

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, August 4, 2023 – 1:00 pm

Billings Convention Center, 1223 Mullaney Lane, Billings, Montana

Parliamentarian-Evan Day

ORDER OF BUSINESS. . .

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-Lora Hall, 2nd Vice President

Invocation-Evan Day

Moment of Silence for Those Lost-Darrell Coyle, President (See last page for list)

Acknowledgement and Swearing in of Directors and Delegates –Clara and Del Walker

Committee Reports – Acknowledgement, additional information – Committee Chairpersons

(Reports follow Minutes of the Meeting)

Old Business

Electronic Newsletter- possible adoption – Darrell Coyle

New Business

Acceptance of New Club – Judi Allison

Presentation of Proposed Budget and vote-Jennifer Haley

Presentation of Slate of Nominees for 2023-24 and vote – Larry Hulstrom

Additional Business

Announcements – Future Shows, Etc.

Adjournment

Minutes of the meeting – 8-4-2023

President Darrell Coyle called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm. He then requested all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Evan Day then offered an Invocation for the meeting to go well and be productive.

Darrell then introduced the individuals at the table: 1st Vice President Jennifer Haley, Himself, Second Vice President Lora Hall, Parliamentarian Evan Day, and Secretary Judi Allison.

Jennifer acknowledged the Past Presidents who were present: Ronna Watkins, Larry Hulstrom, Ken Zahn, Doug True (Also AFMS Past President), Judi Allison and Lauren Williams who was not in attendance. She also introduced Cheryl Neary, current AFMS President.

Darrell let the membership know about the undue passing of our Treasurer Linda Harvey. He then asked for a moment of silence for all the rockhounds we have lost this past year.

Lora Hall took over the microphone and moved around the room for the balance of introductions. Alan Williams Golden Spike, Mike Rhodes 2nd Vice President candidate Golden Spike, Susie Koppert PLAC MT Hood, Karli Cook Hatrockhounds, Laurie Ellis Regional ACROY Hatrockhounds, Mel Buhr Everett, Roger Burford President Elect AFMS, Liz Burford Louisiana, Dennis English Marcus Whitman, Andrew Lacey Marcus Whitman, Janel Lacey Directory Marcus Whitman, Laura Richards Hellgate, Michael Richards Hellgate, Sandie Fender AFMS Scholarships, Tony Fender, Sam Marsh Magic Valley, Cheryl Neary AFMS President and Central Office, Donnie Mullin North Idaho, Heather Barber North Idaho, James Finckbone North Idaho, Ken Zahn, Bozeman, Doug True Billings, Mike Blanton Cascade, Kat Koch Bulletin Aids and Website Cascade, Cindy Shearer Lakeside, Deb Strickland Billings, Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich Minnesota, Debbie Mitchel Idaho Gem, Ed Moser Owyhee Gem, Andy Johnson Lakeside, Delane Cox NW Arkansas, Wayne Cox NW Arkansas, Sue Grosenick Salmon Valley, Rich Hull Salmon Valley, Rich Holt Sweet Home, Gordon Hale Tualatin Valley, Ann Rydal Timpanogos, Ann Tolley Timpanogos, Jerry Northrup Hells Canyon, Mary Lou Northrup Scholarship, Adam Schimelfening Miles City, Ronna Watkins Yakima, Larry Hulstrom Lakeside, Josh Hulstrom Rules and Awards, Clara Walker Credentials Prineville, Del Walker Credentials Prineville, Priscilla Hall Ford Oregon Agate,

Clara and Del gave the initial number of clubs and Delegates as fourteen and nineteen. With the addition of people who forgot their credentials, the count was twenty clubs and twenty-nine delegates. Larry Hulstrom moved and Michael Rhodes seconded the approval of the additional un-credentialed members. Their motion carried with a show of paddles.

Parliamentarian Evan reminded President Darrell there needed to be a vote to accept the agenda. Jerry Northrup moved and Heather Barber seconded to accept the agenda. Approved by a show of paddles.

The matter of **Miles City Gem and Mineral Club** being accepted by the membership was brought forward. Joshua Hulstrom moved and Mike Blanton seconded the motion to accept the club. **Ken Zahn** interjected appreciation for all the efforts Doug True has taken to help form new clubs and bring them into the federation. The unanimous show of paddles was followed by a round of applause and a welcome.

Committee Reports with additional information follow.

Judi Allison requested folks consider the possibility of serving as Treasurer. She stated a more competent replacement is needed. She is better with words than numbers.

Jennifer Haley introduced the proposed budget as it was written in the packet. She asked for a vote to accept the proposal with the ability to move funds within the budget as needed. Kat Koch moved to accept the budget as written and Doug True seconded the motion. Proposed budget was approved.

