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Letters From Our Committee Officers:

Lora Hall - President



Welcome to summer!

Time to dust off the hiking boots, grab your rock hammer, and head out on

some adventure. Working with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AMFS) has given me the chance to meet and talk with folks from across the country. One thing I quickly learned is how lucky we are in the Northwest Federation to have rockhounding sites out our backdoors. I could be wrong, but I think we have more public land access than any other Federation, maybe second only to the Rocky Mountain Federation. Someone fact-check me on this and report back! Access to public land is something we should never take for granted. If your club is not a member of American Lands Access Association (ALAA), I encourage you to join. The ALAA is a sister organization whose mission is to advocate for and protect the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collectors, recreational prospectors, and the use of public and private lands for science education. They are the voice of amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators, and public land management agencies such as the Bureau of Land Manage (BLM) and the US Forest Service (USFS). Membership for a club or society is \$50 a year. For more information, I suggest you visit their website <http://amlands.org/> or the AFMS Conservation and Legislation page at <https://www.amfed.org/about/conservation-and-legislation>. You will notice that many of the ALAA

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officers are also NFMS and AFMS past and present officers. ALAA is truly a sister organization working to protect our rights to enjoy this amazing hobby.

That's it for this month and as always, get out and explore!



Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President

I have to admit that I enjoy attending gem and mineral shows. Since the beginning of this year I have attended 6 shows and I have a collection of slabs purchased from a number of vendors as a reminder that I love to collect slabs for lapidary. My wife

thinks it is an addiction, but I am not looking for a cure or an intervention! It is also time to get out of the house and do some rockhounding. I am planning on going next weekend. With a local university community education rockhounding class, taught by another of our NFMS officers. It will be good to get out and look for treasures buried in the earth. It is my hope that you are each planning on enjoying this hobby of ours in some way this summer. I also hope that many of you are planning on attending the NFMS Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Marcus Whitman Club Show in Walla Walla, WA the first weekend of September. I look forward to meeting federation members from around the 6 states represented in the NFMS. We really need your input at the annual meeting as we make decisions regarding some changes in the bylaws and ops plans that govern our organization. We are always looking for volunteers to serve in the many federation committees and are looking for clubs willing to join in hosting future annual meetings. If you are a NFMS Director or Delegate, get together with your club president or board of directors and challenge them to consider hosting a future NFMS Show. Enjoy sharing our love of rocks and minerals with those around you. Attend a show, go on a field trip with your club or just with some friends. Be safe, and whatever else you do, ROCK ON!



Gary Warren - 2nd Vice President

We have had a good month here in Utah and there are a lot of people and friends going out rock hunting. I hope that you are one

of them that has been able to make it out.

As we start into the months of good rock hunting, I want to make sure that everyone is taking the time to get prepared to be safe. When you go out, make sure that someone knows where you are going and when you plan on being back. Take plenty of water and snacks to get you through the day, or days that you are going to be gone. Get your car ready so that it will get you there and back and you don't have to worry about it. Change the oil if it needs it and make sure you always have gas in your tank. I have a thing that I always try and keep on the top half of my gas tank when I am out hunting. Make sure your tires are in good shape and that they will stand the wear and tear of where you are going. I have some Fix a Flat with me in the truck and I have used it a few times to help other people get to where they are going or get back from where they have been.

Well, I hope that all of you have a very safe and fun year and hope to see some of you at the Northwest Federation in Walla Walla Washington in September.



Judi Allison - Secretary (Treasurer Pro Tem)

It appears that summer is rapidly sneaking up on us-time to get out and rediscover our old haunts or search for new places to seek a prize from our hobby. As summer draws to a close, our NFMS Show and Convention will

be upon us. Be sure to notice the information in this issue about advance registration and get yours in so you can enjoy everything the Walla Walla, Washington area has to offer along with the hospitality I am sure you will receive from the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society. Be looking for the credentials in the newsletter so that you can have them completed when it is time for the NFMS meeting. Remember; you email the name of your Director to the Credentials chairs, Clara and Del Walker and you bring the physical form to the meeting. Folks sometimes get mixed up on this process but just remember; you need a paper in hand in order to cast a vote.

I hope to see many of you in Walla Walla. In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:**Treasurer Report**

As is the case with everything, the price of business continues to increase. Rental of a room for our midyear meeting increased from previous years. Reimbursement costs for Executive Officer travel continues to go up with the cost of living. Because of this more money was spent for the midyear meeting than had been in previous years. But we are still doing well with our budget. With no need to pay postage and printing for the newsletter, our finances are sufficient without the use of expendable endowment funds.

With that being said, I am certain that you have seen the information from the Endowment Committee asking for ideas for projects to benefit the Federation. There have been some good suggestions from a handful of folks, but it seems to me that many more should take an interest. When that old question, "What does the Federation do for me?" is heard, the answer can be with some sort of project. The key, though, is not simply an idea. The endowment committee can fund something, but it will take people and willingness to volunteer to accomplish something. You will find an article titled "Endowment Fund Projects" in this newsletter. It is simply a list of things that have been "thrown about", but it can perhaps give you an idea of something that could be considered as a project. Something that must happen as far as an idea coming to fruition is a consensus by the voting members of the assembly. Since we only have an official meeting once a year, things need to be thought through prior to the meeting, so that things can move forward and not get mired in indecision. So, consider that as you read some of these possible ideas, or perhaps think of something yourselves. Discuss such things with your individual club memberships so that as a director you know what your club's wishes are, and you can be an informed voter. We are all the Federation and together we can support each other and accomplish many things.

NOTE: I just thought I would throw this out there: Since I am doing both the Secretary and Treasurer jobs and no one seems to be interested in the Treasurer Position, perhaps there is someone who would be interested in becoming the Federation Secretary. I would then continue to be the Treasurer. Just a thought...

One Liners for Laughs, and Sharing Rockhound Joy**Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian**

There is always at least one person, if not more in each club, who are admired for their wit or just bringing a smile to your face whenever you are around them. During your monthly meetings, play time on field trips, working on your shows and in the lapidary shop, someone seems to have the spontaneous gift for creating wonderful smiles.

One of the earlier Rocks and Minerals magazines from nearly sixty years ago, had a section in some of their issues each year for wit. When I read these, I thought what a fun idea for clubs to pay attention to, and add to their newsletters and send in for their federation newsletters as well. Your juniors can be very clever, so I am sure you can gather some witty statements from them too. Some of your officers and chairmen may have some words of wisdom that have stuck with you, and those could be used also. Here are examples from the magazine. The title of this particular section for this issue was, How I Became a Rockhound.

"I started picking up rocks on trips, then got to stopping at rock shops, then built a tumbler, bought a secondhand rock saw, and here I am-Rocks running out my ears!"

"Rocks have always interested me, but due to the Tulas rock show I really went overboard. I never have had a dull minute since!"

"I started out looking for uranium-and here I am."

"My mother made me do it."

If you inspire your club members to get their minds behind this, I think you'll find quite a few more smiles enjoying wit and humor. Enjoy your clubs and federations! AFMS Newsletter Editor, Linda Jaeger came up with a good one in response to this article. "You know laughing is like jogging on the inside -- or if you're a rockhound it's like being your own personal tumbler!"

