale CA Gem & Mineral Club

Idaho

2017-2019

Mike Burton – North Idaho Mineral Club, Coeur d’Alene
Bertha McPherson – North Idaho Mineral Club, Coeur d’Alene
Bob Bockman - North Idaho Mineral Club, Coeur d’Alene
Scott Mitson - North Idaho Mineral Club, Coeur d’Alene
Carl Chapin – North Idaho Mineral Club, Coeur d’Alene
David Dabritz – Hells Canyon Gem Club, Lewiston
Ted Havens – Hells Canyon Gem Club, Lewiston
Ralph Mathewson – Hells Canyon Gem Club, Lewiston
Mae Aman – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Richard Clark – Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Marion Phillips – Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Mettie Clay – Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Joan Alvey – Idaho Gem Club
Ron Coolbaugh – Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Mark Jeffers – Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Charles “Chuck” Hanson – Idaho Gem Club, Boise

Washington

Ken Nelson - Grays Harbor Rock Club, Aberdeen
Paul Goree – Skagit Rock and Gem, Mt Vernon
Rick Klauber – Skagit Rock and Gem, Mt Vernon

2020 – Present

Idaho

James Dillion - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Charles Smith - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
George Cawthon - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Mike Jones - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Laura Lindsey - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Betty Trebilcock - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Ed Schulz - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
John Howell - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Judy Blodgett - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Jonathan Barnett - Idaho Gem Club, Boise
Charles McCreath – Idaho gem Club, Boise
Georgia Moody – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Dallas Budden – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Dan Doerch – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Deana Moser – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Gene Babbitt – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Caroline Whipple – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
John, Howell – Owyhee Gem and Mineral, Caldwell
Nancy McDonald- Hells Canyon Gem Club, Lewiston

Montana

Ralph Lee - Billings Gem & Mineral, Billings
Verda Moos - Billings Gem & Mineral, Billings
Lloyd Norby - Billings Gem & Mineral, Billings
Steve Syphers – Bitterroot Gem & Mineral, Hamilton
Douglas Johns – Hellgate Mineral Society, Missoula

Oregon

Rose Jackson – Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove
Carl Weaver – Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove
Russell Snook - Tualatin Valley Gem Club Past President NFMS
George Williams - Tualatin Valley Gem Club Past President NFMS
Laverne Williams - Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove
Darrel Brady - Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove
Lena Jeffries - Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove
Deborah Schlienzy – Mount Hood Rock Club and Clackamette M&G, Oregon City
Jan Davis Shelley – Mount Hood Rock Club, Gresham
Bruce Lockwood – Mount Hood Rock Club, Gresham & Clackamette Mineral & Gem, OR City
Phil Bolton - Mount Hood Rock Club, Gresham
Lamar Tilgner - Mount Hood Rock Club, Gresham
Ralph Branson - Mount Hood Rock Club, Gresham
Troy Smith – Mount Hood Rock Club, Gresham
Marjorie Bush – Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City & Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Bea Settle - Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City
David Hanna - Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City
Jim Arendt - Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City
Graden Davis - Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City
Ene Sock - Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City
Paul Morgan - Clackamette Mineral & Gem, Oregon City
Lelani Pitman - Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Al Tompkins - Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Thelma LaPontic - Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Lafe Prier - Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Donna Ernst - Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Richard Hall - Oregon Agate & Mineral, Portland
Elmer Ringering – Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral, Hermiston

Utah

Gregory Little - Golden Spike Gem & Mineral, Ogden
Edna Whitehorn - Golden Spike Gem & Mineral, Ogden

Washington

Kenneth (Stu) and Kathryn Earnst – Marysville Rock & Gem, Marysville
Denny Cook – Marysville Rock & Gem, Marysville
Tim Loreen – Marysville Rock & Gem, Marysville
Vern Tovrea - Marysville Rock & Gem, Marysville
Chuck Sonner - Southern WA Mineralogical Society Past President NFMS
Dick Williams – Southern WA Mineralogical Society, Longview
Jacqueline Furuli - Southern WA Mineralogical Society, Longview
Patrick Swinth – Southern WA Mineralogical Society, Longview
Keith Wilson – Southern WA Mineralogical Society, Longview
Eleanor Miller - Washington Agate & Mineral, Olympia

Robert Pattie - Cascade Mineralogical Society, Seattle
Fred Thompson - Cascade Mineralogical Society, Seattle
Paul Stewart - Cascade Mineralogical Society, Seattle
Stanley Loreen - Cascade Mineralogical Society, Seattle
Mark Smith – Everett Rock & Gem, Everett
Alice Walter - Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Yakima
Darrell Watkins - Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Yakima NFMS Slide/Video Librarian
Frank Olmstead – Lakeside Gem and Mineral, Kennewick
Rod Coler- Lakeside Gem and Mineral, Kennewick
Richard Tobin - Lakeside Gem and Mineral, Kennewick
Emily Airhart - Grays Harbor Rock Club, Aberdeen
Dinna Tripp - Grays Harbor Rock Club, Aberdeen
Ed Tannehill - Grays Harbor Rock Club, Aberdeen
Leo Waldschmidt – Skagit Rock and Gem, Mt Vernon
Nona Avery – Skagit Rock and Gem, Mt Vernon
Bev Dillon – Skagit Rock and Gem, Mt Vernon
Frank Isca – Skagit Rock and Gem, Mt Vernon