Bulletin Aids and Website Contest Chair **Kat Koch** encouraged folks to enter the contests. It is a way to earn recognition and learn about how you can improve you publications.

Darrell thanked **Del and Clara Walker** for their many years of service as Credentials Chairs.

Neither Jim Brain nor Vicki Johnson of the **Endowment committee** were able to attend, thus had asked Jennifer Haley to speak for them. She reported that since the report was printed, our investment portfolio has grown \$2500. The income shown in the proposed NFMS operating budget coming from the Endowment Fund, will obligate the spending authorization for 2023-2034, based on the 4% spending policy. There is hope things will be better this coming year, and Endowment Funds won't have to be used to cover basic NFMS operating expenses. The intent of the committee is to use "funds" to fund projects and programs that offer the most benefit to the membership of the Federation. This is what the committee loves to do, but due to financial unsteadiness from the pandemic and offsetting of dues it hasn't been able to.

Doug True reported about the Blue Forest Federation field trip in May. There was also a second trip to Tepee Canyon, South Dakota in June. Fourteen Billings members went this year. He plans to offer this trip next year also. There was a comment about buckets of rocks, and retired Forest Service personnel, Janel Lacey pointed out five gallon buckets only applies in specific regions. The rules state incidental amounts of wood/rocks. Doug stated in South Dakota the five gallon buckets are allowable.

Nominating Chair Larry Hulstrom introduced Michael Rhodes as our 2nd Vice President candidate.

Susie Koppert spoke of the three and a half week circuit she has been on listening to and talking to many geologists. Write and tell those making the decisions why you do or don't like whatever thing is going on. Susie stated her uncle was a retired geologist who spent years in the mining and energy exploration and that she has had many conversations with him. She stated the Oregon Council has voted to do a write up on how to get into collection areas. She had copied maps and information for each club to take and study.

Laurie Ellis stated that her email had been changed to the correct one to use in the Newsletter. Some people queried what Rockhound of the Year was. As AFMS Chair, Judi Allison explained that is a simple method for clubs to honor one adult and one Junior member each year. It is not a contest. There is no specific criteria a person has to meet. It is simply an honor. A member of a club, the executive committee of the club, a nominating committee or perhaps last year's recipient might be the one to choose who to honor. There is a list of regional Chairpersons –Laurie being the one for NFMS. When a write up is sent to Laurie she will send it on to the AFMS Chair (Judi) who will create a certificate to be presented to the club's honoree. The write up will also be published in the NFMS and AFMS Newsletters.

Rules and Awards Chair **Josh Hulstrom** (and Larry) were given a thank you from Darrell for digitizing all the information so that it will be more hands on in the future. They explained that the Rules and Awards Committee agreed to break down the rules into different sections in order to make it simpler for potential competitors to read and decipher.

Darrell stated that **Faith Farley** has now taken over the Show Coordination position.

Ronna Watkins is now officially serving as Chair for the Library. She stated it seemed a good idea so that nothing had to be moved. The process of digitizing the slide library is ongoing. A quicker, more efficient way has been discovered. Ronna reminded folks to send back the material per media mail (with insurance) to save cost. And she encouraged folks to please take care of our stuff.

Although **Stamp Chairs Aaron and Ed** were not present, thanks to mostly the Idaho Gem Club (and some others) there were two large boxes of stamps to be delivered. Thanks to Rich Holt and Del Walker for volunteering to get the stamps to them so they can "work their magic."

Darrell stated although we need a new chair, he had a few supplies in his possession. Perhaps the tee shirts and hats could be brought out at the show in Hermiston next year.

Jennifer Haley spoke for the American Land Access Association (ALAA.) She stated that the phrase "working together" has been really pushed this year. ALAA works to have folks contact as many as possible about issues that are relevant to our hobby. She thanked those who went out of their way to write letters. Please stay involved. There will be a meeting on Sunday at one. There will be a live auction following with a 50/50 benefit for ALAA and NFMS general fund. **Janel Lacey** informed those present that when writing letters one needs to give a substantive comment. Identify an action of concern and what effect it has. It was suggested Janel write an article for the NFMS Newsletter. Doug True reminded that a club should not send the same letter. Janel stated the letter needs to be professional. Roger Burford, AFMS President elect asked that Janel's article be shared with all the Federations.

Darrell reminded the Directors and Delegates "You are our pathway to our clubs." Jennifer's new guide for New Directors is on the web site. Remember to send changes. Keep us updated.

Old Business

Newsletter-Electronic or printed and mailed?

Darrell gave an overview of reasoning to move to an electronic paper. Postage and printing have gone up. It is now approximately \$2500 per issue. The Bylaws state a minimum of six and maximum of ten a year.

