Rockhound Soap Box
by John Martin, AFMS Legislation and Conservation Committee

National Monuments have been on the minds of many amateur collectors of rocks and minerals for personal and educational uses. When National Monuments are created whether by legislation or by Presidential Edict, removal of any Biological, Geological, Archeological, Paleontological and Historical items becomes a Federal Felony. There are of course exceptions as has been seen in California in the Mojave Trails National Monument where intervention, by oversight, from Senator Feinstein, Recreational Rockhounding has been given a temporary exception until the formal Monument Management Plan is finalized. Future National Monuments will not allow Recreational Rockhounding unless the Monument Management Plans expressly allow for this activity. The only way Recreational Rockhounding will be allowed is if there is a united effort by all Amateur Rock and Mineral Collectors to make their voices and actions recognized by the government land managers, legislative bodies and executive office responsible for the creation of the monuments. The list below is a proposal of new National Monuments, some are going through the legislative process but most are being proposed to be created by Executive Orders. As can be read below not all proposed National monuments are only in the west. Several are proposed in the mid west and eastern United States. Will the creation of these monuments have an adverse effect on our Recreational Rockhounding? If there are any collecting areas with in the proposed National Monuments, the answer is a definite YES and only you, the Recreational Rockhound, can influence this political action. The future of Rockhounding is in your hands, so you must get involved in the process to save your hobby for present and future generations of Rockhounds.

Maine Woods, Maine The Maine Woods is the largest expanse of intact forest east of the Rocky Mountains.

Rocky Mountain Front, Montana The Rocky Mountain Front is south of Glacier National Park and west of Great Falls, Montana.


Owyhee Canyonlands, Oregon The Owyhee Canyonlands have been proposed as national park or monument in the past.

Cascade Siskiyou Expansion, Oregon The current 62,000-acre Cascade Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) was created by President Bill Clinton in 2000. It was one of his leaving office, national monument presents to the American people, and now many feel the borders should be expanded.

Sonoran Desert additions, Arizona There two proposed National Conservation Areas (NCA) proposed for the Sonoran Desert west of Phoenix—the Belmont Harquahala NCA and the Gila Bend NCA.

Vermillion Basin, Colorado. The Vermillion Basin, located in northwest Colorado, is sometimes billed as Colorado’s loneliest corner.

Valles Caldera, New Mexico The 89,000-acre Valles Caldera northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico is one of the largest calderas in the world and is an excellent example of a caldera advanced in history but still retaining its essential structures.

Greater Hart-Sheldon, Nevada and Oregon The Greater Hart-Sheldon Wildlands is a vast, remote land of scenic sagebrush-dominated landscapes.

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A Word from the President  

by Matt Charsky, President

The AFMS Moves On

Well, my term as President really went quickly. It was an honor to serve the AFMS and the individual regional Federations.

At the time of this article, I have had the privilege of visiting five regional Federation conventions – in order, Southeast (Melbourne Beach, FL), Rocky Mountain (Wichita, KS), South Central (Lubbock, TX), Northwest (Albany, OR), and Midwest (South Bend, IN). Only two regional Federation conventions remain – California (Placerville, CA) and Eastern (Rochester, NY). Each convention was unique and it was clear that the host clubs were proud to be members of their regional Federation and the AFMS. What impressed me the most was the sheer number of volunteers from each host club and each Federation. Several conventions had special exhibits and the host clubs gave out plenty of information on what activities they do for their adult and junior members and local communities. In many cases, it was obvious to me that the right person was in the right job. Also obvious was that the clubs and regional Federations could always use a few more of those movers and shakers.

There are many AFMS individuals that I would like to thank for helping me in my year as President. The list is too long to mention here, but believe me when I say that I could not have done this job without help. The experienced Officers (past and present) and committee chairs are what makes the AFMS what it is today. With that being said, AFMS could always use a few more fresh faces so please ask other people in your Federation to be a part of the AFMS.