NFMS Nominating Committee

“Discover What You Can Give Your Federation”

Jennifer Haley, Chairman

Your federation needs your help in finding a person from your club to be nominated for NFMS 2nd VP. It is important that you help us find someone soon, and maybe that person is you.

If you are an individual interested in being 2nd VP, don't hold back, please let us know. It doesn't matter if we receive more than one nomination, although we usually don't. We have between now and up to 60 days before the 2025 NFMS Annual Meeting in Walla Walla. Nominations for all elected officers of the NFMS must be in good standing of a recognized NFMS Club including the NFMS Club at Large, and must be a permanent resident within the boundaries of the NFMS.

The 2nd VP is a position for one year, and is a three-year commitment as you go up the ladder to 1st VP and President. 2nd VP is also NFMS Custodian Chairman which is an easy job, because all you need to do is check in with each of the NFMS officers and chairman to see if there have been any changes in the inventory in their keeping and make note of it. Following being NFMS President, you become NFMS Nominating Committee chairman for one year, as I am this year. As chairman you can fill your committee with help from someone from each of the six states within our federation.

It's very rewarding being on the executive committee, and I can tell you that from my experience being on these boards over the years in two different federations. I am so grateful for that experience and all I learned, with help from people all along the way. There is a first time for everything, I did it too, so why not step in and discover what you can give to your federation too.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the NFMS executive committee. There is good help to help you learn the ropes, and wonderful people to work together with, so please do seriously think about becoming your NFMS' 2nd VP. Please send resumes of nomination to me. You can also call me. We have a wonderful future to look forward to together, and wouldn't it be wonderful to have your help in creating that future together. I look forward to hearing from you soon.



Editor Note

As you may know, the annual NFMS show is coming up this September, and the Marcus Whitman Club is working hard to make it a great event! There are many moving parts, and several important deadlines fall *before* the show itself. Registration, case entry forms (both competitive and non-competitive), vendor applications, and more must be submitted and paid for soon. If you're interested in participating in any way, please read the following pages carefully. Each page is printable and includes the contact information for where to send your materials.




Fellow rockhounds,

As we are gearing up for Summer and field trips, that means there are only a few months left until this year's NFMS Annual Show! The Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society is excited to host this year's festivities. We have rounded up the largest number of dealers we have ever hosted, set aside extra space for competitive cases and demonstrators, and secured a wonderful location for this year's banquet. We do need some help from you, however! During the mid-year meeting, we handed out registration packets and information about the show. If you missed the meeting, those forms are

also available on our website at: <https://www.marcuswhitmangem.com/nfms-2025>. You may also download the Competitive and Non-Competitive Display forms on our website.

To aid us in our planning, we are asking that you fill out your registration forms ASAP. We understand that life can get away from us, especially in spring and summer, but we don't want to miss you at the show! In particular, for the Friday LUNCHEON and Saturday night BANQUET, we are asking that you let us know by JUNE 15TH whether you are opting to join us. We hope that you do, as we will be offering catering for the Friday meeting, and be dining at the landmark Marcus Whitman Hotel on Saturday! Once you have filled out your registration, I would recommend securing yourself a place to stay, and you will be all set for September. We'll be sending another message or two like this out, and you'll be able to give yourself a pat on the back; a well deserved pat at that!

Be seeing you soon, Sydnee Morehouse
MWGMS Webmaster [info\(at\)marcuswhitmangem.com](mailto:info(at)marcuswhitmangem.com)



NFMS
Gem & Mineral
SHOW

The Walla Walla club is hosting the NFMS show this year, which includes special exhibits, programs, expanded dealers, a live auction and a great kids section.

We hope to see you there.

September 6-7 10AM-5PM

WALLA WALLA FAIRGROUNDS
WALLA WALLA, WA

Additional Information for the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society's NFMS Rock Show

Vendors, We are excited to announce that the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society in Walla Walla, WA, will be hosting this year's NFMS Rock Show. We are planning on expanding our vendor opportunities by offering outdoor spaces for vendors to showcase their products. If you are interested in one of these outdoor vendor spaces, please don't hesitate to reach out for information. We would love to have you join us! For inquiries and to get on our vendor mailing list, please contact:

Dennis English Vendor Chairman

Email: [dennisenglish\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:dennisenglish(at)gmail.com) Phone: 206-890-3903



Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society
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Walla Walla, Washington

87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 5-7, 2025
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

We are excited to combine our Annual Gem Show with the NFMS Convention and welcoming all to Walla Walla. As we look forward to September, we must let you know that this is, quite possibly, the busiest week of the year. In addition to the Gem Show and Conference, there is an Annual Car Show, Aviation Show, and Fall Release for wine lovers. With that being said, we highly recommend getting a head start on booking your stay with us.

Here are various links to lodging options within the valley:

- Bed & Breakfast Lodging: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/bed-and-breakfast/>
- Hotels & Motels: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/hotels-motels/>
- RV/Campgrounds: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/camping-campgrounds/>
Walla Walla Fairgrounds: <https://www.wallawallafairgrounds.com/p/plan-your-event/grounds-camping>
- Vacation Rentals: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/vacation-rentals/>

Stay tuned for the full conference program coming soon. We look forward to having you in Walla Walla.



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Presidents Message:

Greeting, rockhounds of the Northwest.

My name is Sam Carlson and I am the president of the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society. It is our pleasure to host this years NFMS Annual Conference in partnership with our Annual Gem Show. We have been working diligently (but with smiles on our faces) to bring you the best conference possible!

Walla Walla is a thriving town on the edge of the beautiful Blue Mountains. We are vibrant valley filled with local businesses, community events, and more recently, world renowned wines. Vineyards have come to call our local area "The Rocks District" due to the unique geological features. The grapes need to plunge deep into the earth, which gives the resulting wine its signature profile. Come learn more about it!

We welcome you to join us for one of the most exciting weekends of the year to enjoy gems, minerals, sunshine, friendly faces, and a decadent dinner at the prestigious Marcus Whitman Hotel. This same weekend, Walla Walla also hosts a car show, aviation show, and Fall Release events at wineries with live music. On that note, we encourage you to book your lodging as soon as possible. We have a plethora of hotels, RV locations, bed and breakfasts, and more in the immediate area, but they are likely to fill up quickly! To learn more about lodging availability, visit our website: <https://www.marcuswhitmangem.com/nfms-2025>

Be sure to keep an eye on your email for more details. In the meantime...

Happy Hunting!

- Sam Carlson



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Be seeing you soon,

Sydnee Morehouse
MWGMS Webmaster
info@marcuswhitmangem.com

2025 NEMS CONVENTION
MARCUS WHITMAN HOTEL

Banquet Menu



STARTER

WALLA WALLA ANTIPASTO
REGIONAL ARTISAN CHEESE & CURED MEATS, SEASONAL FRUIT,
OLIVE MEDLEY, MUSTARD, NUTS, CROSTINI

SALAD

ITALIAN CHOP SALAD
ROMAINE, CHICKPEAS, CHERRY TOMATO, PROVOLONE, RED ONION,
OLIVES, PEPPERONCINI, RED WINE VINAIGRETTE

ENTRÉES

BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI
SAGE CREAM SAUCE, PARMIGIANO REGGIANO
PENNE BOLOGNESE
SHORT RIB BOLOGNESE, CALABRIAN CHILI OIL, BASIL

SIDES

ROASTED GARLIC PARMIGIANO BREAD

DESSERT

CAKE



"Petrified in the West exploring ancient woods."

**NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form****Deadline: August 1, 2025****Hosted by Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society****Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA****September 6 and 7, with September 5 setup****Exhibit Set Up Rules:**

All competitive exhibits must comply with the AFMS/NFMS rules updated in January 2024. For a complete rule book or update go to: www.amfed.org.

Exhibit setup: Friday September 5, 12pm -8pm

- ◆ All entries must be ready for judging by Saturday, September 6 at 8am
- ◆ Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday September 7 at 5 pm.
- ◆ Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ◆ Display cases will not be allowed to be opened during the show without a Committee member of the NFMS Rules Committee present.
- ◆ Exhibitors will receive a free 2-day pass.

Entry forms: One per case

Please complete all information on the entry form and mail or e-mail to Larry Hulstrom
5409 West 26th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99338, email: rockhound132@charter.net

Liability:

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Print name: _____

NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SOCIETY (Junior Society): _____

EXHIBITOR GROUP: (check one)

MASTER _____ ADVANCED _____ NOVICE _____ JUNIOR _____

EXHIBIT DIVISION: _____ EXHIBIT CLASS: _____

If JUNIOR, give birth date: _____

Are you bringing your own case? _____ (yes or no) Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

Do you need to borrow a case? _____ (Y/N) **Cases will be available on a limited basis.

Basic size: 4 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. Liners or risers may or may not be available.

Certification for Competitive Exhibitors

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own property, or if Society, all material belongs to members of the society. All work except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules were completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitors Signature _____

Print name: _____

Exhibitor's Society: _____

I certify, as an officer of the above-named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

Signature: _____

If sent via email, we need the officer's email: _____

Title _____ Date: _____



NFMS Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

Deadline: August 1, 2025

Hosted by Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society

Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA

September 6 and 7, with September 5 setup



Exhibit setup: Friday September 5, 12pm -8pm

- ◆ Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday September 7 at 5 pm.
- ◆ Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ◆ Display cases will not be allowed to be opened during the show without a show Committee member present.
- ◆ Exhibitors will receive a free 2-day pass.

Entry forms: One per case

Please complete all information on the entry form and mail or e-mail to Warren Rood, 243 E Birch St., Walla Walla, WA 99362 or warrenrood@yahoo.com

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Print name: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Exhibit Description: _____

Are you bringing your own case? _____ Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

Do you have your own liner? _____

Junior exhibit: (Y/N) _____

Potential Endowment Fund funded projects

Proposal number 1.

Give a grant of up to \$5000 to the “World Famous Petersen’s Rock Garden and Peacock Sanctuary” (formerly called Petersen’s Rock Garden) located just outside of Redmond, Oregon.

The following text is from their website, *“For those that are not familiar with the site, it is the work of Rasmus Petersen, a Danish immigrant who settled in Central Oregon in the early 1900s, and began constructing the garden in 1935. He used a diverse array of rocks such as jasper, agate, lava rock, petrified wood, obsidian, and thunder eggs that he gathered within an 85-mile radius of his family home, to construct detailed miniature castles, churches and other small buildings and monuments. He incorporated other design elements such as bridges, water features, and natural landscaping. He died in 1952 but the family operated the garden as an attraction for many years. In 2013 the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.”*

Despite facing challenges over the years, the garden has remained a cherished landmark. The Petersen family sold the property in 2022. Since they bought the property two years ago the new owners have organized several volunteer groups and have begun to clean up the property that had suffered neglect due to lack of maintenance over the previous several years. The current ownership of the historic property is registered as a not for profit organization and the property is open to the public again with a suggested voluntary donation of \$10.00. See their website at <https://www.petersenrockgarden.org>.

Comment: By Jim Brain: I have visited the site several times over the years and it had deteriorated to the point that the family actually closed it to the public in 2016. It was sold to new owners in 2022 who are committed to restoring it to its former condition through volunteer group work parties. It is now open to the public again. For this proposal to be viable, it would require the federation to change its current position which prevents the giving of donations using Endowment Fund monies to organizations outside the federation.

Project 2:

Throughout the geographic area encompassed by the NFMS, there are numerous public, not for profit museums

that contain fantastic displays of gemstone and lapidary work. Some are free, others charge an admission fee. This proposal would make donations or grants to those museums with a fee or voluntary donation who were willing to grant free admission to active members of the Federation. There would be one or two museums from each state to provide opportunities across the federation.

Some of the museums with good rock and lapidary exhibits include:

- Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, Hillsboro, OR
- Montana Technical Institute, Butte, MT
- Yakima Valley Museum, Yakima WA
- Baker Heritage Museum, Baker City, OR
- Crater Rock Museum, Central Point, OR
- Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture. University of Washington Campus. Seattle, WA
- Geology Museum Displays. Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- Museum of Culture & Environment Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- Stonerose Interpretive Center & Eocene Fossil Site. Republic, WA
- Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology, Boise
- Richard Arthur Olsen Museum of Natural History, Shoshone, ID
- Romney Geology Museum, BYU-Idaho, Rexburg, ID

There are many more in Utah and Montana.

Comment: By Jim Brain—This is would not be an outright donation. Rather it would be a prepaid admission for NFMS members. I think it is a good idea and know that some local clubs already do this. To expand prepaid admissions across the federation it would require the creation of a special NFMS committee tasked to identify which

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museums would be part of the program and how many prepaid admissions would be allocated to each. It would also require

that each club in the federation issue an annual membership card to members of their society as identification as being a member of NFMS eligible for free admission.

Project 3:

The AFMS Slide and Video library is hosted by the NFMS. It contains copies of various winning presentations entered in the annual AFMS New Programs Competition amongst member societies. The slides or video materials are available to member societies for use at meetings and programs. Some are in very old formats but contain material that is still appropriate. This proposal is to find a contractor(s) that have the capabilities to transfer the material from the existing formats to formats that are commonly available today. The NFMS Slide/Video Librarian would take the lead on this.

Comments: Jim Brain: This is something that was approved a few years ago but went to the back burner because of Covid. I am waiting for Ronna Watkins to get back relative to whether this is still a viable program and for a cost estimate.

Project 4:

As one of the requirements of being a non-profit organization, the NFMS must provide some service to the general public. One of the ways that this can be accomplished is by providing educational programs at the various shows across the federation. This proposal would cover the travel and related fees associated with guest subject matter expert used as speakers at Gem and Mineral shows. Show chairpersons would make the contact and other arrangements then coordinate with the NFMS treasurer payment for the services.

Comments: By Jim Brain: This has been done in the past but stopped during the financial crisis caused by the Covid epidemic. There probably needs to be a limit as to how much is paid an individual speaker.

Project 5:

Junior programs are the future of the federation. AFMS has its Future Rockhounds of America

Program. Member Societies are encouraged to take advantage of programs and offerings available through that program. One of the tools available is the 500 page Future Rockhounds of America badge manual that leaders can use to implement elements of that program. This proposal is proposal would fund the printing of this document so that every club with programs for Junior members would have a copy to work from. At \$0.10 per page for 500 pages it would cost about \$3,000 to produce manuals for each club in the federation.

Comments: By Jim Brain: This proposal was made by Jennifer Fitch, NFMS Juniors program coordinator, when I asked her if there was anything in the Juniors program that could be funded through Endowment Fund monies.