Evan Day stated that there does not need to be a vote, but we want the membership to have a say whereby with discussion an electronic version would be phased in if the concept passes. The format would change so it could be easily read on even a phone. Clubs would need a reliable person to receive and disseminate the electronic version.

Doug True stated balancing and spending is equally important. Some clubs say it's too much money. Doug says it is a draw- written newsletter- field trips.

Ronna Watkins pointed out one can already access it on line. People wouldn't be getting anything for their dues without the printed version.

Ann Tolley asked if it is more difficult to forward to responsible people than to circulate an electronic copy to all from one source. There was some discussion about programs that allow sending large quantities of email in a bulk form. "Mail Chimp" was mentioned. (Heather Barber of the Northern Idaho Club sent Secretary, Judi an email with a source that will do just that.)

Clara Walker stated that Tom Burchard (Circulation) can only do what he can do. There seems to be a breakdown in responsibility when folks are not getting their newsletters. She has a passion for newsletters. What are funds for if not for written newsletters?

(It was noted that the offset of a \$1.00 for adult dues will be coming to an end. The adult dues will again be \$3.50 per person.)

Michael Rhodes said he has never received a written paper. He gets it electronically and that is how it is sent to all in his club. In the eight years he has been in the Federation only two people wanted a printed copy in the Golden Spike Club. He's ready for the electronic age. Perhaps charge extra for the printed version.

Janel Lacey agreed that an electronic version makes sense. In the fifteen years in her club there has been some breakdown in the process because even if done correctly in their club, not all get it. The NFMS can support clubs as it is worked out and we share more.

Cheryl Neary (AFMS President) stated in the Eastern Federation not all have internet access. When they went digital, clubs asked for money back. Most Federations send out papers to only three designated members of each club. The same is true for the AFMS. There are pros and cons to all. She doesn't personally like electronic.

Ken Zahn is a strong advocate for maintaining the paper in print. He sees two problems: getting members reported and finding out why members are not receiving the newsletter. He is a member of sixteen different clubs. The newsletter is a unique asset of the NFMS. Clubs will balk; especially any club trying to grow or rebuild. The endowment fund is not in jeopardy because of the newsletter-Ken challenged that premise. **Doug True** stated that "old folks need paper. Billings has electronic but anyone who wants a hard copy can get one.

Tony Fender shared that California (CFMS) sends three Federation newsletters to each club. A few years ago the question of electronic or hard copy came up. Two-thirds chose to go electronic.

Michael Richards suggested that clubs could print hard copies for their meetings.

Michael Blanton wants paper-or at least a format for a mobile device.

Heather Barber would like an option of print or email.

Roger Burford said why not get the newsletter on a website that just has authorization for the clubs?

Jennifer Haley stated there is so much more than just the newsletter for the Federation; great contests and such. Money saved could be used in other ways. What are we going to do with the money? The endowment grew because of clubs donations. It is not made for emergencies. We all know how to tighten our belt when necessary. Working with the BLM is an example of how we can work together on the behalf of all rockhounds. The same is true of the AFMS.

Lora Hall Mirrored Jennifer. The AFMS taps into the endowment funds to pay for all Junior programs and there are other benefits. There was even a club that left the Federation that asked for a badge; which they lost out on.

Judi read input sent from **Audrey and Lyle Vogelpohl** who were unable to attend. They both strongly voiced their objections to an electronic newsletter. Lyle cited the by-law that states "maintain the Northwest Newsletter as a medium of DIRECT CONTACT (under newsletter op bullet two.) He mentioned that at one time only three people in each club received one and information was not disseminated. Audrey pointed out that (under Fund Management-Expenditure Identification-A.1.) stated that projects should be for the general benefit of the NFMS membership or its member societies-not for a select few or to cover individual costs in the budget. **Judi Allison** also stated it works both ways. We do need better communication.

Darrell determined that it was not time to call for a vote. He suggested having an option for clubs to decide. We can't satisfy everybody. Things are not going to get any cheaper.

Michael Richards said it was a great idea but even better would be to make it a benefit to go electronic.

Janel Lacey stated there are many reasons why people want paper copies.

James Finckbone threw out a motion that each club have an internal discussion to go electronic.

Janel Lacey, with prompts from others, then created a motion to have clubs go electronic with the Northwest Federation Newsletter, and if they choose to do so get a reductions of \$1.00 per person. **Michael Richards** seconded. After some confusion and interjections and a comment from Darrell, it was amended that clubs that go with paper pay extra rather than a discount for electronic.

Roger Burford interjected that you are already paying for a newsletter. Why would you want to pay more?

