

**NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
71st ANNUAL MEETING
CHEHALIS, WA July 29, 2011**

OFFICERS

**FRITZ MACK
JUDI ALLISON
KATHY MOEDL
LYLE VOGELPOHL
JOAN DAY**

**PRESIDENT
1st VICE PRESIDENT
2nd VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY**

AGENDA

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers & Committees

Introduction of Past Presidents & VIPs

Delegate Confirmation

Introduction of Delegates

Invocation

Fritz Mack, President
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Judi Allison, 1st Vice President
Clara & Del Walker
Kathy Moedl, 2nd Vice President
Pastor Evan Day

New Business

New Clubs
AFMS Ticket Sales
2011 Convention
2012 Convention
Future Shows & Conventions
Bylaws, Resolutions & Operating Procedures

Lyle Vogelpohl
Evelyn Cataldo
Chuck Sonner
Larry Hulstrom
Fritz Mack
Fred Burton

Committee Reports

President
Executive Secretary
Treasurer
Budget – 1st Vice President
Bulletin Aids
Circulation
Credentials
Custodian – 2nd Vice President
Directory
Education
Endowment Fund
Field Trip
Historian
Juniors
Long Range Planning
Newsletter Editor
Nominating
Northwest Rockhound Retreat
Operations Review
Past Presidents Council
Public Lands Advisory
Resolutions
Rockhound of the Year
Rules & Awards
Safety
Scholarship
Show Coordination
Slide/Video
Stamps
Supplies
Ways & Means
Webmaster
Website Competition
ALAA

Fritz Mack
Joan Day
Lyle Vogelpohl
Judi Allison
Peggy Blickfeldt
Tom Burchard
Clara & Del Walker
Kathy Moedl
Audrey Vogelpohl
Libby & Jim Spencer
Edna Nelson
Doug True
Shirley Leeson
Rick Bower
Bryan Schroeder
Beth Heesacker
Evelyn Cataldo
Lamar Tilgner
Open
Evelyn Cataldo
Andy Johnson
Fred Burton
Viola Jones
Dee Holland
Open
Rose Alene McArthur
Pat Lambert
Sharon & Tim DeGrie
Hermina Kolski
Tom Hoff
Janice Van Cura
Jack Eads
Cheri George
Shirley Leeson

Announcements

Adjournment

Registrar/Treasurer

- Record registrants and accept payments for the retreat.
- Make name tags for registrants and instructors.
- Develop program handout material to be used at Camp Hancock.

Provide instructors with a list of who will be in their workshop.

Publicity

- Develop publicity for the Retreat to be published in the NFMS Newsletter.
- Assist the registrar in developing the program handout.
- Assist in developing the registration forms for the Retreat and publish them in the NFMS Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

TBD

FRITZ MACK

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

JOAN DAY

All clubs are asked to designate e-mail contact persons for inclusion in the Directory, including the club's NFMS Director and/or Delegate, so that minutes, notices and other NFMS business can be sent promptly and inexpensively to everyone. Please send an email with the addresses (or updated address if they have changed internet providers) to the Directory Chair and to me at joanday@sisna.com.

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting in Hillsboro (without financial information) were sent to all clubs, directors, and committee chairs; and also published on the website. Anyone requesting the financial information was sent copies directly. The minutes were approved by the Executive Board, but if there are any additions or corrections they may be added at this time.

TREASURER

LYLE VOGELPOHL

I will be doing an oral report with handouts

BUDGET – 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

JUDI ALLISON

In viewing the 2012 budget, please note that it is balanced through use of Unrestricted Endowment Fund Money. As everyone is aware, in these economic times, our money no longer gains value through interest at the rate it once did. Even though we have set up the fund to help offset cost override, we can no longer rely solely on the recovery of the economy and increased returns from such.

It is time for us to realize that membership fees need to increase. The American Federation increased its dues from \$.50 to \$.75 in 2009, yet we have not taken the initiative to protect our assets by raising our dues since 1997 when we raised dues from \$2.50 to our current \$3.50. By raising dues \$1.50 for adults and \$.50 for juniors, we will only be paying \$5.00 and \$1.50, inclusively, per person for membership in the NFMS. In what other group can one receive the privileges of membership for such a small fee?

With the proposed budget for 2012 and utilization of figures from the current membership, the increase would generate an additional \$8744. This is still a shortfall of \$3041 from the projected \$11,785 expenditure of Endowment Fund usage, but it would certainly help protect our future.

Let's not be like the Federal Government and continue to spend money we don't have. Let's all be willing to give a bit more to help preserve our rights and our hobby.