Project 6:

Encourage greater participation by member societies and individuals in the various competitive programs offered through the AFMS and NFMS by providing trophies and/or cash prizes for the top three entries in each competitive event. Competitions start at the federation levels with winners (and runners ups in some cases) entries forwarded to the AFMS for final judging. Details about each competitive program can be found on the AFMS website under the New Link section of the crosswalk between the Old and New AFMS website. Since each competition falls under the auspices of a stand alone committee withing the federation, contact that committee chairperson for additional information. Awards will only be granted if there are at least three entries in a particular category. Cash awards will be awarded to 1/3 of the entries in each category.

New Programs Competition--The purpose of this 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.

All American Club "Yearbook" Award—Clubs are encouraged to prepare scrapbooks chronicling their entire years activities including photographs and text. Emphasis is also placed on community outreach and activities that promote the hobby of rockhounding and lapidary works.

Bulletin Editor's Contest—There are various classifications in this competition. In addition to adult and youth classes, awards are given for best large and small club newsletter and to the authors of the best original article and poetry.

Competitive Display Cases—There are various classifications in this competition.

Website Contest--- The goal of the contest is to determine the effectiveness of the club's website in providing information to support the functions, not to determine the quality or capabilities of the club.

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year—Every society within the federation is asked to nominate a person or couple who has demonstrated outstanding leadership within their club throughout the year. The top two recipients will be named as NFMS Rockhounds of the year. Their names will be forwarded to the American Federation as candidates for the AFMS Rockhound of the year.

Comment: By Jim Brain: This is a follow-up on a proposal made by Judi Allison. It still need more details but I think it would be a benefit to the federation as a whole to see more individuals participate in these programs.

Minutes of the Midyear Meeting: April 26, 2025

President, Lora Hall called the meeting to order with The Pledge of Allegiance. Having no three-dimensional flag, she shared one on the computer. Following the pledge, she introduced the **Executive Board**: Herself; **Michael Rhodes**, 1st Vice President, **Judi Allison**, Secretary/Treasurer pro tem, and online attendees; **Gary Warren**, 2nd Vice President; Evan Day, Parliamentarian; and Darrell Coyle, Bylaws Revision committee.

Past Presidents attending were **Darrell Coyle**, **Larry Hulstrom**, **Ronna Watkins** and **Judi Allison**. Ronna will be taking on her position of AFMS President the first of November.

Michael then took over to have the **balance of the membership present** introduce themselves: Mike McConnell and his wife Janie from Northern Idaho, James Finckbone from Northern Idaho, Kathy Larson from Lakeside; Jerry and Mary Lou Northrup from Hells Canyon; Anna McKinney from Marysville, (also a member of the Everett Club);

June Dorning Yakima; Clara and Del Walker Prineville, Josh Hulstrom from Lakeside; Vicki and Emmett Johnson from Southern Washington; Jim Brain, Club at Large, Dennis English, Marcus Whitman; Janel Lacey, Marcus Whitman. (Twenty-five attendees from 13 clubs.)

Evan Day then offered an **invocation** for the meeting to be productive and for all to be safe in their activities and travels.

Lora Hall called for a **moment of silence** to honor those we have lost during the last year. (The list is at the end of the reports.)

The next order of business was to go over the **reports**. **Lora** stated she had nothing to add to the **President's report** she provided.

(If a committee is not mentioned in this listing, either there was no report, or the Chairperson was letting the report stand as written.)

Judi added that the **Treasurer report** did not reflect the mileage reimbursement for this meeting, the cost of the Directories (\$240) the cost of printing (\$140) and rental of the room. (\$420)

Michael commented that when the bylaws revision is voted on and hopefully passed, he will need adjust the **budget** to reflect the additional 4 months in this fiscal year.

Janel showed off the **Directories**. Sadly, a mistake was found with the numbering as the first three pages had been omitted. After some discussion (and a later final decision by the executive board) it was decided that Judi will email them to the clubs through the newsletter and director contacts. Janel went on to explain the process to get the directory done and to the membership for this meeting. She stated she was disappointed. The membership let her know she did a great job and it was okay. We will work it out and move forward.

Jim Brain spoke about the **Endowment Fund** stating that we made a minimal gain. In April the daily fluctuations were in the 10,000s up and down. At the time of the meeting we were within \$2 of what we had September 1st.

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Lora mentioned that we had word that our **Historian**, Robert Dalton, was moving. Ronna has agreed to house the historic materials. We just need a plan and a time to get them to her. It will need to be done sometime later in May or in June. We will pay for a trailer, or whatever is needed and can provide some reimbursement to a couple of helpers. (I am working on this, but if you have some suggestions, please let me know-Judi)

Lora spoke for our **Junior Chairperson, Jennifer Fitch**. How can we make it easier for our Juniors to apply for the Junior Achievement Award? The committee is in the process of revamping the requirements. A short discussion followed. Anna McKinney stated that this was a thing from the past. Lora stated there is some disconnect if a club is not registered with the AFMS badge program. The AFMS badge program and Junior committee is now more active. Janel stated that the directory shows their club has 20 Juniors, but only 3-4 show up at Junior meetings. Judi stated that the AFMS is introducing a new Sand Badge. Ronna commented that the Juniors were very active at the Hermiton Show last year. James Finckbone about how to reach the website - www.juniors.amfed.org. Lora said the NFMS Chair is working on a contest for the kids to create a Northwest Federation patch. Keep your eyes and ears open.

Speaking for the **Nominating Committee**, Lora stated **we need a 2nd Vice President and a Treasurer**. She assured folks that, even though one might feel they are getting into something they can't handle, it really is a pretty simple and rewarding thing to go through the chairs. Please bring it up to your club members.

Josh Hulstrom stated that they did not have any entries for the competitive displays yet. You can find the forms on the website now. (And they will be coming out in the newsletter.)

Larry Hulstrom stated we need a **bid for the 2026 Show**. Anna McKinney said she would ask the Marysville Club. Judi pointed out there is a new, simpler "How to put on a Federation Show" Guide on the website. She also offered to come to a club meeting and speak to the membership. James Finckbone ask if a show of only 8 dealers was too small, as he thought that was what Marcus Whitman was going to have. At the moment they have 15 inside dealers. This is one of the points discussed in the new guidelines.

The Federation wants to work with the clubs to help create a good show with the least number of issues and disruptions. Please consider hosting a show. There is a bit more work, but with the proper planning, you can increase your profits-and meet some new rockhound enthusiasts. We need bids for years beyond 2026, so you might consider that.

Judi Allison reminded folks to choose their **Rockhound of the Year** and pass the information on so those unsung adults and juniors can be honored.

Kathy Larson introduced herself as the new **Safety Chairperson**. Look for some articles and tips from her in the coming newsletters.

Lora gave kudos to **Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup** for their awesome job of choosing Scholarship awardees through the **AFMS Scholarship program**.

Ronna Watkins passed out her report for inclusion in this packet. She stated the **Slide-Video Library** will not be asking for any additional funds beyond what was already allocated. You can read the report for details.

Some folks had stamps to turn in. After a short discussion about what stamps were most desirable, it was suggested that the **Stamp Chairmen** write an article for the newsletter to clarify the best stamps for resale and those that need not be sent at all. Judi will contact them with the request.

Judi spoke a bit about the **Website Contest** and the fact that the rules have been rewritten with new criteria. One of the questions was whether the site was ADA compliant. One can google an app to check their website.