On the same subject of acknowledging the service of our members to AFMS, I would like to remind everyone of the recipient of the 2016 AFMS Recognition Award. At the Annual Convention in Albany, OR, Past President, Marion Roberts presented the 2016 Recognition Award to Dr. Bob Carlson. The AFMS and the hobby are significantly better because of “Dr. Bob”. His actions prove that he is a true ambassador for the hobby.

I want to wish the incoming crew of officers and committee chairs, especially President, Ron Carman, all the best as they assume their responsibilities and term of office on November 1st. AFMS has a good blend of experience and newbies. As for me, I am not going away since I have several duties as immediate Past President. Simply put, I will just be wearing a different hat.

I would personally like to thank those individuals who are working behind the scenes without any fanfare. AFMS acknowledges your time and effort for helping clubs, Federations and all the different facets of the hobby.

The AFMS will prosper if we continue to support our causes, which are the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, AFMS Endowment Fund, the five major competitions, competitive and non-competitive exhibits, a long standing juniors activity program and the continuous efforts of dedicated people that keep our collecting localities open.

I would like to be remembered as the small guy continuously banging on the big rock.

In closing, I will continue to be a resource for AFMS into the future whenever and whenever I can. Thanks again for your support and for helping the AFMS move forward.

Hope to see all of you in 2017.

Matt
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I’m pleased to announce the names of the honorary AFMS Scholarship Foundation recipients from each of the participating regional federations as well as the students that they have selected to receive the $4,000 scholarships that your contributions to the Foundation allow us to award each year.

East Coast Federation:
Dr. Joel E. Johnson; Associate Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Dr. Johnson has chosen as the two students for the Eastern Federation as:
Ms. Sarah Widlansky is pursuing her Ph.D. degree in Geology at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

The second student, Ms. Sarah Turner is pursuing her Master degree in Geology at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Midwest Federation:
Dr. William S. Cordua; is a retired professor from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Cordua is the chair of the Geology committee of Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies. Dr. Cordua has chosen as the two students for the Mid West Federation as:
Ms. Kari Wolfe is pursuing her Masters degree in Nitrates Pollution in Tile Water in Dead Zones in the Gulf of Mexico, through the University of Wisconsin in Minneapolis.

The second student Ms. Colleen Hoffman is pursuing her Ph.D. degree in Mineralogy and Biogeochemistry of Deep Sea Hydrothermal Vents, through the University of Wisconsin in Minneapolis.

South Central Federation:
Dr. Calvin Glenn Barnes is a Professor of Geology at the Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Dr. Barnes has chosen as the two students for the South Central Federation as:
Ms. Audrey Pattat is pursuing her Ph.D. degree in the Environment of Deposition of the Ogala Formation at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

The second student Mr. Kevin Werts is pursuing his Ph.D. degree in Trace Element and Isotope Variation in Hornblende, Spheine and Apatite in Granites from Yosemite National Park at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Rocky Mountain Federation:
Dr. J. Foster Sawyer is a Professor of Geological Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota. Dr. Foster has chosen as the two students for the Rocky Mountain Federation as:
Ms. Stephanie Loose is pursuing her Masters degree in Geospatial Technology at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The second student Mr. Kyle Hazelwood is pursuing his Ph.D. degree in Geology at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota.

California Federation:
Dr. Robert Miller is Professor of Structural Geology and Tectonics at San Jose State University at San Jose, California. Dr. Miller has chosen as the two students for the California Federation as:
Ms. Julia Boyles is pursuing her Masters degree in Geology at San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

The second student is Alexander Shmurakov pursuing his Masters Degree in Geology at San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

Northwest Federation:
Patty Amos and Dick Parks. Patty is a Past NFMS President. Patty and Dick have chosen the two students for the Northwest Federation as:
Mr. Conner Toph is pursuing a Masters degree in Geology at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington.

Ms. Jamie Hansen is pursuing a Masters degree in Geology at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington.

Please remember that the interest from your individual or club donations to the Scholarship Foundation these scholarships -- a total of $48,000 per year! We encourage you to send your contributions, regardless of amount, to your regional Scholarship Foundation chair. With interest rates remaining low, we need to continue to grow our principal so that these grants can continue.

