

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Friday, May 10th, 2024 – 1:00 pm
Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC)
1705 East Airport Road, Hermiston, Oregon 97838

Parliamentarian-Evan Day

ORDER OF BUSINESS. . .

Welcome-Mike Filarski, Show Chairman

Call to Order-Jennifer Haley, President

Pledge of Allegiance - Jennifer Haley, President

Introduction of Officers & Chairs-Jennifer Haley, President

Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs-Lora Hall, 1st Vice President

Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates-Michael Rhodes, 2nd Vice President

Invocation-Evan Day

Moment of Silence for Those Lost-Jennifer Haley, 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

Old Business

New Business

Presentation of Proposed Budget and vote-Lora Hall

Presentation of Slate of Nominees for 2024-25 and vote – Larry Hulstrom

Additional Business

Announcements – Future Shows, Etc.

Adjournment

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President-Jennifer Haley

Executive Secretary-Judi Allison

Treasurer-Andrew Lacey

Budget /1st Vice President-Lora Hall

Bulletin Aids-Priscilla Hall-Ford

Circulation-Tom Burchard

Credentials-Clara & Del Walker

Custodian-2nd Vice President/Michael Rhodes

Directory-Janel Lacey

All American Club Award/Education -Open

Endowment Fund-Vicki Johnson/Jim Brain

Field Trip-Doug True

Historian-Robert Dalton

Juniors-Jennifer Fitch

Newsletter Editor-Kathryn Larson

Nominating-Darrell Coyle

Northwest Rockhound Retreat-Walt Butler

Rules & Awards-Joshua Hulstrom

Past Presidents Council-Larry Hulstrom

Public Lands Advisory-Susie Koppert

Public Relations-Open

Resolutions-Audrey Vogelpohl

Rockhound of the Year-Laurie Ellis

Safety-Open

Scholarship-Mary Lou Northrup

Show Coordination-Faith Farley

Slide/Video- Ronna Watkins

Stamps-Aaron Currier/Ed Anderson

Supplies-Open

Ways & Means-Open

Webmaster-Brad Larson

Website Competition-Kat Koch

ALAA-Jennifer Haley

AFMS Committee Representatives

AFMS 1st Vice President-Ronna Watkins

AFMS Junior Program Chair-Lora Hall

Endowment Fund-Judi Allison

Program Competition-DeLane Cox

Scholarship Foundation-Mary Lou Northrup

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mike Filarski, Show Chairman gave a **welcome** to the membership and a “Thanks for Coming.”

The meeting was officially called to order by **President, Jennifer Haley** at 1:12 pm with a **pledge to the flag**. She then introduced the **officers**: Lora Hall, 1st Vice President, Michael Rhodes, 2nd Vice President and Judi Allison, Secretary.

Lora Hall introduced the **Past Presidents** who were present: Darrell Coyle, Larry Hulstrom, Ronna Watkins and Judi Allison.

Michael Rhodes asked the remaining individuals present to introduce themselves: Jim Brain-Club at Large, Vicki and Emmet Johnson-Southern Washington, Evan Day-Golden Spike, Darrell Coyle-Bitterroot, Janel Lacey-Marcus Whitman, Dennis English-Marcus Whitman, Mike Rose-North Idaho, Bill Johnson-North Idaho, Margaret Meyer-Far West, Josh Hulstom-Lakeside, Larry Hulstrom-Lakeside, Michael & Lynn Richards-Hellgate, Sue Stewart, Daniel & Dianna Stevens-Kent, Candra & James Burkhardt-Everett, Elizabeth Ford-Oregon Agate, Priscilla Hall-Ford-Oregon Agate, Jerry & Mary Lou Northrup-Hells Canyon, June Dorning-Yakima, Ronna Watkins-Yakima, Mel Lambert-Hatrockhounds, Margie & Rod Miller-Golden Spike, Bill Harvey-Tualatin Valley, Ed Moser-Owyhee, Don Diron-Owyhee, Debbie Mitchell- Idaho Gem Club, Gary Warren-Golden Spike, Clara & Del Walker-Pow Wow, Jennifer Fitch-Hellgate, Maureen Williams-Oregon Council.

Darrell Coyle then gave a shout out for the **New Director Guide Book** that can be found on the NFMS website. It tells what you are supposed to be doing as a Director for your club.

Pastor, Evan Day gave an invocation, asking that our meeting go well.

President, Jennifer Haley read the names of **those who have passed** in the last year, adding Ralph Luther, Greg Tacket, Kay Berry and Patsy Bethel to the list. She then asked for a moment of silence in remembrance.

Credentials Chairs, Clara and Del Walker reported there were 26 members from 16 clubs who had credentials. Clara introduced the additional six from four clubs and asked for a motion to include them as approved directors. Emmett Johnson made a motion and Larry Hulstrom seconded. With a raise of paddles, they were accepted. The final count was then **31 members representing 20 clubs**.

President, Jennifer spoke to her report reiterating that where would **no longer be a hard copy of the NFMS Newsletter**. She had found that many in the Federation were not receiving a hard copy. She explained that ten years ago the Federation changed printers and we just recently received information about their process. They admitted they had been lax in reviewing and following through with mailing issues. In addition, clubs often have not updated their information. The circulation chair had not weeded out old recipients nor received all the new information. Only ten of the sixty plus clubs sent in updates. The information of the Treasurer, Directory and Circulation were not matching, which was creating a major issue. With an electronic copy sent to key individuals in each club the issues should be eliminated. **We will also be able to create a larger, more colorful newsletter with the maximum ten issues allowed instead of keeping it at a minimum of six to preserve costs.**

Maureen Williams suggested that both a doc and PDF be attached. Janel Lacey suggested a PDF, as not all programs can open a doc, while PDFs are more universal. Darrell Coyle pointed out that with this method the paper will be available to all. Emmett Johnson stated their club had voted for a hard copy. “Now we have to tell our members no. What do we do?” It was pointed out that clubs could opt to print copies for their membership. Janel Lacey suggested that we move on. Judi passed around a clipboard with the names of the clubs and contacts she has, requesting contacts from those who had not given a name and email.