Ken Zahn threw in an objection that paying more dollars is not okay.

Michael Richards stated if it is only a change to print or electronic there would be no by-laws change.

Tammy Rydal asked if it is shifting responsibility to individual clubs.

Mike Blanton reminded about the past comment that if there were less copies of the printed paper the cost goes up.

Darrell then restated the original motion omitting any mention of money. "Allow clubs to opt out of a paper newsletter if they choose to do so." He asked Janel if that motion stood as an agreed upon phrasing. She agreed, and with that a show of paddles was called for. Nineteen for the motion, seven against and three abstaining.

(A Comment from your Secretary: In essence, this entire exchange has changed nothing other than making the executive committee more aware of some needs of better communication between the clubs and those in leadership positions so that everyone will have the correct information to help each society run smoothly and share information back and forth. The newsletter will continue as a hardcopy missive with distribution to individual households.)

Larry Hulstrom then took up the matter of Nominations. He introduced the slate of candidates and asked for any additional nominations from the floor. President Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President Lora Hall, 2nd Vice President Michael Rhodes, Secretary Judi Allison. Receiving none, the nominations were closed and the slate of officers for 2023-24 were accepted by acclamation.

As a matter of business Larry Hulstrom has been appointed as the new Registered Agent, thus the principal place of business will change from 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126 to 5409 W 26th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99338. The Articles of Incorporation Article II and Article I Section 2 of the by-laws will be changed to reflect the new address.

AFMS President Cheryl Neary thanked the NFMS Federation for holding the show. She also thanked Jennifer Haley for creating wooly mammoths as a fund raiser for the Junior program. She thanked Lora Hall for all the work she has put in as the AFMS Junior Chair. She thanked Judi Allison as NFMS Chair for the AFMS Endowment fund and suggested Judi still had some tickets to sell. She also thanked Larry and Josh Hulstrom for all work they put in on Uniform Rules. She ended by saying Billings is a beautiful city. She drove from New York and is enjoying all the sites.

Michael Rhodes moved to adjourn and Larry Hulstrom seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President-Darrell Coyle
Executive Secretary-Judi Allison
Treasurer-Judi Allison, pro tem
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-Open
Resolutions-Audrey Vogelpohl
Rockhound of the Year-Laurie Ellis
Rules & Awards-Joshua Hulstrom
Safety-Open
Scholarship-Mary Lou Northrup
Show Coordination-Pat Lambert
Slide/Video-Open (Contact Ronna Watkins)
Stamps -Aaron Currier/Ed Anderson
Supplies-Open
Ways & Means-Janice VanCura
Webmaster-Brad Larson
Website Competition-Kat Koch- Pro Tem
ALAA-Doug True

REPORTS FOLLOW:

President's Report – Darrell Coyle - President's End of Year Report

At the beginning of my term as the President of the Northwest Federation of Mineral Societies, my priorities were to be Financially Responsible and to Improve Communication. As the First Vice President, I reviewed the Treasurer's reports and the Endowment Fund Reports for the previous two years to be able to write a proposed budget for this year. It really stands out that the Newsletter is the largest single expenditure and that income is not matching the funds spent. That is the main reason that I have pursued changing to an electronic Newsletter for the NFMS. I feel that there are other better ways to use our funds to improve the NFMS: digitizing the NFMS Library; possibly being able to ask for less from the revenue of Host Clubs that sponsor the Annual Meetings. Communication between Club Directors and the Executive Board needs to be improved and Club Directors need to know what their responsibilities are. I have tried to be open about this and keep the membership informed through my articles. I hope by the end of my term these things will be in motion.

I have full confidence that the incoming President, Jennifer Haley, is going to be able to finish these goals and be an outstanding President. She is very upbeat and a great communicator. The Second Vice President, Lora Hall, is also a tremendous asset to the NFMS. Her work with the AFMS Junior's Program has been very much appreciated. Past President, Larry Hulstrom, has been invaluable for his advice and willingness to take on some

of our most important issues. Huge Thank You to our Executive Secretary, Judi Allison. Without her knowledge and devotion to the myriad of tasks she does the NFMS would certainly be at a loss.

The majority of those that will be reading this are Directors and Delegates from our Member Clubs. You are key to the success of the NFMS. You need to keep your members informed and educate them on what the NFMS and AFMS do on their behalf. Keeping contact information and responding in a timely manner to changes in your club leadership and ensuring that dues are remitted on time is important so that the Board Officers and Committee Chairs can perform their jobs.

At each Annual Meeting we have a moment of Silence for those members that have passed during the year. Recently the NFMS lost our Treasurer, Linda Harvey. She was involved in many clubs and organizations as their Treasurer or Secretary. This has placed the NFMS in the unusual position of needing a new Treasurer immediately. Please consider taking this position or nominating someone.