Questions? Contact me at <slhariur@msn.com> or contact your regional federation chairperson.

Upcoming Regional Federation Conventions
from Bob Livingston, Coordinator

Looks like we have one regional conflict in 2017 when the Southeast and Eastern Federations hold their annual meetings on the same weekend. While I know avoiding them is not always possible, lets try and do so with all future events.

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Minutes of the 69th Annual AFMS Meeting
July 30, 2016
Albany, Oregon

President Matt Charsky called the meeting to order. He greeted everyone and welcomed them to the 69th Annual Meeting of the AFMS. He recognized those AFMS Past Presidents who were in attendance including Marion Roberts, Richard Jaeger, Lauren Williams, Emerson Tucker, Shirley Leeson, Dr. Bob Carlson, Ron Carmen, and Steve Weinberger.

First timers were reminded of the standing rules of the meeting. If anyone was going to speak, he or she must identify himself. Doug True gave the invocation. Matt Charsky led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read the list of past AFMS Officers who had passed away since the last meeting. Those include Jon Spunaugle, AFMS Scholarship foundation Treasurer; Ed Reis, AFMS Past President (1995-96); Ed Romack, AFMS Past President (1991-92); Lewis Elrod, AFMS Past President (1998-99); and Fred Ward, Photographer of presidents, pop stars, gems and author of nine books on various gems and precious stones. Each Federation President then added the names of members of his federation who had passed away this year.

President Charsky then noted that this is an exciting time, the AFMS is growing, we are conforming to change, and groups are working to keep collecting areas open. He added that the AFMS has inspired people to come together to keep vibrant. We have made over 70 years of progress. Many individuals have contributed to the accomplishments of our group. He told the delegates to enjoy what this convention had to offer. He thanked everyone for attending. He reminded people that we represent not only the federation but also our clubs.

Hidemi Kira, President of the Northwest Federation then welcomed everyone to Albany, Oregon. He said the weather had been cool, but yesterday it started getting quite warm and was thankful our facility was air-conditioned. He said the host club, Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, had worked really hard for this show. There were 170 cases and several special displays. 43 dealers were at the show.

Janice VanCura, show chairman, greeted the delegates and noted that their club had hosted in 2005. This time there are eleven lectures scheduled. The banquet would be at the same facility down the hallway. The show is air-conditioned. Friday through Sunday there is a fee dig for petrified wood. Forty cases of Treasures of the Northwest had been prepared by the clubs. President Charsky asked all those at the front table to introduce themselves. All directors and officers were present except the vice president from the Southeast Federation, who arrived later.

Secretary Donna Moore announced there was a quorum present.

Matt asked that the rules of the meeting be adopted. Bob Carlson moved to accept the rules. Sandy Fuller seconded the motion, which carried. Carolyn Weinberger reminded all to silence their cell phones.

Margaret Kolaczky moved to accept the agenda as presented. J.C. Moore seconded the motion, which carried. Parliamentarian Steve Weinberger was introduced.

The minutes of the 68th Meeting of the AFMS had been in the AFMS Newsletter and were in the packet. Bob Carlson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Richard Jaeger seconded the motion, which carried.

Matt called on all the officers and directors for their reports. His president’s report was in the packet.

President-Elect Emerson Tucker explained how he and Ron Carman were sharing the job for the South Central Federation. He was serving as the president-elect and had contacted all the committee chairmen asking if they would continue to serve. He noted he had a wonderful time communicating with all the chairmen. He and Ron worked on the budget together. Carolyn and Steve Weinberger had helped them. He had enjoyed what he had done, but now Ron Carman would be taking over as President on November 1.

First regional vice president Sandy Fuller reported her report was in the packet.

Second regional vice president Doug True had passed out his report.

Third regional vice president David Wayment had a report in the packet.

Fourth regional vice president Judy Beck’s report was in the packet.

Fifth regional vice president Jennifer Haley had a report in the packet and a second report on the table.

Secretary Donna Moore’s report was in the packet.

Treasurer Pat LaRue had handed out her printed report. She reminded any AFMS chairmen to turn in expense vouchers.