The next item for discussion was the **Directory**. Jennifer explained that in the past there have been too many printed. We tried to cut down and still had more than thirty remaining. The cost has consistently risen. Every members name and information is listed in the directory-even Juniors. With the push toward privacy, rising costs and a need to be more aware of vulnerabilities the Executive Committee and Chair of the Directory felt there was a need to reconsider how the directory is put together. In their discussion it was suggested that the directory only contain the key information of each club – Officers and key people, meeting time and place and business address. With that suggestion, **Darrell Coyle moved to remove the names of individual members and list only pertinent information of officers and key individuals**. Michael Richards seconded the motion. Clara Walker asked how it would be known if clubs were reporting the correct number of members if they weren’t listed. Judi Allison stated “Honesty. We have to have trust in our clubs, and we know that even with reporting names, there have been clubs that have failed to include membership payments for all. There was additional discussion explaining how the

directory will work. The vote was then called for with a repeated reading of the motion. **Motion passed by a strong majority.**

Jennifer announced that she would hold a Cracker Barrel meeting Sunday after the ALAA meeting for folks to discuss anything they would like and air or clarify issues.

Judi Allison offered tickets for the AFMS Endowment fund drawing to be held in Ventura the end of May. Thanks to those who purchased tickets and good luck.

Lora Hall discussed how she had arrived at the **budget for the next year**. She looked line by line at the categories. In some areas the amount of budget have been changed to reflect our mission and vision to do things. **In the end, the proposed budget is balanced with a surplus. Jerry Northrup moved to approve the budget with the ability to reallocate funds as needed within the budget. Sue Stewart seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Priscilla Hall-Ford spoke about her new position and the work she has done as **Bulletin Aids Chair**. The submissions have been judged and sent on to AFMS. There will be a breakfast tomorrow morning to announce the winners.

Michael Rhodes thanked all the committees who responded to his request for verification of their holdings in order to update the **custodial records**.

Janel Lacey stated that the information relative to the **Directory** was in the bulletin. She also emphasized that even though all the information will not be in the directory (individual names) **send in your information (and dues) ON TIME.**

Maureen Williams, who has had experience soliciting for the Oregon Council suggested that a request needs to go out early with a reminder about the benefits and accomplishments-what the Federation does for you. Jim Brain emphasized that a club is paying for the PREVIOUS year when sending in dues. The NFMS pays dues to the AFMS, which must be submitted by a specific date. It was suggested that a manual on process for paying dues would be helpful to the clubs.

Jim Brain added some information to his report on the **Endowment Fund**. He stated in the last ten days the account increased by \$5000. The market is quite volatile, but it appears that things will continue to increase by at least a bit. There should be from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for use for special projects to benefit the Federation.

Jennifer pointed out that there could be some fun projects and she encouraged clubs to come up with ideas. Jim added that if you suggest a project, have someone for a lead. The Endowment committee can fund a worthwhile project, but cannot be the one to implement it. Evan Day made a point to give accolades to the Endowment Committee for all their work.

Although he was in route and unable to attend, **Doug True** asked that it be announced that the **Blue Forest field trip** would be May 18-20.

Jennifer Fitch gave an overview of some of the things she has been working on as the new **Junior Chair**. After reaching out to other Federations she has created a goody bag for all the Junior leaders who attend the meeting tomorrow. She spoke of promoting the Rock Exchange Program and asked for additional ideas on contests for kids. There was also mention, as a resource, of Jim Urbaniak of the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society who writes a Rockhound Junior newsletter. The submission due date for the **Junior Achievement Award** has been changed to a set date each year. The new date is to be **postmarked by February 15th of each year**. This will allow for getting things judged no matter when the Annual Show takes place.

The winners of the awards were announced:

Age group 1: up to 7 years old

Jacob MacFarlane, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Hudson Brown, Hellgate Mineral Society (Montana)

Age group 2: ages 8 through 11 years old

Gabe Murphy, Hellgate Mineral Society (Montana)

Age group 3: ages 12 through 15 years old

Christian MacFarlane, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Age group 4: ages 16 through 18 years old

Graecilyn Wykes, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Jacob Haneberg, Marysville Rock and Gem Club (Washington)

Congratulations to all!

*Kathy Larson is retiring as **newsletter editor** to spend more time with her granddaughter and to continue her snowbirding to Arizona. We are fortunate that a volunteer has stepped forward and will be working with Kathy for the next couple of issues to learn the ropes and continue on with the newsletter as it launches into the virtual world. **Our thanks to Jessica Himple** of the Everett Rock and Gem Club!*

***Darrell Coyle** gave an overview of the **Nominating Committee's** process for selection of the nominees. He introduced Gary Warren as the candidate for 2nd Vice President for the coming year. He also offered Lora Hall as President, Michael Rhodes as 1st Vice President and Judi Allison as Secretary. Sadly, because of the sudden and recent loss of Andrew Lacey, we are searching for a Treasurer candidate. After introductions, Darrell called for additional nominations from the floor. Having no challengers, the slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year was **approved by acclamation**.*

***Larry Hulstrom**, as Chair of the **Past Presidents Committee**, stated that the bid for the show next year has been approved. The **Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society will be hosting the 2025 NFMS Show September 12-14, 2025 at the County Fairgrounds in Walla Walla, Washington**. Meetings will be at their club house on Friday with the show taking place on Saturday and Sunday. Janel Lacey stated that it is a busy weekend in Walla Walla and suggested people plan on getting their accommodations now. If you are interested in camping, check with her. Thank you to the Marcus Whitman Club for stepping forward to host the Show. **We need hosts for future shows**. The Federation can tag on to your regular show date and many things can be negotiable. We understand the rising costs and work of putting on a show and are willing to work with clubs to help ease and facilitate the process.*

Jennifer reported that there may be a possible candidate for Chair of Public Relations.

*Judi reminded attendees at honoring a member of their club as **AFMS Rockhound of the Year** is a simple process. Every club can be selecting an **adult and Junior member each year**. Consider giving accolades to your unsung heroes of the year.*

Speaking for Show Coordinator, Faith Farley, Darrell Coyle reminded clubs to get their show information in early-at least four months.

