



**Reminder:** All newsletter submissions must be received by the 25th of each month to be included in the following issue.



## Letters From Our Committee Officers:



### Lora Hall - President

Sorry for the short article this month but I am up to my elbows in the Western Montana Fair which starts next week. The Fair has offered our club a huge area in the main commercial building to host a "mini" Gem and Mineral Show and Expo. The club has worked hard over the past 3 years to cultivate a mutually beneficial relationship with Montana 4-H and the Fair Board. Fair attendance and participation in exhibiting have dropped over the years and they are reaching out to community organizations that can breathe new life into an age-old tradition.

It is hard to believe that summer is already half over and for many, fire season is rearing its smokey head. We have over 25 active fires burning in Montana alone. Be careful out there and avoid driving through dry grass and brush while rockhounding. When you stop to explore, try to park on gravel or dirt. A vehicle's exhaust system reaches temperatures of 1200-1600 degrees Fahrenheit which can easily ignite grass or sagebrush.

As summer winds down, so does my term as NFMS President. Micheal Rhodes will soon be taking over, and I am sure he will be awesome. I want to thank everyone that has made my job so much easier. I hate to start naming names because I am sure to leave someone out, but I do want to thank our newsletter editor Jessica Himple. Jessica does an amazing job getting the

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**Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:**

newsletter out each month, which keeps information flowing.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Walla Walla at the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Show and NFMS Annual Meeting on September 6th-7th. While Michael will be taking over as President this fall, I will still be around as I start my term as Past President and I already have my eye on my next position. With so many vacant positions, it is not hard for anyone to find a place where they can help.

Lora Hall  
NFMS President



### **Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President**

Serving as an officer in the NFMS has been a very educational experience. As 1st Vice President, I am responsible for compiling and submitting the budget for the upcoming year. In working on the budget I am impressed with the

many moving parts (committees, etc.) that are necessary to move this organization forward. It is my hope that in the year ahead we can feature some of these committees in the newsletter so that you as members better understand the federation. Another learning experience is the process of amending the bylaws for the NFMS. Amendments to the bylaws need to be approved by the Executive Committee and published at least 90 days before the annual meeting. These amendments may be written by a special committee, but then need to be sponsored by a member society. After the amendment is published, changes may still be submitted as "friendly" amendments if the original sponsor does not object. If these friendly amendments do not significantly change the original amendment, but help to clarify the amended document (our bylaws) they do not need to be voted on separately. As you can see, serving as an officer of a mineralogical federation, is about more than rocks, minerals and gems. It takes a lot to keep this federation moving forward. And while I have learned a lot, and will keep learning as long as I serve, my favorite part of being part of the NFMS is attending Gem and Mineral shows, and learning about the variety of rocks and minerals found in the different areas within our federation. If you would be willing to serve, as an officer or a committee chairperson please let one of the Executive Committee members know. As always, go out find wonderful rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils. Be safe,



stay hydrated and ROCK ON!

### **Judi Allison - Secretary (Treasurer Pro Tem)**

Just as I am sitting here writing, there are so many things going through my mind that I need to stop and take a breath to gather my thoughts. Aaaaah. . . There, now maybe I can think better. I want to bring out the important things in this newsletter as it is essentially the last one before the Federation Show and Meetings in Walla Walla, Washington.

Please be certain to check the entire newsletter, as there will be information that is important for you to know. The minutes for the midyear meeting are included to refresh your memories about what we had discussed. Even though the agenda isn't set for the annual meeting that will be held at the Marcus Whitman Club House on September 5th, directors and contacts will receive copies prior to the meeting-hopefully by about August 25th. According to my sources, The Marcus Whitman Club should also have something in the newsletter to let you know about the 'happenings'.

I am again including the bylaws revision proposal so all will have had every opportunity to read them. The credentials form is also in the newsletter so that you can print it and get it signed for your directors and delegates to bring to the meeting. Remember to send their name to our Credentials Chairs, Clara and Del Walker at [cwalk12377@gmail.com](mailto:cwalk12377@gmail.com), so they will be looking for you.

