

**NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Friday, September 5th, 2025 – 1:00 pm**  
**Marcus Whitman Club House, 6522 Old Highway 12, Walla Walla, Washington**

Parliamentarian-Evan Day

**ORDER OF BUSINESS. . .**

Call to Order-Lora Hall, President

Pledge of Allegiance – Lora Hall, President

Introduction of Officers & Chairs-Lora Hall, President

Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs-Michael Rhodes, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates-Jennifer Haley, 2nd Vice President

Invocation-Evan Day

Moment of Silence for Those Lost-Lora Hall, President (See last page for list)

Committee Reports – Acknowledgements, additional information – Committee Chairpersons

**Old Business**

*Continued Plea for Treasurer candidates-Judi Allison*

*Additional Old Business?*

**New Business**

*Reinstatement of Central Montana Prospectors & Malheur Rock and Gem Society-Judi Allison*

*Adoption of Proposed Budget-Michael Rhodes*

*Endowment Fund Projects-Jim Brain*

*Introduction of Executive Board Nominees and Vote-Larry Hulstrom*

*Director/Delegate Acknowledgement-Lora Hall*

*Adoption of Bylaws and Op Updates/Revisions w/ Friendly Amendment-Darrell Coyle, Michael Rhodes*

*Acceptance of 2026 NFMS Hosts-Larry Hulstrom (With Plea for 2027, 28)*

*Additional Business?*

*Adjournment*

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-REPORTS IN PACKET**

President-Lora Hall

Executive Secretary-Judi Allison

Treasurer-Judi Allison, pro tem

Budget /1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Michael Rhodes

Bulletin Aids-Priscilla Hall-Ford

Credentials-Clara & Del Walker

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

Directory-Janel Lacey

All American Club Award/Education -Open

Endowment Fund-Vicki Johnson/Jim Brain

Field Trip-Doug True

Historian-Open Ronna Watkins, pro tem

Juniors-Jennifer Fitch

Newsletter Editor-Jessica Himple

Nominating-Jennifer Haley

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-Kathy Larson

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-Open

ALAA-Jennifer Haley

**AFMS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

AFMS President Elect-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.***

***Marcus Whitman Club House, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:20pm***

***Janel Lacey*** first took the microphone to welcome all to their clubhouse and the show.

President, ***Lora Hall*** then called for the ***Pledge of Allegiance***. She then introduced the executive Board members. Committee Chairs were introduced next: Janel Lacey, Darrell Coyle, Kathy Larson, Josh Hulstrom, Ronna Watkins, Clara and Del Walker, Mary Lou Northrup, Jim Brain and Larry Hulstrom.

***Michael Rhodes*** introduced ***American Federation President, JC Moore and Secretary Donna Moore***. It was pointed out that Ronna Watkins will step into the position of President on November 1.

Past NFMS Presidents attending were Bill Smith, Ronna Watkins, Darrell Coyle, Larry Hulstrom, Judi Allison, and Jennifer Haley.

Tony Fender, former California Federation President, current 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of AFMS and Sandie Fender, President of the AFMS Scholarship Committee are part of the Club at Large.

The Directors and Delegates present were Ed Moser, Owyhee; Debbie Mitchell, Idaho Gem; June Dorning, Yakima; Michelle Ernsberger, Golden Spike; Jim Brain, Club at Large; Anna McKinney, Marysville; Lynn and Michael Richards, Hellgate; Clara and Del Walker, Prineville; Brian Paleck, Clackamette; Bill and Janet Smith, Chugach; Jon Elmgren, Everett; Larry and Josh Hulstrom, Lakeside; Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup, Hells Canyon; Karli Cook, Hatrockhounds; Mike Marsh, Mt Baker; Janel Lacey, Marcus Whitman; Adam Pettitt, Willamette; Ronna Watkins, Yakima; Darrell Coyle, Bitterroot; Don Dixon, Owyhee.

***After introductions and before we got down to business, we had a raffle drawing for a dinosaur bone donated by Jennifer Haley. Jon Elmgren was the lucky recipient.***

As a final introduction Janel Lacey presented two of the Marcus Whitman volunteers who had been instrumental in helping the show be a success: Kathy Lynch and Sara Carlson.

***Invocation*** for a productive meeting and the wellbeing and safety of our attendees was delivered by our Pastor/Parliamentarian ***Evan Day***.

***Lora Hall*** then called for a ***Moment of Silence*** to honor who have passed in the last year.

***Credentials*** reported there were 23 representatives from 16 clubs with credentials. Clara Walker moved to accept the additional uncredentialed individuals with a second from Darrell Coyle. Motion carried. With the additional representatives, there were 27 Directors and Delegates representing 19 clubs.

President, Lora Hall thanked all the attendees then asked for ***committee reports***. ***Most were in the packet.***

***\*Michael Rhodes, as Budget Chair***, pointed out there was a mistake in his proposed budget. The revenue line items referring to Junior interest amounts need to be moved up one. The Junior CD should be read at \$600 and the Junior Savings \$2 with the next item blank.

***\*Custodian, Jennifer Haley*** added that the T-shirts and hats that have been in the supplies for a long period were donated to the Juniors Program for prizes or whatever they deemed appropriate. "Under the Past Presidents Council- this committee no longer has the supplies listed as written in the report. All of the t-shirts, caps, were given to the Juniors committee at the Billings Show in 2024 to be used as additional rewards for juniors. Past NFMS Show pins will be given to their appropriate clubs. It is unknown where the 4-drawer file cabinet is.

***\*Jim Brain*** reported that the ***Endowment*** ended the current year a little better than what was shown in the report.

### ***Information from the AFMS Committee representatives***

***\*The ALAA*** report was available ***on the back table***.

***\*Incoming AFMS President, Ronna Watkins***, mentioned the ***AFMS Show and Convention*** will be held in ***St Charles, Illinois May 23-26*** and that the ***AFMS newsletter*** will be going digital in ***February***.

AFMS President, JC Moore added that the Convention was being hosted by the Midwest Federation. It will be a fantastic show with camping facilities and a time for wholesale as well as retail sales. The show committee is working on the possibility of getting admission into the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Arts at no charge,

***\*Judi Allison*** stated that the prizes for the ***AFMS Endowment Fund*** are just being gathered. She will have tickets for purchase at the Annual meeting in Missoula in March.