Directors Reports -

John Martin, California Federation President had a report in packet. Margaret Kolaczyn, California federation Vice President had no report.

Mark Easterbrook, Eastern Federation President had a report in the packet. Dave Korzendorfer, Eastern Federation Vice President reported that regional chairmen were having trouble finding people to serve and there was a problem with them following through when appointed.

Midwest Federation President David Rich, in addition to his report in the packet, had two post-

ers from the first graders in the MWF Youth Post Contest. Forty posters were received from all over the country. The MWF is committed to getting youth involved. Carolyn Weinberger asked David to send her photos of the top results for the AFMS Newsletter. J.C. Moore, sitting in for MWF first vice president Tom Whitlatch, had no report.

Northwest Federation President Hidemi Kira had a report in the packet. Northwest Federation vice president Jim Bosley had no report.

Rocky Mountain Federation President Richard Jaeger had a report in the packet. He added that their directory had not been published. The person who had done it in the past was taking it back, and they hoped to have it completed shortly. Robert Carlson was sitting in for Rock Mountain Federation First Vice President Beth Simmons. He had no report.

South Central Federation President Walter Beneze had a report in the packet. South Central Federation Vice President Roger Burford had just arrived and had no report.

South East Federation President Lisa Roberts reported that they were celebrating their 40 year anniversary. First Vice President Teresa Polly had a report it the packet.

It was noted by Matt Charsky that regional vice presidents were not required to have reports.

Matt called for Committee Chairman Reports.

AFMS All American Awards – Regina Kapta had a report in the packet.

AFMS Boundaries – Robert Carlson had a report in the packet.

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year – Evelyn Cataldo had a report in the packet. She offered a thank you for the informational newsletters.

AFMS Auditing Chairman had a report in the packet.

Bulletin Editors Advisory Chairman Mark Nelson had a report on the back table. He reported contest results would be handed out at the editors breakfast.

Editors Hall of Fame Chairman Carolyn Weinberger had a report in the packet. She noted the editors are announced for the host federation at the editors breakfast.

Bylaws Revisory Chairman Steve Weinberger had a report in the packet. The suggested changes had been explained in the AFMS Newsletter. The only change was pertaining to not having a meeting and dealing with waiting for the return of votes for the 30 day period. Bob Carlson moved to accept the by laws change. Robert Burford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Steve Weinberger reported the Central Office report was in the packet.

Commemorative Stamp Chairman Wendall Mohr had sent a report, which was in the packet.

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Conservation and Legislation Committee had a report in the packet.

Endowment Fund Chairman Cheryl Neary had a report in the packet. She added that she was still selling tickets until Saturday afternoon before the banquet where the winners would be announced.

Financial Investment Chairman Lauren Williams had a report in the packet.

A report from the Historian was in the packet. Shirley Leeson reports that she and Carolyn Weinberger had put together an anniversary booklet for the 50th anniversary of the AFMS and the last ten years. They were putting together one for the 70th anniversary next year. Carolyn said this would be their last one.

Inter-Regional Field Trips Chairman Doug True had a report in the packet. He noted they had done a local series of field trips in May that had ended up being inter-regional. There were field trips being centered in Prineville, Oregon planned for Sept. 2-7. He had planned to have 3-4 trips per day with seven different locations. There were three fee areas and four free sites. This is fire season so he was playing the schedule by ear until he and the trip leaders meet to see what is available. The locations will include White Fir, Hampton Butte, Bear Creek, Alex McDonald’s Ranch, Richardson’s, and Friends. A variety of materials would be available including petrified wood, thunder eggs, agates and jaspers. A sign up sheet is at the show. We will meet to sign up for specific trips at the Crook County Fairgrounds. A live auction and potluck will take place. The auction will cover the cost of porta-potties they rent to take to remote areas and other expenses. Carolyn Weinberger asked about getting better coverage for the AFMS Newsletter. Doug replied the last time such trips were planned over 450 people signed up. That is too many people to handle.

Junior Activities Chairman Jim Brace Thompson had sent a report for the packet. Matt Charsky remarked the number of badges that have been given out is staggering. There are twenty different badges. It was noted a session on getting kids and keeping them was planned for Saturday morning.