Although we lost one of our Executive Board members for personal reasons, we are happy to report we have that position covered for the moment. Past President, Jennifer Haley has agreed to step in as current 2nd Vice President to replace Gary Warren. Thanks to Gary for his efforts and service. We wish him well.

We also have a well fit individual who has agreed to run for the 2nd Vice President position. Look for her bio in this edition. (Just a reminder. We always strive to offer at least one person for each incoming position, but additional individuals can put their names in for 2nd or 1st Vice President, if they decide that is something they wish to pursue.)

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**Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:**

On a related note, we often have a difficult time finding folks, as we don't know all the wonderful people in all the great clubs, so you can always be a great help. If you know of someone you feel would make a great officer of the NFMS, please feel free to pass the name on to us. We always respect the person's refusal, if that is the outcome. But sometimes folks don't realize what great potential they have. As individual members of clubs, you all have a much better handle on who those folks are.

We also have a club that is willing to host the 2026 Show. It will fall in March, so the turnabout time is short. They will be working hard to get things set up for us and are greatly appreciated. We are working on the details and final approval of our Past Presidents, so we can present the proposal to the membership at the Annual meeting.

As an Executive Board, we have been looking at the few suggestions for use of the expendable Endowment money and have tossed around a few ideas that may be brought up at the Annual meeting. Remember, it is your Federation. You need to be involved in the decision about how to best utilize the funds for the good of all.

I think I have about covered the things that were floating around in my head. I do want to close with a word of encouragement for all. First, I am going to do a bit of name dropping. A former President of NFMS-1995; Bill Smith, has returned from the Midwest to reside in Alaska. He has taken up active membership in the Chugach Club in Anchorage. This is a dedicated man. He is coming from

Alaska as their Director and bringing two competitive displays. I simply bring this up to point out that if someone from Alaska can make it to the show in Walla Walla, Washington, perhaps it will encourage others closer to also carve out the time and effort to attend. We'll be looking for you and are ready to greet you!

**Treasurer's (pro tem) Message**

Yes, I am afraid I am still at the helm of your finances. And, yes, I have yet to figure out Excel. I need to give a big thanks to our current President, Lora Hall for helping me gather and pass on items for the accountant for tax purposes. We are still working through some things, but my mind is eased by having a competent person step in when dealing with such things. (And with the hopeful passing of the By-Laws revision-we will be looking at some more necessary financial paperwork for the tax year-a bit of fiscal gymnastics, so to speak.)

My thanks also goes out to Larry Hulstrom, our Federation's registered agent. He has been a valuable asset. He has been instrumental in helping to get the Junior CDs in order and generally doing research and giving input regarding aspects of the Treasury.

Thanks to the electronic newsletter, finances look good. With the donations the Juniors received last year through stamps and a disbanded club, their money continues to grow. We are working on renewing a CD for them that will add additional interest. Our Junior leader is looking forward to perhaps implementing some ideas she has been toying with.

You will be seeing the proposed budget that is being prepared by our current 1st Vice President when it is presented at the annual meeting. This helps determine what our financial needs are for the coming year. The agenda, when it is finished, will include the yearly income and expenditure sheet.

Again, I would much rather simply return to the position of "Your Secretary". But I don't want our finances to go into a disarray. With that being said, I ask again. Surely there must be someone out there with a love of numbers. . . I am waiting for you

## Jennifer Haley - 2nd Vice President (Interim)

### 2026 NFMS 2nd VP Nominee:

June Dorning 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.

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."

June is 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.



### In Loving Memory:



Lauren Williams age 84 passed away peacefully at his home on March 31, 2025.