***Ronna Watkins** stated that digitizing and creating power points from many of the slide shows is in the works. Check the information on the web site and read the instructions on obtaining programs from the **library**. Be sure to request an item early, as media travels through the mail slowly. Remember that it is the club's responsibility to pay for and return the borrowed item. Ronna stated that the media checked out this last year all received rave reviews. So, remember, if you are looking for a program, perhaps there is a presentation waiting for you.*

***Ed Anderson and Aaron Currier thank folks for the donations of stamps**. This year there were many sent on to them, thanks in large part to the Owyhee club. There was also donation of a personal collection. Remember that Ed and Aaron have chosen the Junior members as the recipients of the funds from stamp sales. The money goes into a separate Junior fund.*

*Ronna stated she has membership applications for **ALAA**. Clubs or individual members can join. **ALAA**-American Lands Access Association is independent of the rock hobby clubs, as they were formed to be a lobby group and keep abreast of issues pertaining to rockhound access to sites. Consider joining and supporting the cause.*

***Ronna** also spoke as the 1st Vice President of the **American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)**. She will be traveling to the AFMS Show in Ventura, California May 22-26 where the annual meeting will be held. Speaking as Junior Chair for the AFMS, Lora Hall stated that her job is done, as her job was to get the NFMS a dynamic Junior Chair. She offered Jennifer's presentation as proof that it has been accomplished.*

Mary Lou Northrup reminded members that giving to the scholarship fund can be a way to honor members who have passed, or simply honor an individual. Or one can just give. Our Federation benefits each year by giving two graduate students the opportunity to receive a scholarship. Ronna also mentioned that creating a memorial case for a member can be a nice gesture.

***Darrell Coyle** mentioned that there was one additional item that he would like to bring up. The **NFMS Fiscal Year** currently falls from September 1 to August 31. It can get confusing when annual meetings and things such as Camp Hancock fall into two different fiscal years, but need to be billed to a specific year. The bylaws state the current fiscal year, so in order for it to be changed, a motion to amend the bylaws is needed. Such motions must be sponsored by an entity and be presented to the membership at least ninety days prior to an annual meeting. So if a club or entity feels that changing the fiscal year to the same as the calendar year would be beneficial, please*

consider submitting a motion for such. The executive committee or Darrell would probably be able to get you started.

With no further business to present, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 pm.

REPORTS FOLLOW:

President– Jennifer Haley

I want to personally thank the Hatrockhounds of Hermiston, Oregon, for hosting our annual show this year. These events are a special tradition our Federation has looked forward to for generations. It's a meaningful and fun time for everyone to get together like this, and to celebrate with the hosting club and cover business.

The Executive Committee along with the Committee Chairmen have been very busy this year on behalf of the Federation. Our new chairmen have been doing a great job learning the ropes and organizing the contests for your clubs. Because the Annual AFMS Convention & Show is earlier this year, and is after our Federation's event in Hermiston, we will be having our NFMS awards per usual at our banquet, and we'll have more to look forward to in the summer when the AFMS level contest winners will be announced.

I really appreciate the Executive Committee we have this year. They are a great group of people to work with. The NFMS is very fortunate to have them, and the others who have been working closely with us this year. The Executive Committee has been thinking long and hard on many issues. Some have been easier than others of course to work on.

NFMS Mailing List: We have resolved the problem some of you were having with not receiving the hardcopy newsletter. We discovered the Mailing list has been an unfortunate mess for a number of years, with too many names that shouldn't be there, missing names that should be there. Because of this, unfortunately it looks like the federation may have been wasting a few hundred dollars every year on mailing the newsletter to people who shouldn't be on the list. Thank you to Andrew Lacey-NFMS Treasurer who called our attention to the fact "a one list system" is best to work from, rather than the three list/three people system we've had for years. Andrew will now receive the updates throughout the year clubs normally sent to Circulation about new club members and drop offs. Andrew will forward the information he has to Directory. This "one list system" is the best system for the Federation.

Manuals: Every year is a good year for housekeeping. Too many NFMS Officers and Committee chairmen don't have manuals anymore. They either got lost or never passed forward over the years. The Executive Committee and all the Chairmen need to work on re-creating their manuals, and reviewing the ones we do have to see if there are helpful notes that can be added. A second copy of each manual will be given to the Executive Committee so we always have a backup.

Conversations with Clubs: One of my projects this year was to pick up the phone and talk with some of the NFMS club presidents. It was really good to chat, because with six states, we can't all get together at the same time usually. We talked about anything they thought they'd like the federation to work on, shared some good stories, talked about the aftermath of covid on their club and the changes they were dealing with, and about the newsletter. After Hermiston, I will look forward to continuing this again.

Directors Meetings: One topic I didn't expect to hear about when I was talking to a president of a large club of over 200 members, is their director who spoke during the directors meeting at Billings wasn't speaking on behalf of their club. The director was only speaking for what they wanted personally. As a reminder, that's not how things are supposed to work at the business meetings. You are supposed to be representing your club. It's not fair to the other clubs when a director does this.

At Billings the meeting got very chaotically heated, and by the end of the meeting the federation ended up losing a new person who had just volunteered to be a chairman. It was their first time at a directors meeting, and understandably it didn't make a good impression. During the directors meetings it's really important to be able to have good discussions together, even when we may not all agree. It just takes effort on everyone's part, so learn to train your dragon.

AFMS Protocol: We realized this year we've missed following some AFMS required protocol over the years when it comes to participating in the annual AFMS Scholarship Award. There's been no problem with our chosen award winners and scholarship students however. Just another good reminder we need things written

down, because there's a lot in every year to organize, and details to understand that make a difference in what we do.

President's Special Committee- a special committee has been formed to review some discrepancies we've found, and work on correcting them. An example: Long Range Planning is a NFMS Standing Committee mentioned in the NFMS Bylaws, but the committee is not mentioned in the NFMS-OP's. The OP's mention the 1st VP is the president of the Club-at-Large, but nowhere in the OP's is anything else mentioned about it.

NFMS/AFMS Scholarship Award Winner 2024: We received three nominees this year for this award. Our NFMS awardee this year will be Dr. Collin Kaeder from the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society. He has been a member of this club since 1974 which warmed our heart, and continues to actively participate in teaching at the NFMS Rockhound Retreat among the other activities he donates his time for, and for the society. A full article will appear in the NFMS and AFMS newsletters, and we'll enjoy recognizing Dr. Kaeder and presenting him with a beautiful plaque at our banquet.

New Donation: An armful size professional dino puppet has been donated to the NFMS to travel the annual Federation shows.

AFMS: The AFMS now has a new website! Many of the AFMS Federation presidents this year have been sharing their federation newsletters with each other. It's creating a nice connection and helps us realize we share some similar problems as Federations, and can offer good ideas to each other.