***Lora Hall*** stated that there are ***new Junior Clubs*** joining from all the Federations, although we ***need to get NFMS clubs enrolled***. Jennifer Fitch, NFMS Chair, was unable to attend, so there will not be a Junior leader meeting on Sunday.

## **Old Business**

**Judi Allison** did a poorly executed literal song and dance **plea for a Treasurer**. She stated she is willing to continue collecting the dues. Lora added a more serious plea. (Between this plea and additional song and dance at the banquet, we may have success. Keep your fingers crossed and look for further developments.) I don't want to jinx anything, so hold tight on that thought. Judi

## **New Business**

**\*Central Montana Prospectors** paid their dues after the cutoff time and **Malheur County Rock and Gem Club** sent their dues to rejoin the Federation. They had previously been members before COVID. Bill Smith moved to **accept both clubs for full membership**. Clara Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**\*Michael Rhodes** created a motion to accept the **proposed budget with the ability to move funds within its boundaries as needed**. Larry Hulstrom seconded the motion. **Motion passed by a show of paddles**.

**\*Jim Brain** took the floor to **discuss possibilities for utilizing expendable funds from the Endowment Fund**. He stated that the committee has been attempting for a period of time to get input from the membership. In essence, the proposals he will bring forth are from the Executive Board and Committee members. Since we are a 501C3 there are some rules from the articles of incorporation. Since we are a nonprofit charitable group, we should be showing how we give back. He stated there is "not much charitable going on." Speakers and lectures at shows and other events such as meetings and banquets are starting to lack. We can make donations to grants through the Federation. We need to do things that will improve involvement in the Federation.

Following are numerous suggestions and ideas.

- Monetary awards for miscellaneous activities such as participation in exhibiting, entry into the Bulletin Aids Contests, creation of an All-American booklet, etc.
- Club liability policy-pay or reduced rate. (Anna McKinney pointed out that rules may vary from state to state. Janel Lacey suggested allocation of a percentage to each club.)
- Canned programs or You Tube presentations to be used at any level of presentation in the Federation
- How-to videos: maybe students could develop-give a grant for the development
- Donations to non-profit museums such as Rice Museum in exchange for free admission. (Anna McKinney pointed out that some clubs do not issue membership cards. How would membership be verified? The suggestion was that the museum could have a club roster at its disposal.

Lora Hall suggested members look through the list. Remember someone needs to be willing to do the leg work. Bill Smith said he will bring the suggestions to his club. Michelle Ernsberger stated it needs to be at the club level-grass roots.

## **Additional Suggestions:**

- Peterson Rock Garden out of Redmond, Oregon is attempting to refurbish and upgrade from the deterioration it has suffered over the years. The Prineville Pow Wow donated \$9000 to help with the restoration. A grant of \$5000 from the Federation was a suggestion.
- Also, \$1.00 dues reduction. Jim doesn't like this because last time we were locked in for five years without the ability to utilize funds for anything else.

**Anna McKinney** stated she is willing to **create a Google survey** so the data gathered can be put into a spreadsheet **showing preferences throughout the Federation**. It was agreed that this could be a very useful informative tool. She will create one with the various suggestions given above. **Secretary Judi Allison** will then **send the survey to Directors and Newsletter recipients** to have them follow through with their respective clubs.

**Janel Lacey** stated that as **Directory Chair**, as **deadlines** for various things approach, (for example: time to turn in submissions for the Bulletin Aids Contest, time to submit applications for the Junior Achievement Awards, deadline to submit for the All-American Award, etc.)she is willing to **send out a notice**. In so doing, perhaps we can garner more entries into these various contests and awards.

Jim then related a story about how he was a member when the original purchase of the Marcus Whitman Clubhouse was signed, as he in fact signed it. He admitted that at the time he was a Doubting Thomas, but he watched the transformation and is very pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

**Darrell Coyle** introduced the **slate of nominees** as was outlined in the agenda. He then brought to attention that our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President candidate, Jennifer Haley has moved back to Northern California, although she is an NFMS member through the Club at Large. He moved that the exception of her being out of boundaries be waived so that she may serve through the officer positions. Jerry Northrup seconded the motion. Motion passed with a show of paddles. Bill Smith then **moved to accept the slate of nominees as the official inductees. This was accepted by the voting membership.**

As Parliamentarian, Evan Day explained that as the Head of the Bylaw Revisory Committee Darrell Coyle cannot vote on a proposal, but he will present his report, then “change hats” and as a club member of the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society, will present a proposal for voting purposes.

**Darrell** then took the floor and offered information as the **Revisory Committee Chair**. He asked that the **changes** brought forward be **voted on as a whole**. The committee asked for additional input and added and corrected as the revisions took place. He pointed out that the administrative dates have already been changed to September 5 instead of the 12<sup>th</sup>. After asking if there were any questions regarding the proposal packed and receiving none, he stated there was one change to add to the packet under Meetings, Section 8, Delete “but not vote”.

As **director for Bitterroot Darrell** then moved to accept the Bylaw revision packet. Brian Paleck seconded the motion. The proposal **passed** by a vote of the Assembly.

A **proposed addition** to the Bylaws was brought forward from the **Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society as a Friendly Amendment**. Michael Rhodes presented the amendment as a member of Golden Spike stating that it had been brought before the Chair of the Bylaws Revisory committee (Darrell) with no objections, so he turned it back over to Darrell. Darrell then moved to accept the Amendment with a second from Anna McKinney. **Accepted.**

The matter of the **Operation Procedures** was then brought up. Darrell has been working on revisions that align with the proposed Bylaw changes. He has added Parliamentarian duties, Long Range Planning and Operations Review. He requested to delete “no person can serve more than one term as President” and change it to two. Anna McKinney asked why not three years or such. Darrell explained that one could make a motion if necessary to waive the exception. Jim Brain commented that they found that they had to work backward for revisions and with such were able to wade through the bulk of the job.

Bill Smith moved to accept the Operation Procedure changes and Jerry Northrup seconded it. **The changes were approved with a show of paddles and the motion carried.**

Lora thanked the Directors and Delegates with Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**Larry Hulstrom** presented the **proposal from the Hellgate Mineral Society of Missoula, Montana to host the 2026 show March 21-22**. It will again be a two-day show with **meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup>**. Bill Smith moved to accept the proposal and Anna McKinney seconded with a hardy acceptance to the plan.