He was born in Rexburg Idaho 4th child of Vernon and Thelma Williams. He grew up attending the Rexburg schools served an LDS mission and joined the army to serve his country and attended Rick's College where he met the love of his life- Shirlene Furniss. They dated for a while and were married October 9, 1964, for time and eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple.

They lived in Salt Lake City for a little while and welcomed a baby boy on June 29, 1972, and then moved back to Idaho Falls where he worked at the INL until he retired.

He loved to fly airplanes, rock climbing and rock hounding, he also for a while was the president of the American Federation of Mineralogical societies.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

He leaves behind his wife Shirlene, son Troy (Jill) Williams of Idaho Falls, Idaho 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Sugar City Cemetery, 804 North 16th East, Sugar City, Idaho 83448, Monday April 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Military Honors will be conducted by Madison Veterans and Idaho Honor Guard.



### **Did You See It, in Your Neck of the Woods? AFMS Historian - Jennifer Haley, Chairman**

Over this past 4th of July weekend, I was watching television, when a commercial came on for Physician's Mutual Insurance. "Lo and behold," the whole ad was centered around the joy of being a rockhound. I just loved it because, for one it was about how fun our hobby is, secondly it had a great sense of humor about leaverites for beginners. This is the second time our hobby has received multi-million dollar free advertising. This insurance company spends about \$100 million on their annual advertising.

The previous time our hobby received free advertising was in a Facebook ad during the 2020 Superbowl called, "I Wanna Rock, Ready to Rock?" There is a full article in the AFMS April 2020 newsletter under my historian article about it. Not only were we featured during the football game, this ad was also shown during the Oscars! So, let it in, we've hit the big times folks and are being noticed! Back in 2020, 101 million people watched the Superbowl, and 23.6 million people watched the Oscars. Facebook spent 2.6 million dollars on that ad, and recreational rockhounding received a full 60 seconds of recognition. Do the math, that's a lot of money they spent on us because Facebook and this insurance company recognized our hobby is worth the money being focused in their advertising campaigns. This is great news to share with your club members, because our hobby is very alive and well in these company's eyes for them to feature us. We've been given a huge PR boost for the potential of increasing our club memberships now, as more people are becoming aware of us. The time is ripe for putting our energy into creating these new memberships.

[Joy in Retirement with Beth K. – Physicians Mutual Commercial](#)

[Facebook: Groups - Ready to Rock? - 2020 Super Bowl Commercial](#)

[AFMS Newsletter 2020-04.pdf - Google Drive](#)

### **The Importance of Good Footwear**

Good footwear is important. There is nothing worse than when your feet hurt. It can affect your mood and your health. Poor fitting shoes can even affect your posture. The effects of poor footwear can be long-lasting. In my younger years I wore shoes without support which led to plantar fasciitis and painful bone spurs and took years to correct.

Our feet endure tremendous pressure throughout the day, bearing the weight of our body with each step. Shoes that lack appropriate support or are ill-fitting can lead to a range of issues, including:

- Bunions, corns, and calluses caused by friction or pressure
- Plantar fasciitis resulting from inadequate arch support
- Heel spurs
- Ingrown toenails and blisters
- Stress fractures and tendonitis

Properly designed footwear helps distribute weight evenly, supports natural foot mechanics, and reduces the risk of such injuries.

Find good quality hiking boots that have a proper fit and support.

Cushioning and shock absorption will minimize the impact of walking reducing stress on your joints and muscles.

Breathability will allow air circulation to help prevent moisture buildup.

Good footwear is crucial for overall health, not just foot health. Proper shoes provide essential support, cushioning, and stability, reducing strain on your feet, ankles, knees, and hips. This can prevent injuries, improve posture, and even positively impact conditions like diabetes and arthritis.

Remember wear good shoes on your field trips.