I will continue to work for the NFMS in the future. As the Immediate Past President and then as a member of the Past Presidents Council. I will continue to be available to all of you. Thank you to all who have listened, advised and supported me during my time as an Officer of the NFMS. I do hope that you will enjoy the Show and take advantage of the activities. The Members of the Billings Gem and Mineral Club have worked hard to put this together for the NFMS and AFMS and its members. Thank you.

Secretary's Report – Judi Allison

This has been a very busy year. It has included addition of new volunteers, changing of the guard for some, addition of a new club, loss of some clubs and sadly, loss of some dear rockhound friends. But we all keep forging on. The executive committee has been very active. Discussions have been ongoing about membership, visibility, educating our clubs and volunteers about their roles within the Federation, and finances. One of the top priorities relevant to finances has been the discussion around implementation of an exclusive on line version of the Northwest Newsletter. In our age of technology, it only makes sense. I recall when I first became active in the Federation twenty-five years ago, the fact that the NFMS was the only Federation to offer a hard copy of the Newsletter to every household held a sense of pride. Today, with the rising costs, people's access to technology, and our changes over the years, the idea seems almost foolhardy. The newsletter is the single most costly item within the budget. With the money saved by an online version, the slide and video library could be completely updated, judges could possibly be offered a set monetary stipend, a possible offset of dues could again be implemented, field trip organizers might be able to receive some money for mileage. A number of things to benefit the federation could be accomplished with funds saved from such a change. We have researched and found that the change can be made by a simple revision of the by-laws. There is not a need for any formal resolution. The idea could be accomplished at our annual meeting by a simple motion and a vote from the assembly of directors. Consider what this could mean for our Federation as a whole. Remember, each one of you is a part of the Federation, and you have the power to make the decisions that make sense to carry us into the future.

As always, I truly enjoy working with the members of the Executive Committee, as well as, all the great rockhounds within the individual clubs. I look forward to continuing in my capacity of Secretary as long as you want me around, and I am able.

NFMS Treasurer, Pro Tem-Judi Allison

As I would guess you all know by now, very sadly, we lost our Treasurer, Linda Harvey in June. With such a sudden occurrence at a time when she was preparing for the upcoming meeting and end of the fiscal year, it left us scrambling to get things in an order to keep business going. Thanks to Bill Harvey, Linda's husband, and the Executive Committee, especially Larry Hulstrom, for helping to pull all together so we can move on. I have agreed to act as the Treasurer, pro tem until a replacement can be found. But, as I have told the Executive Committee, I am good with words, not numbers. If you love computing with numbers, please consider taking on this essential role.

Although, sadly, Central Oregon Rock Collectors, Cache Rock and Gem Club and Spokane Rocks Rollers chose not to renew their membership this year; happily we have gained the Miles City Gem and Mineral Club. We welcome them with open arms.

Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President

2023 Annual Budget Report-1st VP, Jennifer Haley (See ADDENDUM III)

As the NFMS 1st VP, I am responsible for preparing the budget for 2023-2024. The proposed budget is always presented to the NFMS Executive Committee and the NFMS Endowment Fund Committee for their eyes and minds to critique, before being presented and proposed at the Annual Organizational Meeting.

I've learned a lot this year with the patient help of many people's wisdom and experience, about all the considerations which go into a budget for our federation. A lot of considerations go into the pot called the Budget, and we stir it until we feel we've got the recipe right.

We estimated our spending limit for 2024 will be \$10,500 in order stay within the 4% Endowment Fund Spending Policy. We are already committed to spend \$5,278 of that to offset the \$1 per member dues reduction which the federation began in 2019 to help our societies during the pandemic. The five-year dues reduction commitment ends at the end of 2024.

The challenges we have been working together on for next year's budget, concern working with the impacts affecting our annual revenue. These include the dues reduction, loss of a few societies, navigating the everchanging world when it comes to the various aspects of the economy and coming out of the pandemic, and the potential cost increases which can arise during the functioning of a normal business year like printing, postage, insurance policy increases, travel mileage.

Under the suggestion of Jim Brain-Endowment Fund Advisor, you will note under Revenue, two line items have been retitled.

Interest from Endowment Fund is retitled; Proceeds from the Endowment Fund.

Interest from Endowment Fund-Dues Offset is retitled; Proceeds from the Endowment Fund-Dues Offset.

These suggestions were made because besides interest, these funds also include stock dividends, capital gains and value growth of the invested stocks.