NFMS Newsletter: For the past five years the NFMS has been committed in giving its clubs reduced dues to help support them through the covid years. The NFMS actually had given reduced dues prior to that when covid first arrived. Each Executive Committee since that time has needed to do some serious creative thinking and adjustments each year to make everything work. Admittedly it's been extremely tight, beyond tight, even with receiving a large portions of money from our Endowment Fund these past several years to cover operational expenses. The Endowment Fund was not created to pay these expenses, but we needed to use that money to help us all get through those very tough years. I'm very grateful the NFMS was able to do that.

We have to face the facts, the current reduced dues, and when we go back to normal dues, does not cover the hardcopy newsletter and the AFMS dues. We've had to reduce the hardcopy publication of the NFMS Newsletter to 6 issues instead of 10, and we've looked where we could tighten up expenses even with some expenditures going up.

The gift of reduced dues was calendared five years ago to come to a close at the end of this fiscal year on August 31st. We've known for quite a while now, that we don't have an alternative way to reduce our Federation's expenses except to raise dues or go with an electronic newsletter, or both. We won't be raising dues this year, even though we need to.

We will be changing to an electronic newsletter this summer beginning with the July/August issue. Financially we can't avoid not making this change this year.

In preparation for the Electronic Newsletter:

- Our newsletter editor has a new format ready to go, which has been tested, and can be printed on a home printer on 8.5x11 paper.
- Judi Allison has started the roster to be able to send the newsletter electronically to each club. Each club needs to send Judi the name and email address of their designated member who will receive the newsletter from Judi, and forward the newsletter to their club members.
- Some clubs have already been in touch with Judi. If your club has not been in contact with her, please do so your club won't miss any issues.
- Club members of course can also read the newsletter online.

There are many advantages to look forward to with an electronic newsletter. Our issues can have more pages to make them more interesting, and be in full color. The NFMS chairmen will have a much easier time being able to communicate with the clubs when there's 10 issues instead of 6. This will make our federation much more active, and easier to get ready for all the contests each year.

I know this is a change, but it's going to turn into a very good change for your federation as a whole, as clubs. Start talking with your club members about new ideas and projects for the federation. There's room now to dream about these things we didn't think we could do before, and actually make them happen. The NFMS has a very bright future and lot to look forward to.

Secretary – Judi Allison

As you can see from our President's report, it has been a busy year. I think this has been a year of evolution and reassessing and moving toward the future with renewed vigor and purpose. One of the many things that we are working on is rebuilding a set of "This is my Job" manuals. I am certain that will not be the name, but that is the purpose; so that when a new person takes up a position they will not be blindsided, not knowing what the job entails. All will be spelled out. At one time, I am told there were such descriptions, but as with all things historical, they became just that: history. So, now we need to create descriptions with vitality and sense for these technological times. I won't go into additional detail, but rest assured we are working to make the Federation richer in experiences for all.

Please note: if you have not given me a point of contact for the Newsletter, please do so. We certainly don't want to have an interruption in its receipt! I will have a list of those who have given me a contact at the meeting, so you will know if you need to supply information.

NFMS Treasurer, Andrew Lacey

Report-See Addendum I

1st Vice President –Lora Hall

Budget-See Addendum II

(With a little help from AI Lora added her sentiments about preparing a budget.)

In the realm of finance, where troubles brew, Lies the daunting task of completing a budget too. With numbers that dance and figures askew, Oh, the woes that plague, it's all too true!

Each line item a puzzle, a riddle to solve, As stress levels rise and patience dissolves. With spreadsheets sprawling, like tangled vines evolve, The battle of the budget takes its toll.

Yet amidst the chaos, a glimmer of light, As perseverance prevails and wrongs are made right. For in conquering the budget, with all its might, Lies the satisfaction of a financial fight. from: ChatGPT

2nd Vice President-Michael Rhodes

Custodial - See Addendum III

Bulletin Aids –Priscilla Hall-Ford

Priscilla took up the reins, and with the guidance from our President, has jumped right in to this involved position.

Credentials – Clara & Del Walker

As you are reading this report, our job should be nearly finished. We wish to thank all Delegates for your cooperation in making our job easier. THANK YOU

Directory – Janel Lacey

To avoid confusion from too many people making or changing club membership lists, the Treasurer took the lead on compiling current membership data. He completed this task on March 25 and deserves many kudos for the endless hours he spent over several months. Many clubs were delayed in getting their membership information in, or submitted incomplete information. This greatly affected the publishing timeline and it is unlikely the directory will be ready for the annual meeting in Hermiston. Hopefully we now have the correct contacts for club boards and next year everyone will meet the deadline for dues and updates. There has been discussion about listing only the board members of each club in the directory along with their contact information. This would reduce both production costs and the time it takes to compile future directories. With this change, if one wants to contact a club member not in the directory, the person would need to request the information from one of the club's board members. More to come on when the directory will be ready and the final "look" of the document. Janel Lacey, Directory Chair

Education/All American Club Award – OPEN**Endowment Fund – Vicki Johnson, Chair: Jim Brain, Financial Advisor**

Financial Statement-See Addendum IV

2024 Annual Meeting Report

NFMS Endowment Fund Committee

Over the first 8 months of the NFMS business year, the stock market has been pretty good to the Endowment Fund. Our overall fund balance is up about \$13,000 or 5%, year to date. I also want to thank those who have made donations to the fund and encourage others to do so whenever possible. For report details see the attached 2nd quarter financial report. To cover the Endowment Fund's spending obligations for the current business year, it was necessary to sell \$20,000 of our invested assets and move the proceeds into our operating account. We waited until February to do that to take advantage of the upward trend in the stock market. We should not have to sell additional assets for another year or so. Again, this year the entire amount authorized by the committee's spending policy has been committed to offsetting the effects of the \$1.00 per member dues reduction and balancing the NFMS budget due to increased costs of doing business. There are no funds available for special projects or programs to benefit the federation membership. Next year, if the changes in NFMS operating procedures go as planned, monies from the endowment fund will not be needed to make up NFMS income deficits. This will allow us to use the entire authorized annual spending limit of around \$10,000 on new projects or programs. **With that being said we are asking each club to think about what they would like to see the federation spend that money on.** For example, one past proposal that never got off the ground because of other funding obligations was to increase the allocation to the Slide/Video committee to start the process of updating the material in the library material that member clubs use for their programs. Another idea dropped was to build a static display that could be moved around the federation that feature the various aspects of our rockhounding hobby. It could be used at shows and other events to promote the rockhounding hobby and the NFMS. A formal request for project details will go out in the June NFMS newsletter. We will need more than just an idea. We need details of what is proposed, who will take the lead, how much will it cost and when would it be finished. The endowment fund committee will prioritize submissions and forward them to the NFMS executive committee for final approval and inclusion in the NFMS budget. Remember we only have \$10,000 to spend each year.