Kathryn Larson  
NFMS Safety Chair



## 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.

### A REMINDER AND REQUEST FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

#### **CREDENTIALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

Clara & Del Walker, Committee Chairpersons, must receive the NFMS Credentials, **the NAMES (only)** of Club Directors and Delegates, as soon as possible (ASAP) For planning purposes of the meeting. The annual meeting will be held at the Marcus Whitman Club House, 6522 Old Highway 12, Walla Walla, Washington on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

The Credential forms below must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and **BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND DELEGATE** to the annual meeting. Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary. Give us name(s) of attendees (not credentials forms) at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Call, email, or send to:

Clara & Del Walker  
12377 SE Davis Loop  
Prineville, OR 97754  
Call 503-812-6540 or email to cwalk12377@gmail.com

### **NFMS DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIALS**

Name of Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

### **NFMS DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS**

Name of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# NFMS SHOW SCHEDULE

September 5-7 | Walla Walla, Washington

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th:

Luncheon 12pm | Marcus Whitman Gem Clubhouse  
NFMS Annual Meeting 1pm | Marcus Whitman Gem Clubhouse  
ALAA Meeting 3pm | Marcus Whitman Gem Clubhouse

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th:

Competitive Case Judging 8am | Fairgrounds, Flower Building  
Editors Breakfast 9am | Fairgrounds  
Gem Show 10am-5pm | Fairgrounds  
Woolly Mammoth Presentation 11am | Fairgrounds, Flower Building  
Colombia Basin Agates Presentation 1:30pm | Fairgrounds, Flower Building  
Awards Banquet 6pm | Marcus Whitman Hotel

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th:

Juniors Meeting 9am | Fairgrounds  
Gem Show 10am-5pm | Fairgrounds  
Guest Speaker TBD 10:30am | Fairgrounds, Flower Building  
Live Auction 1:30pm | Fairgrounds, Flower Building





2025 NFMS AWARDS BANQUET | 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,  
PROVOLONA, 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

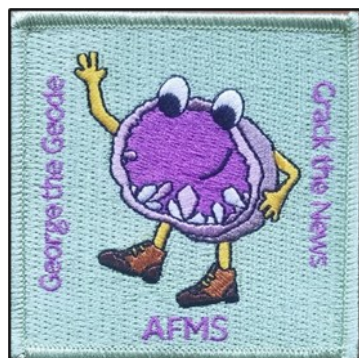
LOCALLY CRAFTED CAKE



### Crack the News: The AFMS Newsletter for Juniors

The latest edition of Crack the News, the AFMS newsletter written by kids and teens for kids and teens is now available at <https://www.juniors.amfed.org/juniors-newsletter>. In this edition, juniors from around the country wrote about the AFMS Code of Ethics, ammonites and nautilus-es, poetry about minerals and fossils, fluorescent rocks, coquina, a museum tour, hand-crafted jewelry, and famous gemstones.

Plus, you can read about the prehistoric mammal Andrewsarchus. It's so much fun to see the variety of rock-hounding interests our juniors have.



Be sure to send every junior in your club a copy to read.

Every junior who contributes to Crack the News receives a patch featuring George the Geode, the mascot of the newsletter.

Encourage the kids and teens in your club to send an article, poem, artwork, or photos for the next edition.

Starting with the next issue, we will feature an article from a junior about their juniors club, including photos of their activities. Perhaps one of your juniors would like to write about their juniors club.

Details about where to send your contribution are at <https://www.juniors.amfed.org/juniors-newsletter>; just scroll down to the section "Calling all junior journalists, writers, poets, photographers, and artists..." Not only will your juniors receive a George the Geode patch, but they can share their knowledge and excitement about rocks, minerals, and fossils with kids and teens across the country.