Ronna gave a report about the **AFMS Show and Convention in Hickory, North Carolina** March 26-30. She also mentioned the new Sand Badge for Juniors. The conventions are a rewarding time spent with like-minded people from all over the country. The AFMS Show next year will be in St Charles, Illinois May23-26, hosted by the Midwest Federation.

Ronna gave Judi the prize she had won at the AFMS Show in California last year from the AFMS Scholarship fund. This is the fund that provides scholarships for two graduate students in the field of science. Each of 6 Federations chooses two students. That was what Mary Lou and Jerry were doing as the Honorees for the Scholarship fund. Judi explained the process of buying tickets or donating an item as a prize. Prizes are to have a value of at least \$75. The gift was a pair of stemmed glasses made from onyx and lapis.

Bylaws Revisory Committee: Darrell Coyle and Jim Brain

Judi pointed out to those present that Darrell and Jim had put a great deal of time and effort into correcting and updating the Bylaws. The changes will be voted on at the Annual meeting, and with approval go into effect. One of the key changes is adjusting the fiscal year to align with the calendar year. This will make more sense for Camp Hancock and the timing of the Federation Shows. It will also simplify reporting to the IRS. Darrell thanked Jim for all his knowledge and help. He pointed out that changes were made to make it easier to read with more modern language. He also stated that Larry Hulstrom has offered to read it for format and details of print so that it will be presented in the best light possible. Jim commented that he couldn't believe how many ways the word "bylaws" was written. Now it is consistent. Their work also standardized the definition of the term "Junior". Please take time to review all their work so you will be an informed voter at the annual meeting.

Michael Rhodes commented that a motion to amend the bylaws is a binding statement. Darrell will get with Evan to be certain the wording is correct in the proposal being brought forward. Evan stated a committee can divide the question. It doesn't have to be presented in one lump sum. James Finckbone asked about the budget because of the additional 4 months. Michael explained that the plan is to close out the year the end of August and create a new section from September 1 through December 31. Evan pointed out it is simply an adjustment.

Lora asked if there was any more business (as she was hungry and wanted one of those sausage dogs.)

Anna McKinney announced that the Washington State Mineral Council needs officers. The may lose its standings

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Janel Lacey invited all to the **NFMS Show "Petrified in the West: Exploring Ancient Woods" in Walla Walla** September 6-7, with meetings taking place on the 5th. They have fifteen dealers inside and have spots available outside. The advance packets included information on wineries, restaurants, shopping and events as well as chocolate rocks. Janel informed the membership that The Marcus Whitman Club is a tenant of their clubhouse and there are people who live there, so when going to meetings or the luncheon Please drive sloooww (5mph)

Lora reminded folks to be vigilant about scammers. She recently got a text that included a spreadsheet with officers names and a dollar amount. The request was, "We just need your social security number."

Clara moved the meeting be adjourned. With a couple of seconds from others, Lora deemed the meeting closed. She was off to get her sausage dog.

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 1st through 31 August replace with "January 1 through December 31st of each calendar year".
And concerning closing and auditing of books remove August 31st and replace with December 31st.

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 1st.

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.

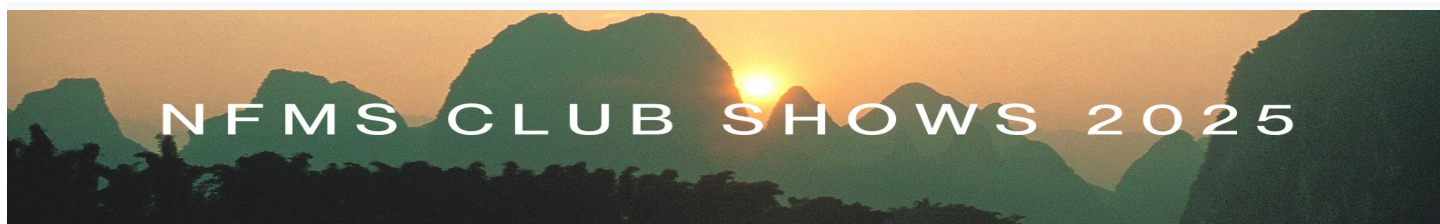
Article IX, Duties of Officers, Section 4. ALL FEDERATION OFFICERS:

Remove the words "the fall" from "and the fall Organizational Meeting", (this meeting no longer is held exclusively in the fall)

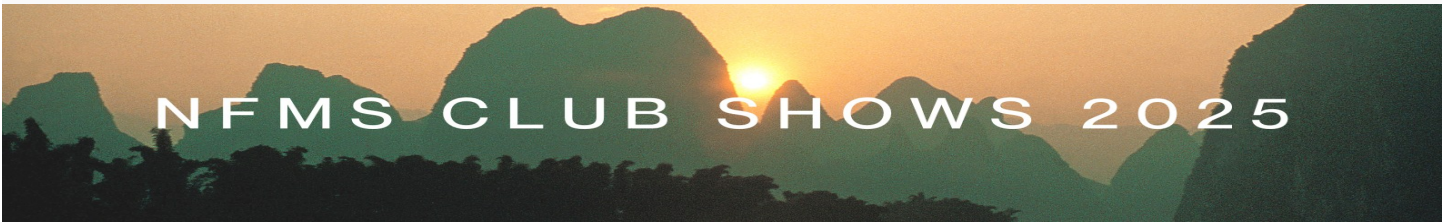
Article X Section 2. a. the Circulation Committee is deleted as it is no longer necessary. Section 2 b. A portion of this section is to be moved to the Ops.

Article XV named Historical Information. Part C was added to.

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

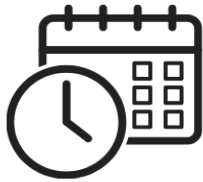


June 13th - 15th Fri 10 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport, OR 97467	Bambi Darling reedsportrockshow(at)gmail.com 541-420-8014
June 21st & 22nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds Event Center 100 Old Corvallis Rd. Hamilton, MT 59840	Amber Tyree amber406142(at)gmail.com bitterrootgemandmineral.org
July 25th - 27th Fri 9-6 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave. W Tenino, WA 98589	Doug Shank wamsolympia(at)gmail.com
Sept 6th & 7th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla Fairgrounds Pavillion & Event Center 363 Orchard Street Walla Walla, WA 99362	Warren Rood - (509) 876-7498 Janel Lacey - (541) 276-9730 warren.rood(at)yahoo.com jclaw6461(at)gmail.com
Sept 6th & 7th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Southern WA Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds - Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 7th Ave. Longview, WA 98632	Greg Larson - (503) 421-3877 Vicki Johnson - (360) 751-8031 vickijrocks(at)msn.com
Oct 4th & 5th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179th Ave. SE Bldg. #500 Monroe, WA 98270	Brian Murril 425-346-9313 bmurril(at)aol.com



Oct 3 rd - 5 th		Wingspan Event and Conference Center (Westside Commons)	Roberta Hanson
Fri 10 - 6	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show	801 NE 34th Ave.	prgmsa.president(at)gmail.com
Sat 10 - 6		Hillsboro, OR 97124	503-449-3543
Sun 10 - 5			

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2025:

- AFMS/EFMLS Hickory, NC**
March 27 - 30
- Midwest Federation Lincoln, NE April 5-6
- Northwest Federation Walla Walla, WA
Sept 5 - 7
- Rocky Mountain Federation Grand Junction,
CO Sept 19-21

Shows in 2026:

- Midwest Federation St. Charles, IL.
May 23-24

Rock Of The Month: Sphalerite

Sphalerite, the primary ore of zinc, is a fascinating mineral for collectors due to its brilliant luster, range of colors, and complex crystal forms. Typically found in shades of brown, yellow, red, black, and even colorless, sphalerite can exhibit an impressive resinous to adamantine shine. Transparent varieties, especially the vibrant orange to red "ruby sphalerite" from Spain's famous Picos de Europa mines, are particularly prized among collectors and lapidaries. Found in hydrothermal veins and limestone-hosted deposits, sphalerite often forms alongside minerals like galena, pyrite, and calcite, making for attractive and diverse specimen combinations.