Judges Training – There was no report. Ron Carman said the training had been kind of hit or miss. Nothing was presently planned.

Long Range Planning Chairman Marion Roberts reported no action had been taken.

Name Badge Chairman Frank Mullaney had no report. He also does the plaques.

Nominating Committee Chairman Marion Roberts noted there was one change from the slate offered in the packet. For Second Regional Vice President Mark Easterbrook will replace David Wayment.

Past Presidents Advisory Chairman Marion Roberts reported no action taken by the group.

Photography Chairman Steve Weinberger had a report in the packet.

Program Competition Chairman Doug Moore had a report in the packet. One program had been submitted for competition this year.

Public and International Relations Chairman Bob Jones had a report in the packet.

Publications Chairman B. Jay Bowman had a report in the packet.

Safety Chairman Ellory Borow had a report in the packet.

Scholarship Foundation Chairman Lauren Williams said he did not have a report, but urged everyone to stay for the meeting immediately following this. He added that he had been contacted by Marie Huisning about an article Jon Spunaugle had written for Rock and Mineral magazine before his death that had Lauren’s name on it.

Show Consultant Bob Livingston had a report in the packet outlining Regional Federation Convention dates since 2006. Richard Jaeger added that the 2017 Rocky Mountain Convention will be held March 18-19 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Uniform Rules Chairman Dee Holland had asked Lauren Williams to stand in for him due to his poor health. One proposal had been worked out at the Uniform Rules Meeting to add a class in Meteorites.

Uniform Rules Eligibility Chairman Anne Cook had a written report.

Ways and Means Chairman Richard Jaeger reported no activity.

Webmaster Marty Hart had a Website report in the packet.

Website Contest Chairman Dan Imel distributed his report. He said the results would be announced at the breakfast.

The ad hoc 70th Anniversary Committee report was in the packet.

A short break was taken.

Following the break, Matt proceeded to unfinished business. John Martin recognized Susie Martin who told about going to the hearing for the Mohave Trails National Monument. She suggested anyone going to such hearings should participate in the whole meeting. Don’t whine. Tell about other things you are involved in. Stress that we are conservationists. Relate the AFMS Code of Ethics. (She wants to know if anyone knows the history of this code.) Do anything we can to lend credibility to our cause.

Doug True added that Oregon was working with the U.S. Forest Service in the Prineville area concerning whether backhoes can be used on claims. Now we are helping clean up for them without having to do the paperwork. When there are problems we need to go back and find out if it was one of us. There is a memorandum of understanding between the AFMS and ALAA. Trash pick up is important. It is visible. Take the attitude of “We’ll help!”

New Business

Approval of the 2016-17 new budget was differed to Emerson Tucker by Ron Carman. They had sent a report to Steve Weinberger. Emerson thanked Pat LaRue for her help. Two things had changed in that insurance had increased from $1,500 a year ago to $2,500 now. The other large expense was storage of historical documents. Shirley Leeson had them at her home before, but now they were moved to a storage unit in Lancaster, California.

Bob Carlson moved to accept the budget as presented. Doug True seconded the motion, which carried.

Marion Roberts presented the slate of nominees for the election of officers. He again mentioned that David Wayment was to be replaced by Mark Easterbrook. Bob Carlson moved to elect the slate by acclamation. Richard Jaeger seconded the motion, which carried.

The Central Office Administrator contract for the next two years needed to be renewed. Richard Jaeger moved to renew the contract. Bob Carlson seconded the motion, which carried.

The next AFMS Meeting scheduled will be in Ventura, California on June 8, 2017. Pat LaRue reported that the host club was working hard. They have hosted before. She noted that the beach is only a parking lot away.

Under announcements, Richard Jaeger reminded people to look at posting their shows on Facebook for free publicity.

Matt Charsky said he wanted to recognize the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society for a great job in hosting us. He especially recognized Janice VanCura as show chairman. He also thanked Hidema Kira and the Northwest Federation for sharing their convention with us.