Dennis Gertenbach  
Crack the News Editor

### How to contribute to the NFMS Annual Show:

To our Northwest friends, More than a year ago we voted to host the NFMS show and have been holding monthly organizational meetings since. We are excited and have been working hard to make this a show and conference that all NFMS attendees will be proud of. We are hoping that you will plan to come to our September 5, 6 and 7 Show. If you come over and would like to help out for a few hours at the silent auction, or kids section or welcoming visitors at the front desk, please give me an email. Just let me know which day and morning or afternoon would work for you. We would love to have your help and I think you will enjoy it. We could use some extra cool rocks for our live auction on Sunday afternoon. Doug Tru will be our auctioneer, all proceeds go to the NFMS. We will also have a silent auction running both days and would welcome any donations. The proceeds will be split between the Marcus Whitman Gem and Minerals Society and the NFMS. We would love to see more competitive and non-competitive cases entered this year. If you would like to enter a non-competitive case, please email me before August 12. You will also need to fill out a form that is in this newsletter. If you would like to enter a competitive case please email Larry Hulstrom ([rockhound132@charter.net](mailto:rockhound132@charter.net)) before August 12. You will also need to fill out a form that is in this newsletter and mail it to him. Looking forward to seeing you.

Warren Rood,

Co-chairman Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society  
Walla Walla, Washington

[Warrenrood\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:Warrenrood(at)yahoo.com)




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



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**87<sup>th</sup> 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  
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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,  
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ENTRÉES

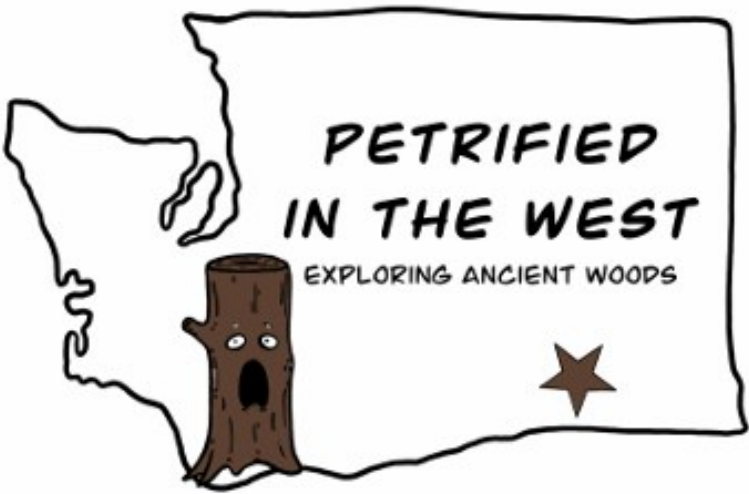
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 SAGE CREAM SAUCE, PARMIGIANO REGGIANO  
 PENNE BOLOGNESE  
 SHORT RIB BOLOGNESE, CALABRIAN CHILI OIL, BASIL

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](http://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](mailto: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

### **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.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

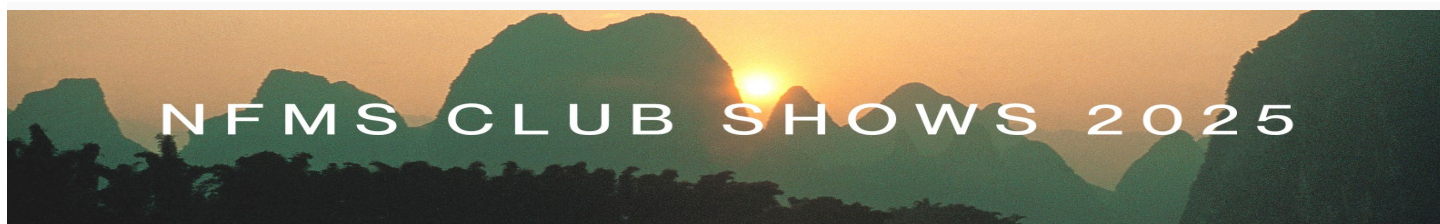
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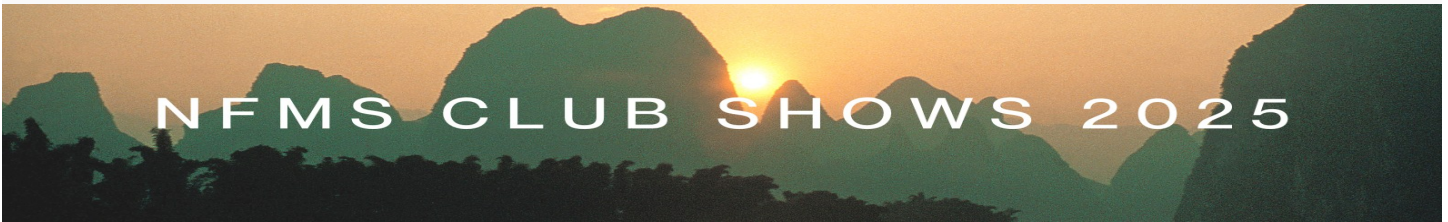
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Do you have your own liner? \_\_\_\_\_