Historically, sphalerite played a key role in the industrial revolution as the main source of zinc, used for galvanizing steel and creating alloys like brass. The mineral was once called "blende," a German term meaning "to deceive," because its metallic appearance misled early miners who confused it with valuable lead ore. While its economic importance continues today, collectors value sphalerite for more than its industrial uses. Large, well-formed crystals from localities such as Elmwood, Tennessee and Naica, Mexico are known for their clarity, size, and sharp crystal faces, making them standouts in any display.

Sphalerite's high dispersion, greater than diamond, gives transparent specimens a fiery sparkle under the right lighting, which adds to its appeal for collectors and gem enthusiasts alike. Because some varieties contain iron, which darkens the crystals, collectors often seek the more rare and brilliant low-iron sphalerites. Whether admired for its optical properties, crystal structure, or association with classic mining districts, sphalerite holds a respected place in the world of mineral collecting.

Jessica Himple
Everett Rock and Gem Club
Editor for NFMS Newsletter



Sphalerite, China - Gery Parent Collection.
Photo taken by Gery Parent



Sphalerite and Kodamaite - Modris Baum Collection. Photo taken by Modris Baum

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

BYLAWS

~~DELETE. With changes in the Standing Rules as Recorded by the General Assembly during the 1980 Business Meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., Boise, Idaho.~~

ARTICLE 1

DELETE THE ENTIRE TEXT OF THE SECTION AS IT DUPLICATES WHAT IS IN THE FIRST PART OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

~~Name and Registered Office~~

~~Section 1. The Name of this Organization shall be: Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. **ADDED hereafter referred to as the Federation in these bylaws.**~~

~~Section 2. The principal place of business of this corporation and its Post Office address shall be **UPDATED WITH 5409 W 26th Ave., Kennewick, Washington, 99338.** ADDED Larry Holstrom is the Federation's Designated Agent relative to business dealings with the State of Washington.~~

REPLACE WITH

Basic Information

Section 1. The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, hereafter referred to as the Federation, was incorporated in the State of Washington on April 10, 1950. As a Washington corporation the Federation must have a business address and Representative Agent residing in the State of Washington.

Section 2. This document will serve as the current bylaws of the federation and includes changes in the general text as were approved at the Convention of Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc at Walla Walla, WA on September 12-14, 2025.

ARTICLE II

General Purposes

Section 1. To bring about closer association of the earth science societies.

Section 2. To hold, through Member Societies, conventions with suitable programs and exhibits for the benefit of the members and the general public. Programs shall be planned that are directed to educational purposes in the form of guest speakers, seminars, demonstrations, etc.

Section 3. To cooperate with the various State Departments of Mines and Mining, in order to promote knowledge of the mineral resources of the different states.

Section 4. To assemble, for exhibition purposes, suitable collections to show at exhibitions.

Section 5. To assist in the preservation of all mineral collecting areas. To become actively involved in locating and obtaining new mineral collecting sites for the use of member clubs. To aid in creating a favorable public image this Federation has pledged itself to the practice of better outdoor manners by adopting the AFMS

Code of Ethics. **REPLACE ORIGINAL TEXT WITH** Any use of the AFMS Code of Ethics by the NFMS will include the NFMS insignia. The NFMS, Inc., officially supports the multiple use of our natural resources in a manner that will preserve and protect our public lands for their best use.
DELETE (~~As amended June 22, 1990~~)

Section 6. To cooperate with similar Federations.

Section 7. This Federation is to function on a non-political, amateur basis.

Section 8. This Federation shall be nonprofit in its operation, and its activities shall be directed exclusively to cultural, educational and scientific purposes, the net income of this Federation shall not inure in whole or in part to any individual or individuals nor shall any distribution of income or assets of the Federation shall be given to other organizations created for the like or similar purposes.

ARTICLE III

Affiliations

Section 1. This Federation is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. **(AFMS)**

- a) The President and 1st Vice President will serve as representatives to, and become Directors of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. If the President or 1st Vice President are unable to attend the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies meeting, it shall be the duty of the Executive Board to appoint an alternate voting delegate for that annual **AFMS** meeting.
- b) The Northwest Federation shall annually pay dues, as levied, to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for dues for each member in good standing in the Northwest Federation.
- c) Delegates to the American Federation conventions will be allowed a mileage rate in the amount no greater than the then current round trip economy air fare by the most direct route, or if direct air service is not available, then by current I.R. S. mileage, by the most direct usually traveled route.
- d) Selection of the NFMS Representative **CHANGED on TO to** the AFMS Executive Board. The NFMS Executive Secretary shall supervise selection of the NFMS Representative to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Executive Board in the following manner.
 1. Eligibility: The current NFMS President and all Past Presidents in good standing in a Member Society shall be eligible as candidates for this office.
 2. Nominations. The Secretary, in the year an NFMS Representative is required to be selected to the AFMS Executive Board, shall determine by mail the willingness of each potential candidate to serve.
 3. Election: The Secretary shall prepare and mail a written ballot to each eligible member, from part (a), above. A majority vote is necessary for election. If a vote is not reached on the first ballot, a second ballot with the names of the candidates receiving the two (2) highest number of votes shall be prepared and mailed to each eligible member again. The name of the winning candidate shall be submitted by mail to AFMS Nominating Committee.

4. Replacements: In the event that it becomes necessary for any reason, including out of the Northwest Federation, to replace the representative prior to the end of the required AFMS term, replacement shall be made by the same procedure.

Section 5. This Federation may affiliate with other similar organizations upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at any Annual Meeting, PROVIDED that written notice be given each member Society at least four (4) months in advance.

ARTICLE IV

Fiscal Year

Section 1. **CHANGED TEXT TO READ: Effective January 2026 the fiscal year for the Federation shall be from January 1st thru December 31st of each calendar year. The books shall be closed and audited as of December 31st of each year.** An interim financial report shall be prepared for the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Federation shall be open to qualified Societies in the states of Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, that portion of Utah which lies north of 41 degrees North Latitude, and such Canadian Societies in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan as desire to affiliate.

The Northwest Federation will not solicit clubs outside those boundaries. Should a club outside these boundaries apply for membership in the Northwest Federation, the Secretary of the AFMS and the secretary of the Federation within whose boundaries that club is located will be advised at least sixty (60) days before that club is considered for acceptance by the Northwest Federation.

Section 2. Membership in the Federation shall be open to all organized amateur mineral, geological and gem societies in the Northwest, including duly organized Junior Societies.