David Rich moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Roberts seconded the motion. Matt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs for 2015-16. Please feel free to contact these people if you need information, have questions or would like to share ideas with them.

All American Club
Regina Kapta
<rmpkapta at comcast.net>

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year
Evelyn Cataldo
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AFMS Newsletter
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Boundaries
Bob Carlson
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Bulletin Editor Hall of Fame
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Bulletin Editors Advisory
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Bylaws Revisory
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Central Office Administrator
Steve Weinberger
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Commemorative Stamps
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Conservation and Legislation
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Endowment Fund
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Financial Investment
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Historian
Jennifer Haley
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Inter-Regional Field Trip
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Name Badges
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Nominating
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Parliamentarian
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Past President’s Advisory
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Show Consultant
Bob Livingston
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Uniform Rules
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URC Eligibility Files
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Ways and Means
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Web Site Contest
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AFMS Scholarship Foundation
Lauren Williams, President
<slhariur at msn.com>
Matt Charsky, Vice President
Tom Burchard, Secretary
Lauren Williams, Acting Treasurer
I am very excited to report that the 2016 Endowment Fund Drawing was a success—thanks to all who supported the Fund by either donating items or purchasing drawing tickets and especially to the Fund representatives in each region.

A breakdown for each region is as follows:

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Tickets were $5.00 or 5 for $20.00. The lowest donated item had a $25.00 value, the highest donated value at $275.00. The average value of the 30 donated items was just shy of $93.00.

I enjoyed my first year as the Chairperson for the Endowment Fund Drawing. I was able to sell tickets at the convention to many eager Northwest Federation personnel and to those attending the Annual Meeting.

For 2017, the convention will be held in Ventura, California. I believe we will see an increase in the number of tickets sold for the drawing for the California Federation! I am actually hoping that all the Federations increase the sale of their tickets—and they can—if you help!

Needless to say, (but I will, say it anyway!) I am the Chairperson for 2017.

I received the first donation while at the convention this year. The #1 item is a dinosaur footprint. (No not your footprint!) The footprint was donated by Doug True. Did I “whet your appetite” a bit? Stay tuned to next month’s article to find out more about the footprint!

CFMS-AFMS Annual Gem Show and Convention

Ventura Rocks the Nation!

June 9 - 11, 2017
Fri. & Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM
Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM

Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001

Admission:
Adults: $7; 3-day pass, $18
Seniors (60+) & Military: $6
3-day pass, $9
Juniors (13-17): $4; 3-day pass, $15
Kids 12 & under: Free with paid adult

More info: <2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com>
• 805-312-VGMS (8467)

Having Fun: Junior Activities

Judging Juniors: Encourage Your Club’s “Cub Reporters”

As I’ve been doing off-and-on for ten years now, I served as judge for juniors articles in the annual AFMS Bulletin Contest, and I was pleased to make a noteworthy observation. Last year I lamented a disturbing trend, namely, year-on-year declines in both the number of regional federations submitting entries and in the number of entries to judge in the two juniors categories (ages 12-17 and under 12 years old). Well, I’m happy to report that the trend has finally reversed!

Last year saw just four of the seven regional federations participating with five entries for juniors in the 12-17 age category and five for juniors under 12. This year? We saw participation by five of the regional federations with six entries in the 12-17 age group and a big jump to nine entries for juniors under 12. Here’s hoping this is just the beginning of still more entries submitted for next year when the AFMS Show & Convention will be hosted in my very own California Federation by my very own Ventura club.

To all club newsletter editors across all regional federations: please encourage your panda pups and junior members to write a brief article (even a paragraph will do) telling about a recent rock or fossil-related field trip or experience, a museum visit, or about a favorite mineral or fossil. When AFMS Bulletin Contest awards are handed out for best juniors’ articles at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in June 2017, let’s make sure kids from all federations across the land are firmly in the running! Even if they don’t win a trophy in the contest, the process stimulates their active participation as club members—and they can earn a Communication badge via the AFMS/FRA Badge Program. Let’s all encourage a budding young reporter or two to craft and share a story—it’s fun!