**Judi** put in a plea for hosts for following years; 2027, 2028 and beyond. Please note we are working with clubs in any way we can to help make it easier to host a show.

**Michael** stated that with the Bylaw change, we will **now have a 16-month year for the period through December**. He is prepared to take over **the Presidential duties** through that period and continue through the fiscal and calendar year **at the end of 2026**. Ronna Watkins moved to accept this plan and Anna McKinney seconded the motion. With an agreement from all, the meeting was adjourned.

## **REPORTS FOLLOW:**

### ***President– Lora Hall***

It has been my privilege to serve as the president of the NFMS this past year and I look forward to continuing to serve the Federation in other positions for several years to come. Serving as president was not something I set out to do, in fact I signed up not knowing what I was signing up for. I was asked to serve as the incoming 2nd Vice President to fill in for someone that had to drop out for health reason. Sounded simple, fill in as 2nd VP for one year. What I didn't know at the time it that the normal progression from 2nd VP to 1st VP to President would bring me to this very spot. Don't get me wrong, I have no regrets, it has been an amazing and eye opening three years and as set me on the path for future service to the Federation. It is a journey I encourage anyone to undertake. I have meet some awesome folks and expanded my understanding of who and what the Federation really is and the critical job it does to serve individual clubs and our hobby as a whole. For the last 2 years we have been working to update the NFMS By-Laws and Operating Procedures (OP's). While the vast majority of the work is what we call "housekeeping", things like correcting old and outdated formatting and making sure the OP's actually agree with the By-Laws, some was designed to help the Federation function more effectively like the purposed change to our fiscal year to match the IRS fiscal year. I want to thank Jim Brain, Evan Day, and particularly Darrel Coyle for working tirelessly on this project. I would like to say that after this we will never have to look at By-Laws and Op's again, but that is not how it works. Any organization needs to check their By-Laws and Op's every year and make small course corrections that keep the group moving forward and on track. This has also been the first full year of electronic Newsletters and while we are still working out some minor glitches, it has been a pretty successful roll out. Members now get 10, full color, expanded issues a year. The hope is that this will not only save money but continue to increase communication between the Federation, clubs, and individual members. I cannot thank our Newsletter Editor Jessica Himple enough! And I apologize for my articles always being sent in at midnight on the deadline date. Hopefully Micheal will not continue this tradition.

In closing, thank you all for putting your trust in me this past year and it has been my pleasure to serve you.

### ***Lora Hall Soon to be Past President of the NFMS Secretary – Judi Allison***

As I am nearing the beginning of my twelfth year as Secretary, I continue to enjoy the position. Some of the historical knowledge I have gleaned over the years has been a benefit for our board to run relatively smoothly. I have enjoyed working with the myriads of individuals who have worked their way through the Executive Chair positions. It is gratifying to see how each one has better grasped the concept and ideals of our Federation and most continue to serve in some capacity after their three-year tenure. Keep in mind that our purpose is to provide unity for like-minded folks who believe in our Code of Ethics and follow those guidelines while sharing the camaraderie that goes hand in hand with active membership. So, let's "Rock on!"

### ***NFMS Treasurer, Judi Allison, Pro Tem***

As you will notice, my name is still listed as Treasurer (pro tem). I have taken up this position, not because I am good at it, or particularly wanted to do it, but I realize what an important position it is and did not want it to be unmanned. I do have to give great thanks to our President, Lora Hall and our Registered Agent, Larry Hulstrom who have helped me through this journey. I will happily hand it over to someone else, but I also want to say that I am rather glad I have acted as Treasurer during this time, as it has helped me understand much better the whole of the treasury and the duties involved. I feel I have learned enough that I might be able to help someone else through some "sticky spots" if needed.

Since membership falls under the duties of the Treasurer (because the treasurer is collecting dues) I worked hand in hand with our Directory Chair so we could build a process that would work well for both of us. We lost one club this year. Cascade Gem and Mineral Society chose not to renew. The Darrington Club chose not to pay dues, as they deemed themselves as "inactive". We will have two clubs to approve for membership at the annual meeting, as Central Montana Prospectors sent in their dues in July, and Malheur Gem and Mineral Society chose to return to the Federation and sent their dues in August. You will find the membership list at the end of the Agenda.

As everyone knows, costs for everything continue to rise. Transportation costs continue to rise and cost of printing is greater than previously. Virtually

everything has a greater price tag nowadays. But since we have chosen to distribute our newsletter electronically our finances are healthier

We have been working to make certain that various aspects of the budget were set aside in their separate "pockets" in our banking system. The Juniors funds are in a CD and savings account specifically for projects that the Juniors Committee might develop. We are getting the Memorial Trophy Funds back into a separate designated account so that all pieces of the fund are allocated as written.

You will notice that our Endowment Funds are at least "holding steady" overall. Please take some time to review the collection of suggestions the Endowment Fund Committee will be discussing for utilization of the expendable funds. This is your Federation. It is your privilege and duty to help decide how the monies are spent. Perhaps there are a couple of projects that can be accomplished this year, so directors, review all the suggestions and be prepared to act on the ideas at our annual meeting.

And, if you are numbers oriented, please think about the Treasurer's position. I feel I might be in a position now to help take some of the burden off someone by taking over the membership or helping some other capacity. So, give it a try.

***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –Michael Rhodes***

This past year has been interesting, working with the Executive Board, as well as the Operations Review Committee.

I am not a numbers person, so the budget has been the most challenging part of the position. I am especially grateful to our Executive Committee and our acting Treasurer for their input along the way, I am looking forward to serving as your president in the coming year. Michael Rhodes 1st Vice President, NFMS.

***2nd Vice President-Jennifer Haley (Appointed by President, Lora Hall)***

As I am writing this report in preparation for our meeting in Walla Walla, it has been only one month since being back as NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. When the position became vacant, I was happy to have been asked to step in and help out for the remainder of this year. To the tune of Gene Autry's, *Back in the Saddle Again*, " I am truly looking forward to helping in any way that I can on behalf of our federation. We have a federation full of wonderful clubs and volunteers to help keep our federation healthy, wealthy and wise in all aspects. I have confidence that more of you will step up with your creative energy and ideas to help fill the vacant

committees that are available. We seriously do need to have one of you volunteer to step up to be our federation's treasurer. Judi works hard to keep up with all she does best for us, and I know how much she does, but it is too much to ask of her to keep carrying on the role of pro tem NFMS treasurer. Please, someone step up and volunteer. I know many of you must have an excellent treasurer for your club, so please talk to them and share them with the NFMS. Looking forward to seeing you all in Walla Walla. Until then, *Whoopi-ty-aye-oh!*

***Budget-1st Vice President-Michael Rhodes  
(See the Proposed Budget as Addendum I)***

***Bulletin Aids –Priscilla Hall-Ford***

Hello Y'all. It's been quiet for most of the year. I do understand there are a couple of winners for the articles that you folks have been working on. I'm looking forward to seeing who has won and meeting them at the breakfast in Walla Walla.