Following the AFMS/NFMS show/convention in Billings, most likely in the month of September, the NFMS Executive Committee is looking forward to having an educational Zoom meeting with the NFMS Endowment Committee about the groundwork that goes into working on the annual budget. This will be a great way to lay the groundwork which will help not only our incoming 1st VP, 2nd VP and new Treasurer, but for all of us as the NFMS officers as we move forward working together into the coming year.

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

At the time this report was written, the federation currently has 27 members. 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

Lora Hall, 2nd Vice President

As 2nd Vice President, I have spent the last year watching, listening, learning, and preparing to serve as the 1st Vice President. My monthly newsletter articles have focused on ideas to help NFMS clubs attract and retain members by engaging them in new activities and opportunities, particularly those related to the AFMS and NFMS junior programs. In the role of Custodian, I prepared an inventory of NFMS properties for the mid-year report, and reviewing it again I find nothing has changed. Please refer to the attached report. Property held by Linda Harvey will of course be transferred to the new incoming treasurer sometime soon. (I was able to obtain the materials on July 15-Judi) I want to again thank Jennifer Haley and Judi Allison for helping me through this process. While the actual inventory is not difficult and rarely changes from year to year, but tracking down the contact information for those in possession of NFMS propriety can be. I am looking forward to the annual NFMS meeting and AFMS Convention in Billings and hope to see everyone soon.

Bulletin Aids –Kat Koch Kat has passed on the names of the winners of the contests and will be presenting such at the Editor/webmasters breakfast in Billings, Montana.

Credentials – Clara & Del Walker

As of this meeting, we will have completed our duties. We hope we are seeing many of you in Billings, MT.

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

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.

Directory – Carol Willey

No change for 2023, I will be turning over my duties to Janel Lacey this year. It has been a large part of my life, but time to turn it over to today's technology. Thanks to everyone at NFMS, Carol Willey-Directory

Education/All American Club Award – OPEN

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

2023 NFMS Endowment Fund Committee-Annual Meeting Report

As the country's financial situation has started to stabilize and inflation appears to be lessening, the Endowment Fund's financial situation is starting to stabilize. The stock market trend has generally been flat for the past 8 months but recently has started showing a slight trend upward. Your Endowment Fund Investment Account portfolio has weathered the market volatility and currently has a balance of around \$265,000, up around \$11,000 (4.6%) this business year. However, over the past year the fund growth has been slightly less than the fund expenditure. Generally, we have been able to stay within the fund's spending policy of obligating no more than 4% of the average of the year end balances for the previous three years plus any unspent authorizations carried over from the previous year. (The shortfall this year is because we had a higher spending authorization caused by carryover from the previous year. More specific details about the Endowment Fund status can be found in the attached financial status report.)

Because the value of our invested portfolio dropped significantly last year due to the fall in the stock market, we have not been able to fund any new programs or activities this year. As a result, the primary activity of the committee has been to work closely with the NFMS treasurer to make sure funds are available to cover operating expenditures of the federation.

The committee started the year with slightly more than \$20,000 in the Operating Account. Last September, after consultation with the NFMS Treasurer, we transferred \$10,000 from the operating account to the NFMS treasurer to cover a NFMS cash flow shortfall expected until club dues payments started coming in later in the business year. Part of this fund transfer was a payment in advance to cover the \$1.00 per member dues reduction that would be due in January. This left an Operating Account balance of around \$10,000. In late March we transferred another \$5,000 to the NFMS treasury to cover income shortfall due to a general drop in federation club membership and some clubs leaving the federation. The current Operating Account balance is a little over \$6,000. This will be held in case the NFMS Executive Committee identifies emergency expenditure needs between now and the end of the business year.

The committee financial advisor will be monitoring the performance of our invested stock portfolio to determine what the spending authorization for next year will be. Unless there is a big jump in the market between now and the end of the year, it looks like the fund will be authorized to spend around \$9,500 next year. (There will be no carry over un-obligated spending authority from this year.) We know we will have an obligation to cover the final year of dues reduction which is estimated to be around \$5,000. This leaves only \$4,500 to cover other fund spending obligations. Until we find out what the financial situation of the federation itself looks like the Endowment Fund Committee will not be looking for other programs or projects to fund.

Donations to the endowment fund from member societies and individuals have exceeded previous years, thanks to a very generous donation from an individual couple. 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. Vicki Johnson, Committee Chairperson, Southern Washington Mineralogical Society

Other committee members: Lyle Vogelpohl, treasurer; Jim Brain, financial advisor; Jennifer Haley, Lora Hall.

ADDENDUM II-Financial Statement

Field Trip – Doug True –Oral Report
Historian – Robert Dalton

Greetings Everyone! Sometimes it's hard to take a few minutes to sit down and write a report for the Federation so I'm doing this from my phone at one club meeting! I'm blessed to be the Historian for such an august group such as the NFMS. Since getting the files from Ronna last November. I did find a very cheap four drawer filing cabinet so our drawers aren't so full!