Section 3. Junior Societies shall be composed entirely of persons eighteen (18) years of age or less: These Societies shall be admitted to full membership.

Section 4. An amateur Society is one which is interested in lapidary, art metalcraft, jewelry, paleontology, geology, archeology or the study and collecting of minerals solely for the pleasure and the educational, social and physical benefits that it derives therefrom.

Section 5. Amateur societies desiring admission to the Federation shall apply, in writing, to the Executive Secretary, giving the name of its president and of its secretary, the number of members and the purposes and objectives of the society.

Section 6. Upon a Society's request for membership in the Northwest Federation, the Executive Officers of the Federation only, shall vote on that Society's tentative admission into the Federation. And upon payment of dues, these Societies shall have the same privileges as other member Societies until the next Convention of Delegates at which time they shall be voted on and accepted or rejected.

Section 7. Any Member Society desiring to withdraw from the Federation, shall make such intention known by written notice to the Executive Secretary, which notice shall be signed by the Officers and Director of the Society. Notice of such withdrawal shall then be sent by the Executive Secretary to each member society in the Federation.

Section 8. Should the attitude or conduct of any Member Society at any time be considered extremely detrimental to the welfare of the Federation, such Member Society may be suspended by a majority vote of the Assembly of Directors at a special meeting called by the President, such suspension to be effective until action is taken by the Delegates at following Annual Meeting. A suspended Member Society may be reinstated or expelled by majority vote by ballot at any Annual Meeting PROVIDED that written notice has been given to the Secretary of the suspended Society, so that its representatives may appear to show cause for reinstatement.

ARTICLE VI

Dues

- Section 1. Dues of the adult member societies shall be on the basis of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per member of the Member Society and the dues of the Junior Member Societies shall be on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) per member of the Society. Such dues shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first day of each calendar year and shall be based upon the membership roster of the Society as of December 31, of the year just closed.
- Section 2. New adult societies joining the Federation shall pay three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per member per calendar year, and new junior societies joining the Federation shall pay one dollar per member per calendar year, or fraction thereof, with the exception that societies joining the Federation between the close of the annual meeting and the calendar year shall be extended the courtesy of having dues paid during this period be considered as payment in full for the entire following calendar year.
- Section 3. Should any Member Society fail to remit its dues for the current year by February 15, such Society shall not be considered in good standing and may not be listed in the Federation directory for that year. Any Member Society failing to pay its dues by June 1st shall be dropped from the roll.
- Section 4. Should such Society desire readmission, it shall apply for membership in the usual manner.

ARTICLE VII

Government

Part A. Qualification of Officers, Directors, Delegates and Appointees.

Section 1. All Officers, Directors, Delegates and Appointees shall be members of a Member Society in good standing, except that no Junior Member may hold an Executive Office.

Part B. Officers

- Section 1. The Officers of the Federation shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall carry out all authorized business of the Federation.
- Section 4. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment of the President, with approval of the Executive Board.

Part C. Convention of Delegates

Section 1. The Convention of Delegates is an assembly of individuals representing each Member Societies who meet annually to approve actions that affect the overall operation of the Federation as further may be specified in these bylaws.

Section 2. Each Member Society shall be represented at the Annual Meeting (Convention of Delegates) by no more than two (2) individuals who serve as delegates and are the official representatives of their home society. One delegate will also serve as a director and represent their Society as a member of the Assembly of Directors.

Section 3. Individual delegates are to be selected in any manner the Member Society may decide.

Section 4. Each delegate has one vote.

Part D. Assembly of Directors

Section 1. The Assembly of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Federation, who shall act as Officers of the Assembly, and one (1) Director from each Member Society, to be selected in any manner the Member Society may decide.

Section 2 The term of office of the Society Directors shall be for one (1) year.

Section 3. Each member of the Assembly of Directors shall have only one (1) vote, even though he/she may be representing more than one (1) society.

Section 4. Duties of the Assembly of Directors are specified in other sections throughout these by-laws.

Section 5. One third (1/3) of the Assembly of Directors meetings is needed to constitute a quorum for conducting assigned business.

Section 6. No proxy votes will be accepted.

Part E. Election of Officers

Section 1. Within sixty (60) days after the close of the Annual Meeting, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint, from the qualified members in good standing of any Member Society in the Federation, five (5) persons with at least one (1) from each of the Northwest-ern states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington who shall constitute the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall act to nominate for each elective office of the Federation for the ensuing year, with the exception of the Office of President, one (1) or more qualified Federation Society members in good standing who have expressed their willingness to accept the responsibilities of the office. For the Office of President, the Nominating Committee shall nominate only one candidate, and it shall be customary to nominate the current 1st Vice President for the Office of President.

Section 3. Such nominations with a list of qualifications of each candidate, shall be mailed to each Federation Member Society at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting; copies shall also be available at the Annual Meeting where the Nominating Committee shall make its report. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. The election of officers shall be by majority vote at the meeting.

Section 4. Elections shall be by ballot except in the case of single nominee, when this rule shall automatically be suspended and the nominee shall be declared elected by the Presiding Officer. The term of office shall be for one (1) year beginning January 1st, or as soon thereafter as new Officers are elected and installed.

Section 5 No person may serve more than one (1) term in sequence as President of the NFMS and it shall be customary, but not mandatory, to promote the current 1st Vice President to the Office of President.

Section 6. No two members of the same family can serve on the Executive Board during any term.

Section 7. Fulfillment of the duties of the Nomination Committee shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Part A. The Convention of Delegates (Annual Meeting)

Section 1. The Executive Board and Convention of Delegates constitute the voting body of the Federation.

Section 2. A meeting of the Executive Board and Convention of Delegates shall be convened at a time chosen by the host society whose bid for the Annual Meeting and Show has been accepted by a majority vote of the Assembly of Directors. (The date of the Annual Meeting and Show shall have no effect on the fiscal or the operations year of the Federation.)

Section 3. All business of the Federation shall be transacted at the Annual Meeting by the Executive Board and Convention of Delegates, except such business as may be specifically assigned to the Assembly of Directors or the Executive Board.

Section 3. Before being seated at any Convention of Delegates, all Delegates shall be required to have on file with the Credentials Committee, authorizations being signed by the President and Secretary of the Society they represent.

Section 4 Delegates present at any Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business and making decisions.

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

Section 6. No Proxy votes will be accepted from delegates.

Section 7. Standing Committee Chairpersons may attend and present their committee reports to the Executive Board and delegates.

Section 8. Appointees to special committees may participate in business discussions but not vote.

Section 9 Other individuals who are members of the Federation in good standing may attend to observe.

Part B. Special Meeting

Section 1. After the Annual Meeting the newly elected President may convene a meeting of the Assembly of Directors to transact any business assigned to them by the delegates at the Convention of Delegates.

Section 2. The President, or any seven (7) Member Societies may call a Special Meeting of the Assembly of Directors for an emergency.

Section 3. One third (1/3) of the membership of the Assembly of Directors shall constitute a quorum when the Special Meeting is assembled.

Section 4 Special Meetings may be called by the President by mail, for the purpose of transacting any business within the authority of the Assembly of Directors.

Section 5. A majority of the membership of the Assembly of Directors shall constitute a quorum when making decisions when meeting by mail.