I do hope everyone is hard at work putting pen to paper and putting together the next winning newsletter, article, story, cartoon or poem. After all who doesn't like a good poem. Looking forward to hearing from you all next year. Priscilla Hall-Ford, NFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman.

***Credentials – Clara & Del Walker***

By the time you are reading this, our job should already be completed. Thank you for your help in making our job easier by sending us the info on who your Directors and Delegates are who will be attending this meeting.

Clara & Del Walker, Credentials Chair

***Custodian-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Jennifer Haley  
(See the Custodial Report as Addendum II)***

As I write this report in preparation for our Walla Walla meeting, I have only heard from less than a handful of people regarding any or no updates for our annual custodian report. The historian files which were in the care of our previous historian, have been moved to a safe and dry building by Bill Harvey and Gorden Hale, until arrangements can be made to transport them to Ronna Watkins who has stepped up to receive them.

***Directory – Janel Lacey***

The Directory in its new format was distributed at the Mid-Year NFMS meeting in Hermiston, OR. Clubs not represented at that meeting should have received a copy through the mail. There were a number of formatting errors in the directory that will be fixed in the 2026 version, and the Prineville Pow Wow was unintentionally missed which will be included in 2026. Information from the Central

Montana Prospectors was recently received and has been added to next year's directory. Please get updates turned in prior to January 1, 2026 so our Directory is accurate and relevant. Updates can be sent to me at [jclaw16461@gmail.com](mailto:jclaw16461@gmail.com) or through your form submitted to the NFMS Treasurer with your 2026 dues. Thank you! Janel Lacey, Directory Chair

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

***Endowment Fund Committee Report***

Vicki Johnson, Chairperson

The NFMS Endowment Fund committee activities were put on hold after the mid-year meeting while we waited to see how the current political situation was going to affect our fund cash balance. As a result, no projects were funded during the past year. We did, however, continue to search for potential projects to fund in the future. In addition to the project we shared at the mid-year meeting, we have identified a few more that will be evaluated for their benefit to the membership of the federation or the public.

In addition, we have also been working with the NFMS Executive Committee to see where Endowment Fund monies might be used to increase the participation of federation members in the various federation activities. We have been discussing ways to increase club director/delegate attendance at annual meetings and ways to increase participation in various federation competitions such as Rockhound of the Year, Web site competition, Competitive case competition, Club Newsletter competitions, etc. Attachment 1 for a current listing of potential projects or programs.

We have asked for a block of time at the annual meeting to get a feeling of the level of support for the projects being considered.

***For additional information here are constraints on how we can spend Endowment Fund money.***

***Our Endowment Fund spending policy  
limits expenditure to a little over \$10,000  
this coming year.***

- 1. As a 501 c (3) not for profit organization we have an obligation to spend some of our monies on programs and/or projects that benefit the general public.***
- 2. Funded projects and programs must provide benefit to a majority of the***

***membership of the federation or to the general public.***

- 3. We cannot give outright grants to organizations, projects or programs outside the federation without receiving a clear benefit to our membership.***
- 4. Allocated funds must be spent and projects completed within the budget year they are allocated.***

We now have a pretty good picture of how much money we will have to spend this next year and hope to be able to recommend to the NFMS Executive Committee by January 1, 2026 which projects or programs best meet our funding criteria. Between now and then we will need to identify the specific projects, who will take the lead in making them happen, how much to allocate, and when it will be finished.

As you can see from the financial report submitted by our financial advisor, Jim Brain, Attachment 2, that our account balance has shown only a slight gain the past year. Expectations are that this will not change significantly in the near future.

Finally, the committee is still looking for a person to take over as the committee treasurer position and another to work with our financial advisor as he would like to also step down in another year or so.

***Potential Projects that could be  
funded from NFMS Endowment  
Fund Monies***

(Not in any particular order of priority)

- 1. Prepare a traveling exhibit or two that could be used at the annual meetings, club shows or other events highlighting the various rocks and minerals found across the federation.***
- 2. Develop a series of 30 minute “Rock Talk” presentations building on existing material available thru the AFMS Juniors website to be available to clubs within the federation for use when asked to make presentations to outside organizations like library programs, scouting groups, 4H clubs, etc.***
- 3. Contract to produce a YouTube type video promoting the rock hounding hobby for showing at the annual meeting or other outside events.***

4. *Pay travel/speaker fees for individuals invited to make presentations at the annual meeting.*
5. *Make a grant to the Peterson's Rock Garden and Peacock sanctuary to assist in restoring the rock displays.*
6. *Reimburse clubs hosting the Annual Meeting for extra ordinary expenses incurred because of the meeting.*
7. *Encourage more participation at annual meeting events like the banquet by paying the dinner cost for a director from each club in attendance.*
8. *Support not for profit museums across the federation that offer significant gem and mineral displays by making donations in exchange for free admission for NFMS members.*
9. *Resume the effort to upgrade the Slide and Video library material to be compatible with modern technologies.*
10. *Fund the purchase of trophies or other items to be awarded for participation in federation activities.*
11. *Provide cash awards for NFMS competitions such as Web site, Newsletter, All American club, display cases, etc. awards.*
12. *Reinstate the \$1.00 reduction in adult membership dues and offset the difference with funds from the endowment fund.*
13. *Allocate monies to assist in paying travel expenses to the annual meeting for NFMS committee chairpersons and others asked to participate in the meeting.*
14. *Provide a blanket liability insurance coverage covering all activities of the federation and its member society including shows, field trips and other events.*

As the NFMS Junior Chair, I am in the works of creating a contest to have the kiddos develop a special NFMS junior's patch that every kiddo in the NFMS can be given. I am looking into the cost to create and distribute the patch. I think having a special NFMS patch will be distinctive when/if the kiddos attend any event within the AFMS, and can be a really cool addition to the Future Rockhounds of America badges and patches many of the kids already earn.