I am in the Herculean effort of organizing the files in a way I can understand and will create a list of everything I have so if someone needs something, we'll know where to find it AND so you know what we actually do have! I would ask any clubs who have a show to please send me something to remember the show by. I'm a poor person so getting to so many shows is too expensive for me to attend.

I am Robert Dalton, 18485 SW Pacific Drive, Unit 92, Tualatin, OR 97062.

Thank you for your support!

As an aside, my father, Darrell Dalton, was NFMS President back around 1994 or 1995, before he died from cancer in December of 1997.

Juniors – Gayle Butler Sadly, there were no entries for Junior Achievement Awards. Let's change this next year!

Newsletter Editor –Kathy Larson

Hello Everyone. This is my second year of being the NFMS Newsletter Editor and I'm really enjoying the challenges. Because of the cost of postage, it looks like we will be moving away from the current style newsletter to some kind of online style. This will mean changes to make the newsletter easier to print at home.

Like most people, I like receiving things in my mail but receiving the same things by email is faster. It will also allow more information to be included. The size of the newsletter is limited right now but, in the future, may be larger and include more information. I'd like to see a section for the Juniors and a section where various clubs can post updates. We have lots of possibilities!

Nominating – Larry Hulstrom

Michael Rhodes of the Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society was introduced in the April Mid-Year meeting packet. Hopefully he will be able to attend the annual meeting in Billings. Tragically we lost Linda Harvey on June 17 due to complications of a diabetic condition. We are making arrangements to assume her duties until such time as a replacement can be identified.

The NFMS secretary Judi Allison has agreed to remain in her position and it is assumed that the current 1st and 2nd VP's will advance in their roles.

If you know of anyone that would be willing to serve as the NFMS Treasurer please contact any member of the NFMS Executive Board as soon as possible.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat – Walt Butler

It is almost time for the 2023 NW Rockhound Retreat. I have received registration forms and payments from 41 campers, with a few spaces left. The camp will be held September 4th through 10th, 2023 at OMSI's Hancock Field Station in Central Oregon.

All but one of our instructors are returning for another great year. We are planning to have one new instructor for wire weaving and wire wrapping this year.

This year we increased the fees 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 and will make the camp self-supporting again.

The budget for the NW Rockhound retreat was increased this year. With the increase in fee's I will be able to balance the income and expenses so that I will not use Federation funds in the future.

Past Presidents' Council – Larry Hulstrom

The Hermiston Hatrockhounds will host the 2024 show and meeting on May 10 - 12. It's not too early to start thinking about hosting the 2025 show. The NFMS can help you in many ways if you think it is too big a chore. Check out the Guidebook for Hosting an NFMS Show on the NFMS website.

Public Lands Advisory – Susie Koppert

(Taken from the Oregon Mineral Council Newsletter) Susie was recently appointed to the BLM's John Day – Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC's purpose is to provide the BLM with input from recreational, industry and public interest groups on land use management policies. Susie has long attended RAC meetings in eastern Oregon, so her selection will bring rockhounds much needed representation in advising the BLM on a variety of issues. Among other duties, Susie will be serving on a RAC subcommittee tasked with developing a recreational rockhound management plan. Clearly this plan is of great importance to our hobby's future.

Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl Nothing to report at this time.

Rockhound of the Year –Laurie Ellis

I feel like we are getting some momentum rolling with the nominations. I'm hoping it continues to grow. With regards, Laurie **nfmsroy at gmail.com**

Rules & Awards –Joshua Hulstrom

Applications for both non-competitive and competitive displays have been posted on the NFMS website, the Billings Gem & Mineral Club website, and were made available in the NFMS Newsletter, as well as the AFMS newsletter. Hopefully some of you have submitted these applications and I will see you in Billings, MT.

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.

In another activity since the AFMS meeting in Westwego, LA last fall the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee (URC) has been working to update the Uniform Rules. Since that time I have been working with Larry Hulstrom (my dad), and Lee Whitebay primarily, with some input from Ron Carman and Leslie Wayment, to revise the Uniform Rules in order to present them in a more user friendly fashion that might attract and encourage new competitors. The proposed agenda for the URC meeting in Billings includes a discussion of the proposed rework of the Uniform Rules to be issued in the future (hopefully in 2024) as the 9th Edition.

Safety – Open

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

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

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

Oregon Trail Gem & Mineral Society \$375.00 A memorial to Elmer Ringering

Total of \$2025 donated this year.