Junior exhibit: (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

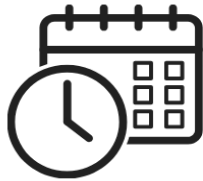


<b>Aug 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>Maplewood Rock and Gem Show</b>	<b>Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse</b>  <b>8802 196th St. SW</b>  <b>Edmonds, WA 98026</b>	<b>Michele McGraw</b>  <b>shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com</b>  <b>info@maplewoodrockclub.com</b>
<b>Sept 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>Marcus Whitman Gem &amp; Mineral Society</b>	<b>Walla Walla Fairgrounds Pavillion &amp; Event Center</b>  <b>363 Orchard Street</b>  <b>Walla Walla, WA 99362</b>	<b>Warren Rood - (509) 876-7498</b>  <b>Janel Lacey - (541) 276-9730</b>  <b>warren.rood(at)yahoo.com</b> <b>jclaw6461(at)gmail.com</b>
<b>Sept 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 4</b>	<b>Southern WA Mineralogical Society</b>	<b>Longview Fairgrounds - Cowlitz County Event Center</b>  <b>1900 7th Ave.</b>  <b>Longview, WA 98632</b>	<b>Greg Larson - (503) 421-3877</b>  <b>Vicki Johnson - (360) 751-8031</b>  <b>vickijrocks(at)msn.com</b>
<b>Oct 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>Marysville Rock and Gem Club</b>	<b>Evergreen State Fairgrounds</b>  <b>14405 179th Ave. SE Bldg. #500</b>  <b>Monroe, WA 98270</b>	<b>Brian Murril</b>  <b>425-346-9313</b>  <b>bmurril(at)aol.com</b>
<b>Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Fri 10 - 6</b>  <b>Sat 10 - 6</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show</b>	<b>Wingspan Event and Conference Center (Westside Commons)</b>  <b>801 NE 34th Ave.</b>  <b>Hillsboro, OR 97124</b>	<b>Roberta Hanson</b>  <b>prgmsa.president(at)gmail.com</b>  <b>503-449-3543</b>
<b>Oct 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 3</b>	<b>Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club</b>	<b>Willamalane Adult Activity Center</b>  <b>215 West C Street</b>  <b>Springfield, OR 97477</b>	<b>Jen McCall</b>  <b>scotnjen59(at)gmail.com</b>  <b>www.springfieldthundereggrockclub.org</b>
<b>Oct 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 6:30</b>  <b>Sun 12 - 5:30</b>	<b>Chugach Gem and Mineral Society</b>	<b>Midtown Mall</b>  <b>600 E. Northern Lights Blvd.</b>  <b>Anchorage, AK 99514</b>	<b>Paul Burger</b>  <b>cavemonpaul@hotmail.com</b>



Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse</b>	<b>Michele McGraw</b>
Sat 10 - 5	<b>Maplewood Rock and Gem Show</b>	<b>8802 196th St. SW</b>	<b>shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com</b>
Sun 10 - 5		<b>Edmonds, WA 98026</b>	<b>info@maplewoodrockclub.com</b>

# 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: Hematite**

Hematite, an iron oxide mineral, is a favorite among collectors for its striking metallic luster and wide variety of crystal habits. While it commonly appears as earthy, reddish-brown masses, the most desirable specimens display mirror-like, steel-gray crystals. These brilliant, tabular crystals often occur in clusters or rosettes, sometimes referred to as “iron roses,” making them especially prized. Hematite forms in sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous environments, with notable localities including Minas Gerais in Brazil, Elba Island in Italy, and the iron mines of Michigan in the United States.