Also, we have received and are processing the awards for the Junior Achievement Award recipients. We had three applications, and I am so impressed with all these amazing kiddos do in their lives. The three kiddos that will be receiving awards are: Addylyn Leavitt (Age 11) from Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Ahziah Mallery (Age 12) from Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, and Elisheba Fitch (age 15) from Hellgate Mineral Society. All ages are as of 12/31/2024. Congratulations to all applicants!

One of the things I am also currently doing is trying to revamp the application process for the Junior Achievement Award. When I have asked kiddos why they don't apply, many have told me it looks too hard to complete, they don't do anything "cool", or they just don't understand what to do. So... I am in the process of making it more kid friendly to understand for next year! My desire is to see the juniors in our federation excel, especially in our hobby, but also in life. My hope is that by making this more kid friendly, it will help kiddos to be able to "sell themselves" in the application, a skill which serves to help them later in life for job applications. As I am also a 4-H leader, I have watched how kids in 4-H are taught this in their early life are confident leaders in their teen years and then go on to be successful adults in society. It may seem small, but it is those small steps that lead to big accomplishments. If you have juniors in your club, please encourage them to apply. This is an amazing opportunity, and I would love to see every kiddo apply!

***Newsletter Editor –Jessica Himple***

This year, I continued serving as editor of the Northwest Mineralogical Newsletter, focusing on providing engaging and informative content for our members. Highlights included publishing feature interviews with notable collectors and dealers, expanding coverage of hobby news, and ensuring the timely release of monthly issues. I also made it a

**NFMS ENDOMWNT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR 2024-25 ANNUAL MEETING (ADDENDUM III)**

***Field Trip – Doug True –  
Historian – Open  
Juniors – Jennifer Fitch***

priority to share show information and to spotlight our annual show.

With our move to a digital format, I've had fun experimenting with formatting and adding more content than was previously possible. I hope everyone has enjoyed the updated style and expanded coverage as much as I've enjoyed putting it together.

Looking ahead, now that summer is behind us, I plan to continue featuring interviews and articles that highlight different voices in the hobby, while maintaining a consistent and high-quality newsletter for our society. I'd also love to feature more content from our members. Your photos, collecting adventures, or anything else you'd like to share. Please feel free to send contributions my way anytime!

#### ***Nominating – Jennifer Haley***

Introducing 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Candidate-June Dorning

June is a member in good standing of the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Inc., in Yakima, Washington currently serving as Vice President. June, also, serves as the club's Show Co-chair (two years running) and as the NFMS Delegate. She joined the Yakima club in 2015 and served as the executive secretary and as hospitality chair. June volunteers at all the club events including running the spin-the-wheel game at the community Nile Valley Days, heading up the Show's Club Booth that raises funds for local veterans, and helping with the Juniors program. June is also a member of the North Central Washington Prospectors, SWAUK Mining District Association, North Central Cascade Mining (NCCM), Washington Small-Scale Miner's Action Group (WASMAG), Washington State Mineral Council, and has been volunteering for the gold shows since 1987

She writes:

I have been interested in rocks my whole life. My favorite rocks are lapis, malachite, fluorite and a whole bunch more. I am a gold prospector first and a Rockhound second, but they go hand-in-hand. When I get done volunteering, prospecting, and hunting rock, I have several fur babies that welcome me home. I would like to say Thank You for this opportunity to serve.

Additional members being presented for the Executive Board are as follows:

Michael Rhodes-NFMS President

Jennifer Haley-NFMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Judi Allison-NFMS Secretary

Open Position-NFMS Treasurer

#### ***Northwest Rockhound Retreat – Walt Butler***

Looking forward to another great retreat. The fires stayed northwest of Camp Hancock and are 100% contained at this time. We have a full camp with 51 campers. Only one cancelation this year and it was filled immediately. We have 7 instructors volunteering in the Lapidary Shop during the Parents Weekend before Retreat.

Walt Butler, Chair NW Rockhound Retreat

#### ***Past Presidents' Council – Larry Hulstrom***

The Hellgate Mineral Society of Missoula, MT has offered a proposal to host the 2026 show and meeting on March 21 – 22. Judging of competitive exhibits would likely take place on Friday evening or early Saturday morning prior to the opening of this 2 day show. This proposal has been reviewed by the Past Presidents Council and sent to the Executive Board for concurrence prior to the annual meeting in Walla Walla.

#### ***Public Lands Advisory – Susie Koppert***

Susie continues to work hard attending meetings and keeping abreast of developments relative to land accessibility..

#### ***Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl***

#### ***Rockhound of the Year – Laurie Ellis***

Send your submissions to nfmsroy at gmail.com

#### ***Rules & Awards Committee – Joshua Hulstrom***

To date 5 competitive display applications have been received for the show in Walla Walla. Judges are being contacted to provide support at the show. The Rules & Awards Committee needs new members. Larry Hulstrom performed the role Exhibits Registrar in 2024, and 2025 so that we would have someone to perform this role for the Walla Walla show. If you are interested in becoming part of this 3-person committee, please contact me or talk with me at the Walla Walla show.

#### ***Safety – Kathryn Larson***

Greetings fellow club members! I'm the new Safety Chair. I've never held a position like this before and I'm still learning. Life has been very busy. I have a 4-year-old granddaughter and she's a hoot. It does make me think about safety differently. Small things mean a lot in the world of safety. Watching for traffic, keeping hydrated, wearing hearing protection, wearing good shoes and don't climb into precarious positions! Thank you for this opportunity. Kathryn Larson, NFMS Safety Chair

### ***Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup***

Hello fellow rockhounds. We had two donations to the AFMS scholarship this spring: a \$200 donation from the Clackamette Mineral and Gem

Corporation, and a \$75.00 memorial donation for Ralph Eichner from Lakeside Gem & Mineral Inc. Thank you so much for these donations. Jerry and I feel very privileged to be named honorees for the Northwest Federation this year. By working with Lora Hall and Professor Tom Williams at the University of Idaho we have selected two students to receive \$4000.00 scholarships this year. The students are Frank Wrolblewski and Victoria Wagner both studying at the U of I. Congratulations Frank and Victoria.