Finally, our financial advisor, Jim Brain, worked with the NFMS Executive committee, to get a better return on the funds in the savings account dedicated to supporting the Juniors program. They ended up moving funds from the savings account which was drawing minimum interest to short term CD's earning over 5% per year. At that rate the Juniors committee will have about \$500 per year for awards, etc.

Vicki Johnson, Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson
Other committee members are: Lyle Vogelpohl, treasurer; Jim Brain, financial advisor; Lora Hall, NFMS 1st VP; and Michael Rhodes, NFMS 2nd VP.

Field Trip – Doug True –

Historian – Robert Dalton

Juniors – Jennifer Fitch

I sent out the Junior Achievement Award guidelines in the newsletter, along with a few reminder emails on the deadline of February 15th, 2024, for entries.

I am still learning the ropes to this, so if I forgot something, please let me know.

Newsletter Editor –Kathy Larson

I took over the editor duties in Oct 2021 during our Covid years. Due to Covid it was a quiet time. Shows were subdued, activities and gatherings were limited. Trying to fill our newsletter with information was a challenge. That is behind us and rock hounding is busy! There is now lots of shows and activities to report on and lots of information to share. I am excited at the way the Federations are reaching out to each other and trying to create better communication. We all have ideas to share and things to learn from each other. We have challenges also. Postage is very expensive and we need to try new ways of sharing our newsletters. I have modified our large newsletter from the 11.5 x 17 inch format to a 11.5 x 8 inch format that can be easily emailed and printed out on a home computer. I am sure there will be more modifications in the future that will make our newsletter easier and less expensive to share. I will be continuing in my position until September when someone new will be taking over.

Nominating – Darrell Coyle

The following individuals have volunteered to be members of the Nominating Committee. They all are members in good standing of Clubs in the Northwest Federation.

Walt Butler, Oregon

Larry Hulstrom, Washington

Randy Squires, Idaho

Faith Farley, Montana

Darrell Coyle - Nominations Chair Montana

They all have been provided a Bio of Gary Warren from the Golden Spike Club in Utah. All are in favor of nominating Gary Warren for the 2d Vice President position. He is a member in good standing. He has previously been accepted as a nominee for the Executive Board Position of 2nd Vice President, but withdrew due to medical reasons. He has now confirmed that he is committed to taking this position in the Northwest Federation Executive Board.

Gary Warren and wife Sally have been rockhounds for many years. They live in Brigham City, Utah, and have four children, fifteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. They are currently members of the Golden Spike Rock Club in Ogden, Utah. They have been members of the Cache Rock and Gem Club in Logan, Utah for 17 years, and Gary has been the president of this club for 14 of those years. Gary enjoys sharing his love of rockhounding with children through school lectures and after-school group demonstrations and activities. Gary now teaches a rock hounding class at Utah State University. Each year, the Cache Rock and Gem Club host a rock show in May and have over 3,000 people attend this show. The club has also incorporated a junior rockhounding program to help teach kids about rocks and encourage them to pursue this hobby. Gary and Sally are semi-retired and enjoy taking time to pursue their passion of travel and rockhounding. This hobby came in handy when Gary was asked to revise the Rockhounding Utah book. Since that was completed and updated, he has also revised the Rockhounding Colorado and Rockhounding Nevada books.

As the Nominating Committee Chair I recommend the following individuals be nominated for the 2024 Elections.

Lora Hall, President

Michael Rhodes, 1st Vice President

Gary Warren, 2nd Vice President

Judi Allison, Executive Secretary

Andrew Lacey, Treasurer

Northwest Rockhound Retreat – Walt Butler

In 2023 we had a successful camp with an average attendance of 44 campers. We had several campers cancel at the last minute so we had fewer than the maximum allowed. The weather cooperated it was not as hot as previous years and there was no smoke from any wild fires.

As of March 20th 2024 we have 32 individuals registered for the 2024 NW Rockhound Retreat with more coming in the mail daily. I added a new class this year during the day. Previously the Chainmail class was held in the evenings in Berrie Hall and was very well attended. There will not be a faceting class this year. There is growing interest in this class and I am looking for a suitable space to hold the class in the future.

This year OMSI increased the rental fees. After reviewing the effect on the 2024 Budget I did not increase the registration amount this year. I will review the effects of the increase on the budget requirements for future years after camp has concluded.

Past Presidents' Council – Larry Hulstrom

The Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society of Walla Walla, WA has offered a proposal to host the 2025 show and meeting on September 12 – 14. Judging of competitive exhibits would likely take place on Friday evening September 12. This proposal is being reviewed by the Past Presidents Council and will be sent to the Executive Board for concurrence prior to the annual meeting in Hermiston

Public Lands Advisory – Susie Koppert

Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl

Rockhound of the Year –Laurie Ellis

Greetings Rockhound! Nominations have been slow this year. Hoping to put together some ideas for reaching out to the public, and perhaps incentives for our ROY's. My first thought is a rock creation, such as a pendant etc. Look forward to seeing everyone in Hermiston! Best Regards. Send your submissions to nfmsroy@gmail.com

Rules & Awards –Joshua Hulstrom

Applications for both non-competitive and competitive displays have been posted on the NFMS website under the Federation Show tab found on the right side. This directs you to the Hermiston Hatrockhounds website where the forms are located. Hopefully you have found them.

The Rules & Awards Committee needs new members. Larry Hulstrom has stepped into the Exhibits Registrar role so that we would have someone to perform this duty for the Hermiston Show. If you are interested in becoming part of this 3-person committee, please contact me or talk with me at the Hermiston show.

In a follow-up to the 2023 Uniform Rules Committee meeting in Billings, MT the 9th Edition of the Uniform Rules has been posted on the newly updated AFMS website under the Contests and Awards Tab

(<https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>) as Section I and as individual Division files. Exhibitors interested in a specific Division, such as Lapidary, can go directly to that Division to find what they need. Exhibitors and Judges should also read Section I, which contains general information that all parties need to know and must comply with. Supplemental information such as the Mineral Classification List, the Reference List of Lapidary Material Names, and the Reference List of Classifications and Names for Fossils have also been updated. For all judges, the Judging Worksheets and Eligibility Template have been updated and standardized and will be found on that website.