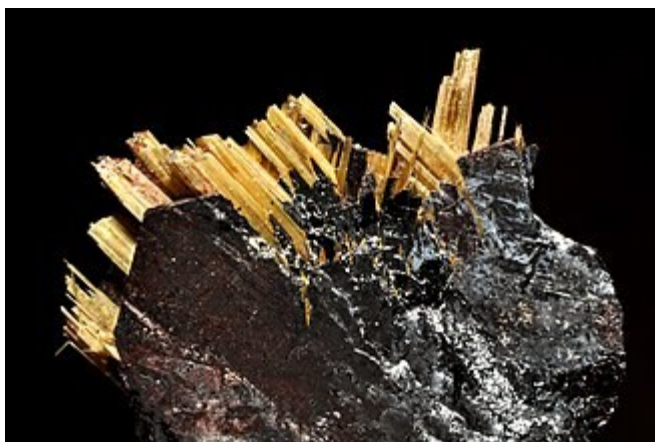
Historically, hematite was one of the earliest ores mined for iron, dating back thousands of years. Its name comes from the Greek word haima, meaning “blood,” due to the red streak the mineral leaves when scratched. Ancient peoples also used hematite as a pigment in cave paintings and early artwork. During the 19th and 20th centuries, hematite was a critical industrial resource, fueling the steel industry and global development. Today, while it remains an important ore of iron, collectors seek hematite for its brilliant metallic surfaces and well-formed crystals, which often accompany quartz and other minerals.

For collectors, hematite offers both beauty and durability. Its high density and metallic gleam make it an eye-catching display piece, while the variety of crystal habits, ranging from botryoidal formations to sharp hexagonal plates, adds diversity to any collection. Some of the finest specimens feature hematite with golden rutile inclusions or association with red jasper, creating visually stunning combinations. Whether admired for its role in human history or its dazzling crystal forms, hematite is a must-have for serious mineral enthusiasts.

Jessica Himple  
Everett Rock and Gem Club  
Editor for NFMS Newsletter



Pseudobrookite, Hematite  
74 Draw deposits, Sierra County, New  
Mexico, USA (Picture by: Jerry Cone)



Rutile, Hematite - Novo Horizonte,  
Bahia, Brazil (Picture by: Gery  
Parent)

### **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.

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 Hermiston Show last year. James Finckbone about how to reach the website - [www.juniors.amfed.org](http://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 standing through the state if the positions are not filled.

**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.



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 insure in whole or in part to any individual or individuals nor shall any distribution of income or assets of the Federation be given to other organizations created for 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will serve as representatives to, and become Directors of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. If the President or 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Eligibility: The current NFMS President and all Past Presidents in good standing in a Member Society shall be eligible as candidates for this office.

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.

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.

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 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. The books shall be closed and audited as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 bylaws.**

**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 Northwestern 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Parliamentarian 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, upon election to that office, automatically becomes Chairman of the Budget Committee, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall be the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

CUSTODIAN: The current 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 XIII****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  
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Floyd A. Holmquist, President, Tacoma Mineral Society

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



**Northwest Federation of Mineral Society's Bylaws:**  
**Darrell Coyle - Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society**

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 too.

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

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**SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM.** NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Junior Fund. The collected stamps can be sent to the **Stamps Chairperson**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

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1. Dues (new and renewal) and supplies

2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior

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Send to: see Treasurer this page.

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