### ***Show Coordination – Faith Farley***

I enjoy writing up the shows and publishing them. The folks I come in contact with, either through an email or over the phone, are very appreciative and dedicated to their part of the process. I feel that all seven states understand the time it takes to publish now, which makes for better advertising for all our shows in general.

I'd like to continue in 2026 unless there's someone who is waiting to take their shot at a position. Thank you Judi for ALL that you do and coordinate for everyone.

Thank you, Lora, for Everything you've been involved with in your time as president. Sincerely, Faith Farley

### ***Slide/Video –Ronna Watkins***

There has not been any activity borrowing from the library since our Mid-year meeting. Plans to duplicate slides are still on the agenda. I have added the AFMS Public Relations Chairman Jim Brace-Thompson's powerpoint presentation flash drive to our collection "Basic Elements of Showmanship: Exhibiting Your Material to Best Advantage". with 45 slides of tips and examples to craft a fine exhibit. More programs: We have been given permission by Nick Zentner to present his videos for our club programs. Find them

here: <https://www.nickzentner.com/>

NOTE: These are not the "Nick on the Rocks" programs owned by public broadcasting, they are his geology lectures and personal productions.

One last thing: We want you to participate in this annual competition that has cash prizes. The purpose of the New Programs Competition is to encourage the production of earth science programs related to the rockhound hobby by the individual members and member clubs of the various

Federations through the conduct of visual arts program competitions. As a result of the annual competitions, the member Regional Federations are provided with duplicate copies of the award winning programs. These programs are therefore available for use by the individual clubs and societies through their associated Regional Federation. Go to <https://www.amfed.org/contests/program-competition> or contact Delane Cox <delanec3 at earthlink.net>

### ***Stamps – Aaron Currier and Ed Anderson***

The Stamp committee is going well. Ed and I put five lots in a recent auction that netted \$59. We've also collected about \$50 from individual sales. A check for \$110 is on it's way to the Treasury for the Scholarship Program. That brings our total to \$1,273 since we took over the committee.

### ***Supplies – Open***

### ***Ways & Means – Open***

### ***Webmaster – Brad Larson***

Really nothing to add, just updating content (Reports, Newsletters, etc..) as directors and executive staff need things taken care of.

### ***For Website Contest:***

### ***Website Competition – Open***

### ***American Lands Access Association ALAA -***

### ***Ad Hoc Committee- Review of NFMS Bylaws and OPs***

### ***Co-Chairs: Darrell Coyle and Jim Brain***

### ***From: Bylaws Revisory Committee***

***Jim Brain NFMS Club at Large***

***Darrell Coyle Bitterroot Gem and Mineral***

### ***Society***

### ***To: Northwest Federation of Mineral Societies***

### ***Reference: Northwest Federation of Mineral***

### ***Society's Bylaws***

- *In accordance with Article XIV Amendments. Section 1. All Amendments to these Bylaws and all resolutions must be sponsored by a member Society in good standing: The Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society has agreed to support these amendments. We hereby request that this be approved by the Executive Board and forwarded to the Resolutions Committee. Upon approval or lack of action within 30 days of receipt by the Resolutions Committee this will be placed on the Agenda*

*for both the 2025 Mid Year and Annual Meetings.*

- *Correction of numerous clerical errors Including capitalizations, punctuation, etc. These clerical errors are not enumerated. There is no requirement for an amendment to correct them.*
- *Various changes were made to correct the format and numbering.*
- *Some language that belonged in Government were moved from Meetings.*
- *Many sentences were simplified by removing duplicate and unnecessary wording without changing the intent or purpose.*
- *The word By-Laws be replaced throughout with the word Bylaws.*
- *Article I. Original text is deleted due to duplication from the Articles of Incorporation*
- *In reference to Article IV Fiscal Year. It was discussed with a majority agreement at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Hermiston Oregon, May 2024 that the fiscal year should be changed to align with IRS and banking years that begin and end with the calendar year. The requested change is as follows:*
- *Remove September 1<sup>st</sup> through 31 August replace with “January 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year”. And concerning closing and auditing of books remove August 31<sup>st</sup> and replace with December 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- *This Fiscal Year change necessitates another change of the Bylaws as follows: In Article VII, Part E. Election of Officers, Section 4. Replace Labor Day with January 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- *Article VII Government: Part C. Added in order to clearly define this entity of the Government of the NFMS. Part D. Added in order to define the Assembly of Directors. Part E. Section 1. Add Utah.*
- *Article VIII Meetings This section has been rewritten to clarify the Meetings, which entities attend, vote, quorums. Much of this was extracted from the existing Bylaws with some additions to make this section more understandable and align with how the business of the NFMS is (has been) conducted.*

- *Article IX, Duties of Officers, Section 4. ALL FEDERATION OFFICERS:*
- *Remove the words “the fall” from “and the fall Organizational Meeting”, (this meeting no longer is held exclusively in the fall)*
- *Article X Section 2. a. the Circulation Committee is deleted as it is no longer necessary. Section 2 b. A portion of this section is to be moved to the Ops.*
- *Article XV named Historical Information. Part C was added to.*

*Signed: Darrell Coyle, Federation Director,  
Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society*

***Friendly Amendment to the bylaws amendments  
submitted at the Mid Year Meeting.  
This amendment is submitted by the Golden Spike  
Gem and Mineral Society***

- \*Article VIII Part G Delete “in case of Emergency declared by Governmental Authorities, such as a Public Health Crisis, Natural Disaster, Civil Unrest, or other Disaster”,*
- \* Article X Section 1 a Chairpersons are appointed by the President.. No person shall be appointed Chairman of more than one (1) committee.*
- \*Article XI Section 2 change to Operating Procedures may be adopted, suspended, or rescinded at the Annual Meeting without prior notice, by a majority vote of those present and voting.*
- Article XIV Section 1 strike “and all resolutions”*

# Those We've Lost

## **Chugach**

Dorothy Arnold

## **Bitterroot**

Ralph Luther April 24

Penny Luther August 24

## **Everett**

Fritz Mack

**Marilyn Quincy**

## **Golden Spike**

Tom Burchard November 11, 2024

## **Gold Hill Diggers**

Anne Atchison

## **Hells Canyon**

Harlan Storla

## **Lakeside**

Jerry Senn January 28, 94 yrs old

Ralph Eichner July 7 94 yrs old

Sue Liebetrau

“Bear” Bentrap

## **Marysville**

Ed Molsee

Parker Wells

## **Mt Hood**

Hidemi Kira February 2025

## **Tualatin Valley**

Darlene Wozniak

## **Southern Washington**

Jim Bohnen August 24, 2024

## **Whidby Island**

Wayne Adams

Richard James

Chip Bachellor

Roger Anglum

Mark Reacher

## **ADDENDUM I**

### **NFMS CUSTODIAN REPORT and INVENTORY SUMMARY** 2025 Annual Report

#### **NFMS OFFICERS INVENTORY**

**PRESIDENT:** Lora Hall - 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:** Michael Rhodes– No items.

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT:** Jennifer Haley – No items