Safety – Open

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

Just wanted to say thank you to each and everyone who donated to the AFMS scholarship fund since we met last year. The donations I have received include:

a memorial \$75.00 donation in Marvin Barger's name from Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, a \$75.00 memorial donation for Mary Goodnight from Lakeside Gem & Mineral club, a \$200.00 club donation from Clackamette Mineral & Gem Inc., a \$75.00 memorial donation for Jerry Senn from Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club. a \$100.00 club donation from Hells Canyon Gem Club and a \$300.00 club donation from Far West Lapidary & Gem Society. Altogether this makes \$725.00 that has been donated to the scholarship fund. Again this makes a wonderful memorial donation for a club member who has passed away. Each year two \$4000.00 scholarships are given to Northwest students to further their education. Remember all your club needs to do is send your check for any amount you wish to donate made out to AFMS Scholarship Fund to me and I will forward it to the appropriate place. Thank you again for any help to this fund.

Show Coordination – Faith Farley

As a Show Coordinator for NFMS,

I receive emails with show information from clubs across the six states who are current members with NFMS. I take the information and turn it into letter type listings of their shows, verifying dates, times, show addresses, and a contact person. I ask questions if the information isn't complete.

I send my listings to five individual emails, two are within NFMS, two are magazines and one is a Mineral Council. I save the listings by State and City.

I then send a 'Thank you' with a letter back to the show club to verify it has been received and posted. I also create a spreadsheet of the clubs who have sent their information as well as the membership count of that club.

Slide/Video –Ronna Watkins

Stamps – Aaron Currier and Ed Anderson

HI. Regarding the Stamp Committee, there isn't much to report. As usual, Ed and I continue to receive donated stamps. We still have a lot to sort. We have another \$150 to send to the Treasurer. We have an auction coming up in May that we are going to try and prepare an auction lot to liquidate some of the generic/common stamps. Otherwise, keep sending the note out to have folks donate, especially old collections. That's where we can really make a difference for our scholarship fund.

Supplies – Open

Ways & Means – Open

Webmaster – Brad Larson

My report will be simple. Just updating clubs, newsletters, and shows. Nothing else to add for the moment.

Website Competition – Kat Koch – Pro Tem

American Lands Access Association ALAA - Jennifer Haley, President 2024

A bright spot in the news this year when it comes to enjoying rockhounding, is the Bureau of Land Management has created a new section on their website about Rockhounding on Public Lands. They've added a wonderful video called, "Get Started," starring a rockhound who has been in the field for most of his life enjoying collecting. Be sure to watch it! This is a very good sign that our hobby is beginning to be positively acknowledged as a recreation on public lands just as other recreational activities like hiking, fishing, etc. Check out the BLM website because it will put a dance in your step! [Rockhounding on Public Lands | Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](https://www.blm.gov/rockhounding)

In the many years I have known rockhounds, right from the start I have always admired the AFMS affiliated clubs and their members. There is a natural generosity and kindness that emanates in our relationships with each other whether it's in our work or fun. The AFMS Code of Ethics certainly has become our backbone and an important part of our heart in the field. We carry it with us, just like the connection with a good friend. It is a part of who we have been for generations and a part of who we are today.

The public interest in recreational rockhounding grew substantially during covid. There were articles in magazines and newspapers about the hobby. People were exploring the great outdoors as the one main bit of fun they could have during lockdown. Others were hearing it was possible to find special rocks, crystals and gems for healing purposes in some areas of the country, combined with the curiosity of what they could find just about anywhere they went for a walk in nature. More and more people have been discovering the fun of the hobby that we have known about for years. You can say, we built the hobby to what it is today.

It is very exciting our hobby has more interest, which can mean expanding membership for our clubs. It is important to note the AFMS affiliated clubs have one of many things in common, our AFMS Code of Ethics. There is no doubt our "code" does set us apart from other people rockhounding. Our clubs have always been really good about educating new members about everything to do with our hobby, from safety to cutting and polishing, running a meeting, you name it, we are all very practiced, full of knowledge and wisdom.

I do think we need to work on finding ways to bring more of the public type rockhounds into our clubs as members, to help carry on and broaden the good status we have built over generations as AFMS affiliated Rockhounds.

When you are out collecting and you see other people collecting in the same area, think about inviting them to your next club meeting. I'm always surprised how many families and individuals love rocks but don't know about our clubs. You may want to keep some club brochures with you to give to out. Carry a nice cabochon you made so you can show it to people you meet to help advertise your club. If you see someone not filling in their digging holes, then you have a teaching opportunity of explaining the collecting site can only stay open for everyone, if we all practice etiquette in the field. Even though we look at ourselves generally as being amateurs in the field, we are very practiced and polished, and we have so much to offer.

ALAA past-president-Doug True began a new concept a few years back called, "working together." I can tell you it is working! Those of you who have begun building relationships with the management at the field offices near your collecting areas, know this well. I want to really encourage you all to step out of your comfort zone and do the same. I know you all worry about the future of rockhounding on public lands, but you are your

future right now. Not becoming involved is only going to get you an empty bucket in the future. You can easily help keep access open, while having fun in the process of doing so.

The Bureau of Land Management was founded in 1946. A lot of the AFMS were founded earlier than that. So even though as Rockhounds we've been around for generations, we still hear questions from Public Lands management, "Who are you? We don't have a clue about how to manage rockhounding out here, can you work with us to help us figure that out, can you give us suggestions?" What do those questions tell you? That as rockhounds, we are being asked to get involved, to help, and that we need to be more involved so we can have a brighter future of continued access to our favorite collecting sites.

As AFMS affiliated clubs and members, you are each the best ambassadors to represent our hobby to the public land managers and the public. Get out there and lead by example so others can get to know you. Through you, others will get to know what the AFMS clubs are all about and know we are good people, and the "gold standard" when it comes to Recreational Rockhounding. We have a lot to look forward to, so help keep up the good work because it's working!