Part C. Mid-Year Meeting

Section 1. Mid-Year meetings are for the benefit of the Executive Board and are open to any Federation member.

Section 2. Directors and delegates may attend to present items or issues their home society wants to bring before the Executive Board for discussion.

Section 2. Standing Committees chairpersons are invited to attend to present updates on committee activities.

Section 3. It is an opportunity for open discussions of business related items that may warrant inclusion in the agenda for the next annual meeting.

Section 4. There is no voting on business decisions at the mid-year meeting.

Part D. Organizational Meeting

Section 1. A meeting of the new Executive Board and invited individuals for the purpose of setting schedules, priorities, and organizing the new Executive Board assignments for the term in their position.

Section 2. To be held as soon as possible after the election of new members to the Executive Board at a place designated by the newly elected President.

Section 3. May include resolution of any old unfinished business including any known AFMS considerations.

Part E. Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws shall govern all meetings of this Federation and its Assembly of Directors

Part F. Parliamentary

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

Part G. Electronic Meetings

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

Furthermore, informal meetings such as those of Committees, Executive Board, or other working bodies of the NFMS may also be similarly held by electronic means at any time when requested by the Chairperson. ~~DELETE (Part G added from 9/11/21 Annual Meeting)~~

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Officers shall perform the duties outlined for them in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, and those detailed for them in the Operating Procedures which are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and the **Bylaws** of this Federation.

Section 2. Duties of the Federation Director, a member of the Society he represents, are detailed in the Operating Procedures.

Section 3. The EXECUTIVE BOARD, as defined in these **Bylaws**, Article VII, Part B, Section 2 shall carry out all authorized business of the Federation. Shall within

one (1) month after election, approve a Federation Budget for miscellaneous expenses submitted by the Budget Committee for the year just beginning.

Section 4. ALL FEDERATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS shall be allowed a transportation allotment in an amount not greater than the then current round trip economy air fare to the Convention, Mid-Year Meetings, and ~~(DELETE) the fall~~ Organizational Meeting by the most direct route, or if direct air service is not available, then by current I.R.S. mileage, by the most direct usually traveled route. This includes transportation home from the convention for outgoing and the newly elected officers.

ARTICLE X

Committees

Section 1. Qualifications

No person shall be appointed Chairman of more than one (1) Committee.

No member of the Executive Board shall be appointed Chairman of a Committee except that the 1st Vice President, upon election to that office, automatically becomes Chairman of the Budget Committee, and the 2nd Vice President, upon election to the office becomes the Chairman of the Custodian Committee.

If possible, all appointments must be made within sixty (60) days and notification be given the Member societies within ninety (90) days following the Annual Meeting.

Notification of the appointments shall be sent to the Federation Director and at least one (1) other Society Officer in each member Society by way of the NFMS Newsletter.

All Committee Chairmen are to work with the President and submit their reports, with recommendations, if any, at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Bulletin Aids, ~~(DELETE) Circulation~~, Credentials, Custodian, Directory, Education, Endowment Fund, Historian, Juniors, Long Range Planning, Newsletter, Nominating, Northwest Rockhound Retreat, Operations Review, Public Land Advisory, Past President Council, Public Relations, Resolutions, Rules & Awards, Safety, Scholarship, Show Coordination, Slide and Video Library, Stamps, Supplies, Ways and Means, Web-Site and Website Contest

Each Standing Committee Chairman shall **DELETE AND MOVE TO OPS maintain and keep an Operations Manual up to date. DELETE, the original Manual to be furnished by the Federation**. They shall deliver to their successors all material pertaining to their Committees work within ten (10) days after their termination of their appointments. **DELETE** ~~[NOTE: There is no longer such a manual]~~

Composition of Standing Committees:

BUDGET: The current 1st Vice President shall be the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

CUSTODIAN: The current 2nd Vice President shall be the Chairman of the Custodian Committee.

RULES AND AWARDS: Shall be composed of three (3) members, each serving a three (3) year term with one new member being

appointed each year by the President of the NFMS, to replace the retiring member having served three years. The oldest member, in terms of service shall be the Chairman of the Committee. The Second Year member shall be the Judging Director. The incoming member shall be the Exhibits Registrar (Exhibits Registration Chairman). The activities of the Rules and Awards Committee shall be governed by the AFMS Uniform Rules, and the NFMS Operating Procedures for the Rules and Awards Committee.

ALL OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES: Shall be constituted as the President deems expedient and their appointment shall be for a one (1) year term which shall coincide with the term of the Federation President, or until their respective successors are appointed and qualify.

Standing Committees shall perform the duties specified for them in the Operating Procedures

Section 3. Special Committees

Special Committees will be appointed annually, as desired, for a one year term, by the NFMS President to complete a specific task (Further term(s) must be reappointed by succeeding presidents). Operating Procedures that pertain to all committees and the NFMS Operations Manual will define the conduct of any and all Special Committee assignments.

Section 4. NFMS Representatives on AFMS Committees

The NFMS President will appoint NFMS regional representatives to serve on AFMS Committees where (as) requested by the AFMS President.

Duties will be defined by AFMS **Bylaws**, OP's or other AFMS document.

ARTICLE XI

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Part A Operating Procedures

The details of operating not included in the Articles of Incorporation or the **Bylaws** of the Federation that are of a continuing nature, to be mandatory on succeeding administration until amended, suspended or rescinded, shall be authorized by Operating Procedures, upon approval of the Assembly of Directors & Delegates, as outlined in our Operating Procedure System.

Part B Operating Procedure System

Section 1. Suggested Operating Procedures may be submitted by any member in good standing, to the President, the Secretary, or directly at any Annual meeting.

Section 2. Operating Procedures may be adopted or suspended at the Annual Meeting without prior notice, by a majority vote of those present and voting or they may be amended or rescinded, also without prior notice by a two thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting. After adoption Operating Procedures become mandatory until amended, suspended or rescinded at an Annual Meeting.

Section 3. No Operation procedure is in order that violates this Federation's Articles of Incorporation or its **Bylaws**.

ARTICLE XII

Official Publication

"The Northwest Newsletter", a nonprofit bulletin owned and published by the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., shall be the official publication.

ARTICLE XII

Cancellation Clause

On Adoption of these **Bylaws** it automatically cancels all previous **Bylaws** and Amendments thereto, of this Federation.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

Section 1. All amendments to these Bylaws and all resolutions must be sponsored by a member Society in good standing.

Section 2. These **Bylaws** may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates present, PROVIDED, that written notice has been given each of the member Societies at least three (3) months in advance.

ARTICLE XV

Historical Information

Part A: The Organizing Meeting: The Societies which are represented at the organization meeting held in Olympia, Washington, February 5, 1938 whose representative's signatures appear on the original Constitution are designated as Charter Members.

Part B: CHARTER MEMBERS

Ray C. Grulke, President, Washington Agate and Mineral Society
E.H. Rockwell, President, Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
C.G. Springer, President, Deschutes Geology Club
Arthur K. Harris, President, Camas Mineral Society
Charles O. Fernquist, President, Columbian Geological Society
M.F. Reed, President, Gem Collectors Club
Floyd A. Holmquist, President, Tacoma Mineral Society

Part C: Original bylaws were approved by Henry C. Dake, President at the first Northwest Federation meeting

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SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION- Mary Lou Northrup

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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor.

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Send to: see Treasurer this page.

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