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Judi Allison - 1 Estwing Rock Hammer, 1 Pyle Speaker Assembly with 2 wireless microphones, 3 Reams NFMS letterhead paper, 25 long NFMS Envelopes, Archived Minutes from Past Meetings,

**TREASURER:** (pro tem) Judi Allison- 1 briefcase, 1 business checkbook, 1 file box with records, past tax forms..

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Jennifer Haley-No Items (All items currently in the possession of Larry Hulstrom.)

#### **NFMS COMMITTEES**

**ALL AMERICAN CLUB/Education:** Open

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

**BULLETIN AIDS:** Priscilla Hall-Hall-No items.

**BY LAWS REVISORY: (Ad Hoc Review of Bylaws & Operations)** Darrell Coyell, Jim Brain-No items

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

**CUSTODIAN:** 2nd Vice President: Jennifer Haley- No items.

**DIRECTORY:** Janel Lacey- No items.

**EDUCATION:** Open

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** Vicki Johnson- No items.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Doug True- No items.

**HISTORIAN:** Please note: The historian files which were in the care of our previous historian, have been moved to a safe and dry building by Bill Harvey and Gordon Haley, until arrangements can be made to transport them to Ronna Watkins who has stepped up to receive them. 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: Jessica Himple-No items.

**NOMINATING:** Jennifer Haley- No items.

**NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT:** Walter Butler- 1 Kingsley North, Cab King 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), style 2 counter top ice makers

**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:** Open

**STAMPS:** Ed Anderson and Aaron Currier-

**SUPPLIES:** Open:

**WEBMASTER:** Brad Larson- No items.

**WEBSITE CONTEST:** Open

### **NFMS PAST PRESIDENTS CASE**

The items listed below are placed in SHOW CASES each year at the NFMS ANNUAL SHOW and CONVENTION

### **SHOW DATE NAME ITEM DISCRPTION**

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 items. **MATERIAL NAME**

2-Petrified Wood, 8-Jasper, 2-obsidian, 2-agate Elvin Irwin  
 Rim Jasper Gary & Linda  
 Bruneau Jasper Robert Stobaugh 2- Jasper, 2agate, 1 wood Keene Clay  
 2- Jasper Russell Snook  
 Jade Oro Stewart  
 2-Petrified Wood, Thunderegg Bill Hall  
 5- Petrified Wood (Saddle Mnt) Melvin Hill, Jim Cotant, Harland Linder Montana Agate Ed & June Sept Biggs Canyon Jasper Hellen Collins  
 Owyhee Picture Jasper Dorothy Lee  
 1-Petrified Wood, 1-agate Bob Bever  
 Tempskya (petrified fern) Ben Koloski  
 Report submitted, Jennifer Haley 2025 NFMS 2nd VP, Custodian

**ADDENDUM II**

<b>NFMS Annual Budget (Proposed) (Rev 2)Sept. 1 2025-Aug31 2026</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Dues- Adult	\$ 21816
Dues Juniors	\$ 1044
Supplies (Sales of Misc items)	\$
Directory Sales	\$
Newsletter Advertising	\$
Website Advertising	\$
Interest Income-Checking	\$
Interest Income Savings Acct	\$
Interest Income Memorial Trophy Trust Fund	\$
Interest Income Juniors CD	\$
Interest Income Juniors Savings	\$ 600
Proceeds from the Endowment Fund	\$ 2
Camp Hancock NW Rockhounds Retreat	\$ 27065
Includes Rock Sales and Auction (\$3500)	
NFMS Missoula Income from Silent Auction/ Oral Auction	\$ 2800
Miscellaneous	\$
Donations for postage-NFMS Directories	\$
Oral Auction Proceeds	\$
Dues Overpayment	\$ 75
Stamp Sales Proceeds	& 350
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 53722</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
AFMS Dues	\$ 5457
Income Tax Preparation and Financial Statement	\$ 200
Treasurer's Fidelity and Forgery Bond	\$ 550
NFMS Liability and Insurance Policies	\$ 800
NFMS Theft Insurance	\$ 275
Washington State Annual Corporation Filing Fee	\$ 25
NFMS Midyear Meeting Room	\$ 500
NFMS Meeting Rooms- Annual Meeting	\$ 800
NFMS Membership Directory	\$ 450
NFMS Newsletter	\$ 250
Parliamentarian-Annual Meeting	\$ 75
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9382</b>
<b>Officer Travel Expenses</b>	
2026 Annual Meeting- Missoula	\$ 4000
2026 Mid Year Meeting (No Location Scheduled-)	\$ 3500
2026 AFMS/MWFS Convention- NFMS President, 1st VP, Rules & Awards	\$ 3300
<b>Total Officer Travel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10800</b>
<b>Officer Administrative Expenses</b>	
President	\$ 50
President's Contingency Fund	\$ 250
1st Vice President	\$ 25

2nd Vice President	\$ 25
Executive Secretary	\$ 300
Treasurer	\$ 350
<b>Total Officer Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>
<b>Standing Committees</b>	
Bulletin Aids	\$ 300
Credentials	\$ 50
Directory	\$ 400
Education	\$ 250
Endowment Fund	\$ 200
Historian	\$ 50
Juniors Chairperson	\$ 900
Long Range Planning	\$ 300
Newsletter Editor	\$ 50
Nominating	\$ 50
Northwest Rockhound Retreat-Camp Hancock	\$ 26325
Operations Review	\$ 50
Public Lands Advisory	\$ 100
Past Presidents Council	\$ 25
Public Relations	\$ 75
Resolutions	\$ 25
Rules and Awards Supplies & Travel to Missoula	\$ 850
Safety	\$ 25
Scholarship	\$ 50