Specific Ways You Can Help Preserve Your Collecting Areas

AFMS Code of Ethics. Be sure the AFMS Code of Ethics can be clearly found or a link to it on your club's website homepage or FaceBook page. Be sure to review the "code" with each new member so they know it's the backbone of your club. Some clubs have their new members sign a copy of the "code" as the statement they will abide by it. Another good idea is to keep copies of the "code" at the sign in table for guests to read at your monthly meetings.

Documenting your collecting areas. ALAA has advised for several years now, that AFMS Societies, Federations and individuals document their collecting areas with the site-specific routes used, and the identification of the material collected, along with your valuable history at these places.

~ We suggest this, because if/when a collecting area is threatened of being closed, you want to be ready ahead of time to address the issue with good input. If you or your club haven't collected this information already, best to get going on this project asap. Remember, some of your collecting areas aren't very accessible during the winter and summer months due to extreme heat, snow, melting of snowpack mountains and desert flash floods.

~ Your club's hand drawn vintage field trip maps are always wonderful to look at, but may not be up to date any longer when it comes to the route numbers, and that old tree that was a sign post of where to turn.

Sometimes, the signage to your routes changes over the years due to weather, human folly or BLM makes a change, all which may not match up with your old map. Make sure your maps are up to date, even if you know them by heart. Best to make sure your documenting is current while you enjoy the good weather on your field trip.

There is a reason ALAA has asked over the years to send us a copy of the ALAA Field Trips Journals.

Without this information, ALAA won't be able to include that information when we send in our comment letters in support of Recreational Rockhounding on your behalf. We keep a file of this information, but we don't share that information, unless there is a critical collecting access issue at hand. When public lands begins talking about closing access to your collecting areas, it's been important to share that information with other AFMS societies. That way they can use the same site-specific route information with the list of collected material in their comment letters, in their support of you. One rockhound can have a lot of positive impact with their comment letter. More rockhounds with the same site-specific information in their public comments and public comment letters, adds even more positive benefit.

Don't throw the towel in. Too many rockhounds assume there's no point in trying to help keep collecting areas open. Please get involved, stayed involved. BLM acknowledged last year on a monument planning process that more rockhounds gave public comment at the meetings and sent in more comment letters than any other group by far. Rockhounds outnumbered the environmental groups who participated! They should tell you what rockhounds can do.

Don't give your hopes up. It's normal for BLM to move their field and planning project managers to other locations from time to time. You may have been working with one for a couple or more years, and have a great rapport. Then, they are relocated and replaced with someone new. Our work is never done, and look at the bright side that you have another opportunity to work with someone new who will get to know you and the AFMS rockhounds.

Getting to know your Public Lands Managers. We've found stopping by the field office near your field trip to say "hello" is a great way for the managers to get to know Rockhounds. We are good people and great to work with, but many of them still don't know much about us. Mention you are affiliated with the national organization, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), and that members abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics. Give a copy of the "code" to them. The managers are always impressed we have a code of ethics. This has become to mean more than ever with all the new rockhounds getting into the hobby who aren't in our clubs.

There are many ways Recreational Rockhounds can work together with Public Lands Management. It is important that we develop good working relationships with management. Volunteering to give them a hand is a great way to do that. If you see a disturbance that you know is not right, like a lot of trash scattered around, uncovered holes, evidence someone had come in without any regard to the landscape and took down trees and bushes to get to material, report this to the field office.

Trash Clean Ups. More societies are getting on board with doing these. Plan ahead. Contact the field office to let them know you'd like to schedule a clean-up. They normally supply the bags, and will work with you to organize the date. They'll tell you the spot they'd like you to put the filled bags, old tires, etc., so they can pick them up. Take a fun group photo with the filled trash bags and send it to ALAA, your club editor, even your federation's editor so we can all give you credit for your good deed. You can add the photo to your club's annual scrapbook, too.

Other Ideas. Another great idea some clubs are doing is working with Public Lands and Park management, to create displays for the public who visits them. These displays can be of the rough and polished rocks, minerals and legal fossils found in the area. You can also offer to help with public education by creating and assisting with occasional field trips and mini workshops. You can plan ahead and invite the manager to a field trip with you so they get to know you and your club better. Show them the fun experience we are all so familiar with in learning about the amazing rocks, minerals and fossils we have knowledge about. Don't forget to supply a picnic basket to share!

MOU's. ALAA/CFMS and the BLM accomplished writing a MOU for the Hauser Geode Beds several years ago. That MOU is still active today. There is a criteria of commitment required to keep the MOU in place, but it's all so very easy to work with. Creating a MOU is something ALAA can help you with, and our help is free.

Seeing Strange Signs? It's rare, but not unheard of to come across a sign within a collecting area that wasn't there before, stating private property or a claim. Sometimes someone will put a sign up like this, and it's not actually a legal private property nor a legal claim. Report it to the local field office and ask them to look into it. With some of these problems and given the vast acreage management is responsible for overseeing, they may not be aware of it. They will appreciate you bringing it to their attention. They may not have an answer for you overnight, but they will, so stay in touch with them.

Writing good comment letters & making good public comments. ALAA will be working on some best practices when it comes to these. It can look really daunting when you start reading the BLM proposals or planning documents. You don't have to be a great public speaker, and you don't need a legal background to have your voice valued.

Members who passed 2023-24

Bitterroot

Ralph Luther

Clackamette

Sandy Metheany

Larry Arendt

Chuck Tlusty

Far West

Don Innes

Golden Spike

Kay Berry

Hellgate

Greg Tacket

Idaho Gem

Patsy Bethel

Lakeside

Marv Barger September 23, 97 yrs old

Mary Goodnight December, 90 plus yrs old

Jerry Senn January 28, 94 yrs old

Lower Umpqua

Bill Hendrickson

Marcus Whitman

Andrew Lacey April 25, 2024

Southern Washington

Dave Cason October 2017

Geri Wilson 12/23/19

Virginia Maynard 2019

Al Hullett 2019

Trudie Marine 2023

David Furuli 11/16/23

Yakima

David Stiles

ADDENDUM I – MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS

CLUB - State & Name	2022-2023		2023-2024		NET	NET
	Adults	Jrs	Adults	Jrs	CHANGE	CHANGE
					Adults	Jrs

NFMS Club-at-Large	25	3	25	0	0	-3
TOTAL NFMS CLUB AT LARGE	25	3	25	0	0	-3

ALASKA

CHUGACH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY	100		110	0	10	0
TOTAL ALASKA	100	0	110	0	10	0

