

56th Annual AFMS Convention Report - Ventura California June 5-9, 2003

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AFMS President Ron Carman opened the 56th Annual Directors' Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Seaside Park, Ventura California.



President Ron introduced (L. To R.) Parliamentarian Ruth Bailey; President-Elect Marvin Starbuck; Secretary, Anne Cook and Treasurer, Toby Cozens.



AFMS 1st Vice President, Bill Smith (L.) And President Ron listen as AFMS Immediate Past President, Steve Weinberger makes his report.



Directors and officers pictured, (L. to R.) SCFMS Vice President, Bill Alcorn; SCFMS President, Keith Harmon; RMFMS Vice President Judy Beck; RMFMS President Walton Wells; Joy Bourne, AFMS 5th Reg. Vice President and Pat LaRue, AFMS 4th Reg. Vice President.



AFMS members, committee persons and delegates make notes and ask pertinent questions during the business meeting.



Picture are (standing) Dr. Robert Carlson, 3rd Regional Vice President, Frank Decaminada, AFMS All-American Committee Chairman; AFMS First Vice President, Bill Smith, and AFMS President-Elect, Marve Starbuck, at the podium.



AFMS Endowment Fund Chairman, Dee Holland, and his wife, AFMS Historian/ Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Chair, Shirley Leeson listen attentively and make notes of the proceedings.



AFMS Past President Dan Linglebach and his lovely wife, Past President (RMFMS) Ruby, enjoyed seeing their many friends again at this year's convention.



Judging the AFMS Uniform Rules competitive fossil exhibits were Barbara Sky (EFMLS), Joy Bourne, (EFMLS,) and Bill King (CFMS.)



Judging the AFMS competitive faceted gemstones exhibits were B. Jay Bowman (EFMLS), Shirley Leeson (CFMS), and Dee Holland, (NFMS.)



Cracker Barrel entertainment was furnished by a lively local California group who played and sang old and new folk songs, some of which required - and received- audience participation..



EFMLS Immediate Past President, Bob Livingston presented an enthusiastic and upbeat invitation to everyone to make plans now to attend the "Fabulous" 2004 combined AFMS/EFMLS Annual Meetings and Convention in Syracuse, NY on July 8 - 11, 2004.



EFMLS attendees at the Awards Banquet were (at back, L. To R.) Joan and Bob Livingston; B. Jay Bowman, Lou Budell, Larry Vandergrift, Matt and Jean Charsky. (Front) Clyf and Joy Bourne, Sue Macinnis, Barbara Sky, Carolyn and Steve Weinberger.



EFMLS Officers in attendance: Immediate Past President, Bob Livingston, Treasurer, Lou Budell, President Larry Vandergrift and Vice President, Matt Charsky



Newly-elected AFMS officers for 2004 included Secretary, Anne Cook; 5th Reg. Vice President, Emerson Tucker; 4th Regional Vice President, Joy Bourne; 3rd Regional Vice President, Shirley Leeson; 2nd Regional Vice President, Dr. Robert Carlson; President-Elect, Bill Smith, and President, Marvin Starbuck. (Absent from photo, 1st Regional Vice President, Jim Robinson (SFMS).



AFMS Past Presidents attending the convention were Dorothy Lee, Ruth Bailey, Steve Weinberger, Dee Holland, Dan Linglebach, Izzy Burns, Jim Hurlburt and Ron Carman.



Newly-elected AFMS President, Marve made a few brief remarks to conclude the installation ceremony, which was conducted by Steve Weinberger. Entertainment, planned by the host club, The Del Air Rockhounds, then followed.



Among the many awards made at the Sunday Bulletin Editors' Breakfast, was a special award presented to Carolyn Weinberger by Shirley Leeson. The citation read: "Because of the many accomplishments as editor of the "AFMS Newsletter" Carolyn has been voted in to the AFMS Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame." Congratulations, Carolyn. You do good work!