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

Here is your stamp program update. Ed and I continue to sort and organize the donated stamps. We received a few more batches, so thank you to those who are donating. We prepared five lots for a big stamp show auction in Portland the first weekend of May. Each of the lots sold for their opening bids, which is better than them not selling at all. That was the case for many other lots. The combined bids were \$100 with a 10% commission, so we profited \$90 for the NFMS scholarship fund. Ed raised another \$70 for a total of \$160 that was presented to the treasurer in early June. That brings our total to \$685 since we started. Aaron Currier

Supplies – Open

Ways & Means – Janice VanCura

As Ways and means I have no report, and I will be tendering my resignation at the end of the fiscal year.

Webmaster – Brad Larson Nothing really new to report for the website, just keeping it up to date with the newsletters and any changes that are needed from the executive board.

Website Competition – Kat Koch – Pro Tem

ALAA-

ALAA VP-Jennifer Haley Report/NMFS Annual Meeting 2023

What's New! It's been a busy year at ALAA. In May we began reaching out to every AFMS federation's president and public lands access committees, whether or not they were members of ALAA. We did this because we realized we needed to create a wagon train of communication among all AFMS rockhounds, so more rockhounds can help each other. The primary focus was to help rockhounds who have been collecting for the past 100 years in what is now planned as the Mojave Trails National Monument. Many clubs who normally like to collect there include those in Southern California, Nevada and Arizona. The response has been rewarding, and from as far away as the east coast in their support with comment letters to the BLM.

Also, because we receive time dated information sometimes from rockhounds in various states, their news and requests for support can't always wait for the next newsletter to be published. This year we will continue to email updates of information in between our ALAA newsletters which will reach 400+ AFMS rockhounds, whether or not they are members of ALAA.

We have some amazing people helping with the gathering of information regarding the Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM), so everyone, no matter what federation they belong to, has the same specific valuable information needed to write good comment letters and make good talking points at BLM public meetings.

Communication is going to be key this year and moving forward. ALAA is looking for more rockhounds who can be ALAA Representatives, on behalf of the AFMS rockhound community. Whatever state or part of a state you live in, we can always use more help keeping an eye on collecting areas. It would be great to have a club or

someone willing to volunteer to be the overseeing eyes and ears for each collecting site, in the helping to preserve these cherished sites. ALAA would like to see the response the monument rockhounds were able to receive, growing wherever other rockhounds need more comment letters and support. A big thank you to all of you who are helping to keep the enjoyment of collecting on public lands accessible now, for the future of rockhounding clubs.

ADDENDUM I – NFMS CUSTODIAN REPORT and INVENTORY SUMMARY 2023 Annual 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.

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: 1-drawer file cabinet, 1 calculator and multiple (4) boxes of records. (Now in Judi Allison's possession)

PAST PRESIDENT: Larry Hulstrom. Past President Case materials; NFMS 50th Anniversary Cabochon collection

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. 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.

NEWSLETTER: Editor: Kathy Larson- No items.

NOMINATING: Larry Hulstrom- No items.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Walter Butler- No items.

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: Open

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 many stamps.

SUPPLIES: Open:

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.

MATERIAL

2-Petrified Wood, 8-Jasper, 2-obsidian, 2-agate
Rim Jasper
Bruneau Jasper
2- Jasper, 2agate, 1 wood
2- Jasper
Jade
2-Petrified Wood, Thunderegg
5- Petrified Wood (Saddle Mnt)
Montana Agate
Biggs Canyon Jasper
Owyhee Picture Jasper
1-Petrified Wood, 1-agate
Tempskya (petrified fern)

NAME

Elvin Irwin
Gary & Linda
Robert Stobaugh
Keene Clay
Russell Snook
Oro Stewart
Bill Hall
Melvin Hill, Jim Cotant, Harland Linder
Ed & June Sept
Hellen Collins
Dorothy Lee
Bob Bever
Ben Koloski

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

Northwest Federation Members who have passed 2022-2023

Mt Hood Rock Club

Ralph Branson, Troy Smith, Lamar Tilgner, Phil Bolton

Columbia Willamette Facetors Guild

Steven and Jeanne Richards

Marysville Rock and Gem Club

Aileen Bellman

Idaho Gem Club

Jim Storey

Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society

Tom Hooker

Oregon Agate & Mineral Society

Earline Irwin (Not a member, but her husband's estate donated many cabochons for the Cabs of the NW Case)

Hellgate Mineral Society

Douglas Johns

Skagit Rock and Gem Club

Frank Isca

Hells Canyon Gem Club

Nancy McDonald

Clackamette Mineral and Gem Society

Ene Sock, Paul Morgan, Chuck Tlusty

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

Linda Harvey