IDAHO

Eureka Rock & Gem Club	3		15	0	12	0
GoldHillDiggersRockClub	47	4	41	2	-6	-2
HellsCanyonGemClub	96	18	84	10	-12	-8
IdahoFallsGem&MineralSociety	159		148	0	-11	0
IdahoGemClub	356	80	153	13	-203	-67
MagicValleyGemClub	65		55	0	-10	0
NorthIdahoMineralClub	32	1	71	8	39	7
OwyheeGem&MineralSociety	161	8	152	9	-9	1
SalmonValleyRockHounds	82	13	73	10	-9	-3
SoutheastIdahoGem&MineralSociety	68	17	51	15	-17	-2
ThursdayNightPastryTasters&FlintKnappers	13	6	10	4	-3	-2
TOTAL IDAHO	1082	147	853	71	-229	-76
Total Idaho Clubs	11		11		11	

MONTANA

Billings Gem & Mineral Club	221	39	260	46	39	7
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	72	4	44	4	-28	0
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Society	207	35	202	29	-5	-6
Butte Mineral & Gem Club	91	1	109	3	18	2
Hellgate Mineral Society	202	31	231	37	29	6
Miles City Gem & Mineral Club	40	1	36	1	-4	0
Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	118	13	143	8	25	-5
TOTAL MONTANA	951	124	1025	128	74	4
Total Montana Clubs	7		7		7	

OREGON

Central Oregon Rock Collectors	Dropped mbrshp					
Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society	167	40	191	55	24	15
Columbia Gorge Rock Hounds	12	1	20	1	8	0
Columbia-Willamette Faceters' Guild	154		121	0	-33	0
Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	46		43	0	-3	0
Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society	48	6	44	9	-4	3
Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	39		40	0	1	0
Mt. Hood Rock Club	464	81	470	90	6	9
Oregon Agate & Mineral Society	107	24	88	13	-19	-11
Oregon Coast Agate Club	8		Dropped mbrshp			
Prineville Rockhound Pow-Wow Assn	181		109	0	-72	0
Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	108	17	139	23	31	6
Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	87	17	90	14	3	-3
Tualatin Valley Gem Club	126	17	114	23	-12	6
Trails End Gem & Mineral Club	21		25	0	4	0
Umpqua Gem & Mineral Society	140	22	100	12	-40	-10
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	160	10	239	33	79	23
TOTAL OREGON	1868	235	1833	273	-27	38
Total Oregon Clubs	16		13		13	

UTAH

Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	120		131	28	11	28
Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society	285	129	243	133	-42	4
TOTAL UTAH	405	129	374	161	-31	32
Total Utah Clubs	2		2		2	

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) Membership Report For FY 2024 as of March 26, :

CLUB - State & Name	2022-2023		2023-2024		NET	NET
	Adults	Jrs	Adults	Jrs	CHANGE	CHANGE
					Adults	Jrs
WASHINGTON						
Cascade Mineralogical Society	109	2	140	3	31	1
Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association	117	5	131	4	14	-1
Darrington Rock & Gem Club	11		No report yet			0
East Kingco Rock Club	38	13	52	21	14	8
Everett Rock & Gem Club	155	13	164	16	9	3
Grays Harbor Rock Club	43	1	51	2	8	1
Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	188		130	0	-58	0
Lakeside Junior Rock Club		17	0	17	0	0
Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	72	6	199	31	127	25
Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	68	7	135	26	67	19
Marysville Rock & Gem Club	114	13	140	29	26	16
Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club	100		100	0	0	0
North Puget Sound Facetors Guild	24		37	0	13	0
Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	35		51	0	16	0
Ellensburg Rock Wolves	29		18	0	-11	0
Skagit Rock & Gem Club	49	1	42	4	-7	3
Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	84	14	72	4	-12	-10
Wasington Agate & Mineral Society	49	3	40	4	-9	1
West Seattle Rock Club	35	5	66	24	31	19
Whidbey Island Gem Club	97		66	2	-31	2
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	145	54	186	48	41	-6
TOTAL WASHINGTON	1562	154	1820	235	269	81
Total Washington Clubs	20	1	17	1	20	
TOTAL NFMS MEMBERSHIP	5993	792	6040	868	66	76
TOTAL NFMS CLUBS	58		51		55	

ADDENDUM III-CUSTODIAL REPORT

NFMS CUSTODIAN REPORT and INVENTORY SUMMARY 2024 Annual Report

NFMS OFFICERS INVENTORY

PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley- briefcase (6 small tabletop flags representing each of the 6 member states of the NFMS Federation. One holder for these flags,) Two tabletop United States flags. (one same size as the state flags, one a bit larger), gavel. Robert's Rules of Order In Brief, booklet.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Lora Hall- No items.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Michael Rhodes – No items

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Judi Allison - 2 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,

TREASURER: Andrew Lacey- 1 briefcase, 1 calculator, 1 file box with records.

PAST PRESIDENT: Darrell Coyle- No Items (All items currently in the possession of Larry Hulstrom.)

NFMS COMMITTEES

ALL AMERICAN CLUB/Education: Open

BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Lora Hall- 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: Michael Rhodes- No items.

DIRECTORY: Janel Lacey- 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: two 4-drawer file cabinets, 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: Jenifer Fitch- No items.

NEWSLETTER: Editor: Kathy Larson- No items.

NOMINATING: Darrell Coyle- No items.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Walter Butler- 1 Kingsley North, CabKing cabbing Machine with 6 wheels 8 inch wheels, 1 Ameritool Inc, Flat Lap cabbing machine with 8 inch wheels, 1 Hi-Tech Diamond, Flat Lap cabbing machine with 8 inch wheels, 1 Poly Arbor, Lapidary Buffer Polisher Grinder Arbor (needs repair)

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL: Larry Hulstrom-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.

-1 four-drawer File Cabinet. (Past Presidents' case and items within, Cabochons of the Northwest case)

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; 11 NFMS award plaques and 2 AFMS plaques

SAFETY: Open

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup- No items

SHOW CHAIRPERSON 2024: Mike Filarski- No items.

SHOW COORDINATION: Faith Farley- 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)

SHOW DATE NAME ITEM DISCRIPTION

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 Pendant 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
August 2023 Ken Zahn Graphic Granite Cabochon

CABOCHONS FROM THE NFMS 50th ANNIVERSITY CASE Detailed list with item

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

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