Show Coordinator	\$ 25
Slide and Video Library	\$ 300
Stamps Committee	\$ 25
Supplies	\$ 100
Ways and Means	\$ 165
Website	\$ 300
<b>Total Standing Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 30990</b>
<b>Equipment and Software Expenses</b>	
Software Programs	
ZOOM Pro Subscription	\$ 150
Others Software Costs	\$ 100
Equipment Expenses	
Video Conferencing Camera	\$ 100
Additional Equipment Expenses	\$ 200
<b>Total Equipment and Software Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 550</b>
<b>Special Committee Expenses</b>	
Junior Achievements Awards	\$ 500
Inter-Regional Field Trip	\$ 500
<b>Total Special Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	\$
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53722</b>

**ADDENDUM III**  
**NFMS ENDOMWNT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE 2024-25 ANNUAL MEETING**

To: Endowment Fund Committee Members and NFMS Executive Board

Subject: Abbreviated year to date NFMS Endowment Fund Financial Report

This is a special report describing the NFMS Endowment Fund financial status. It covers the first 11 months of the organization's business year but gives a pretty good picture of where we stand.

It is an understatement to say we have been on a roller coaster ride this year. Our portfolio month end balance has fluctuated up or down by as much as \$7,000 a month. As of July 31, 2025 we happen to be on a upswing and currently have assets on deposit with Charles Schwab Investment totaling **\$310,562.85** which reflects a modest gain of **\$14,658.84** or 4.95% so far this business year. If there is any good news, the monthly swings have leveled off but the market has not shown many signs of resuming growth. We will have to wait and see what the next few months look like.

Our funds are split between the Operating Account (**\$22,439.43**) and the Managed Investment Account (**\$288,128.40**). The Operating Account balance has had a slight gain of **\$126.31** donations and interest over the last 11 months while the Managed Investment Account has had a modest gain of **\$14,532.53** from stock dividends and interest receipts plus value appreciation over the same period.

**What is on the horizon:**

As I mentioned in my mid-year report we were going to pause expenditure until we got a better picture of the future of the stock market. The impacts of inflation and tariffs are now starting to be reflected in the market though we will continue the spending pause until the start of the next calendar year when we should have a better picture of the future.

On or about September 10<sup>th</sup> I should have the September statement from Charles Schwab and will be able to prepare the detailed final year end status report for the Endowment Fund as well as have the information needed for filing the federal tax return.

The Endowment Fund Committee will continue to evaluate potential spending opportunities and be ready to move forward with normal business after January 1, 2026.

In the mean time, I encourage member societies and individuals to consider making donations to your NFMS Endowment fund. Every little dollar helps us keep up with the affects of inflation.

**Jim Brain**

Endowment Fund Financial Advisor  
509-863-9883

# MEMBERSHIP 2024-25

CLUB - State & Name	Sent	2025		
		Received	Adults	Juniors
NFMS Club-at-Large		3/4/2025	25	
NWFM Club-at-Large				
Total		At Large	25	0
ALASKA		2025		
CHUGACH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY		3/6/2025	97	
Total		Alaska	97	0
IDAHO		2025		
Eureka Rock & Gem Club		4/10/2025	11	2
Gold Hill Diggers Rock Club		1/18/2025	33	5
Hells Canyon Gem Club		1/7/2025	100	15
Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society		1/21/2025	129	9
Idaho Gem Club		1/7/2025	142	9
Magic Valley Gem Club		1/14/2025	35	0
North Idaho Mineral Club		1/14/2025	75	6
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society		3/3/2025	117	16
Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society		2/28/2025	52	6
Thursday Night Pastry Tasters & Flint Knappers		2/21/2025	10	3
Total		Idaho	704	71
MONTANA		2025		
Billings Gem & Mineral Club		12/12/2024	281	51
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society		1/3/2025	41	6
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Society		12/29/2024	163	13
Butte Mineral & Gem Club		12/29/2025	106	5
Central Montana Prospectors		7/6/2025	15	0
Hellgate Mineral Society		12/29/2025	208	46
Miles City Montana Gem & Mineral		2/5/2025	57	1
Northwest Montana Rock Chucks		1/7/2025	113	40
Total		Montana	984	162

37	OREGON		2025		
38	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society		1/14/2025	189	46
39	Columbia Gorge Rock Hounds		1/14/2025	22	1
40	Columbia-Willamette Faceters' Guild		2/21/2025	115	0
41	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society		2/20/2025	64	0
42	Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society		12/12/2025	50	12
43	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society		11/25/2025	28	0
44	Malheur County Rock & Gem Club		8/9/2025	14	0
45	Mt. Hood Rock Club		2/18/2025	408	90
46	Oregon Agate & Mineral Society		1/18/2025	71	5
47	Prineville Rockhound Pow-Wow Assn		3/8/2025	117	
48	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club		1/19/2025	147	30
49	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society		1/3/2025	105	27
50	Trails End Gem & Mineral Club		1/14/2025	14	0
51	Tualatin Valley Gem Club		1/14/2025	107	42
52	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club		2/21/2025	153	27
53	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society		12/25/2025	344	45
54	Total		Oregon	1948	325
55					
56	UTAH		2025		
57	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society		2/7/2025	162	40
58	Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society		1/7/2025	325	126
59	Total		Utah	487	166
60					
61	WASHINGTON		2025		
62	<del>Cascade Mineralogical Society</del>	Dropped			
63	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association		1/3/2025	128	4
64	Darrington Rock & Gem Club	Inactive			
65	East Kingco Rock Club		1/7/2025	63	24
66	Ellensburg Rock Wolves		1/27/2025	19	0
67	Everett Rock & Gem Club		1/14/2025	119	7
68	Grays Harbor Rock Club		11/18/2025	57	5
69	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club		1/3/2025	252	45
70	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club		4/8/2025	117	29
71	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society		3/1/2025	129	22
72	Marysville Rock & Gem Club		2/22/2025	274	61
73	Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club		1/27/2025	106	0
74	Panorama Gem & Mineral Club		1/14/2025	37	0
75	Skagit Rock & Gem Club		1/7/2025	29	1
76	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society		1/14/2025	74	11
77	Wasington Agate & Mineral Society		11/27/2025	50	6
78	West Seattle Rock Club		4/15/2025	71	32
79	Whidbey Island Gem Club		1/3/2025	105	1
80	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club		2/25/2025	156	37
81	Total		Washington	1786	285

56 Clubs

		6,031	1,009
	Total Members	7,040	

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