Judi Allison, 1st Vice President/Budget Committee

BULLETIN AIDS

PEGGY BLICKFELDT

I am the new Bulletin Aids Chairman for the NFMS. It took me awhile to understand everything I was supposed to do but with the help of Carolyn Weinberger of the AFMS, I think I am getting a handle on it. I want to thank those of you who sent items in to be judged. I would hope to see a lot more for the 2011 contest. Start saving your favorites now but don't send in until you are absolutely sure as you can only enter once.

We are following the AFMS rules for several reasons. The main reason is in order to be judged at the AFMS level their rules must be followed. I send the top three in each category directly to them. I have noticed that the other federations have pretty much followed suit for the same reason. The rules can be found on the AFMS Website. Go to the Bulletin Editor's Contest to get the score sheets and read the guidelines. Please read the general and the specific rules for each category. If you want to read them now you might be able to make a few changes that would raise your score.

If you check the NFMS Website I will keep any updates current on it. You can also find all of my information on the website. We have a great webmaster that puts things on it pretty regularly.

You do not have to send me a bulletin every month. Contact me if you have any questions, would be better to save your postage.

CIRCULATION

TOM BURCHARD

We have completed the "Roster" updates since the Midyear Meeting. We will mail over four thousand newsletters for the August edition. We have completed the changeover in our labeling procedure and hopefully will have no further problems there. The "Address Service Request" (ASR) responses are down again from last year. This means the federation will spend less on 'undeliverable' newsletters. The 'list' of people willing to download/receive an electronic newsletter has grown to 35. Apparently there was some misunderstanding about an article I wrote for the newsletter in May. In that article I explained that I had 'volunteered' to download and then send a copy of the newsletter to the Golden Spike club members who were willing to not receive a printed newsletter, but were unwilling to actually download the newsletter. After the May newsletter was sent out I received more than a few requests from other federation clubs who thought I was willing to do this for them as well. I apologize if the article was not clear about this. I am not willing to do this for any club other than my own. What I meant to suggest was that someone in your club could do this for your club. But remember to notify Audrey Vogelpohl and myself if you wish to remove your name(s) from the print mailing list.

CREDENTIALS

CLARA & DEL WALKER

At this time, the Credentials Chair will be busily doing our duties. We hope all of you have complied with our request and have submitted names of your Director & Delegate prior to this meeting. Thank you.

CUSTODIAN – 2ND VICE PRESIDENT TBD

KATHY MOEDL

DIRECTORY

AUDREY VOGELPOHL

Membership Directory Report --- Changes Are Coming:

Historically the NFMS has provided each club, and each committee chair and officer with a free copy of the annual Directory. We are also required to send a free copy to the AFMS Office. The remainder have been sold at \$5.00 per copy in recent years.

The cost of printing this year's Directory - which does include the library of videos, slides, CD's DVD's and Power Point programs, as well as the NFMS rules of operation - costs out to \$11.63 each. In trying to increase income I had talked about and handed out advertising contracts in the past to members willing to sell advertising for the Directory in their own area, but that did not produce any additional dollars..

A consensus was taken at the mid-year meeting between having club info only (excluding the individual membership data) OR increasing the price of each Directory to at least \$10.00. At \$10.00 each there would still be a loss to the NFMS of \$1.63 each, based on this year's costs.

Members present favored overwhelmingly that the current Directory format be continued and that the price be increased. We'll again ask for consensus at this annual meeting. So look for a change on the cost OR the content of the NFMS Membership Directory next year.

EDUCATION

JIM & LIBBY SPENCER

We have again this year focused on the All American Club Award. We have, to date, received one submission and have forwarded it to John Washburn at National. The deadline for submissions to reach John is April 15. If there are any additional clubs wishing to submit, we must have their complete submission by Tuesday, April 12.

ENDOWMENT FUND

EDNA NELSON

John Spunagle provided a written report (below) which shows our fund is in excellent shape to continue supporting Federation activity. The total is now up to the level achieved before the market crash and depression.

No Contributions have been received since the close of the fiscal year 8-30-2010. Please note that all numbers are my best effort but are not audited figures.

FIELD TRIP

DOUG TRUE

In watching and talking with a number of collectors throughout the Federation, it seems there were many great fieldtrips past this year and lots of fun to be had by all. Fieldtrips are part of the life blood of our hobby.

The Northwest/multi federation trip to the Blue Forest went well. We had 142 collectors from 12 states. Some great material was found. Although the wind blew most of the time (only at different speeds) the digging was good, great potluck and even got in some campfires. There was also a trip with good attendance to a fossil dig led by Evan Day.

This was a new experience as we now have to apply for special use permits with the BLM and US Forest to have organized fieldtrips on public lands. So remember if you plan and or advertise a trip with your club and plan on going to public lands **YOU WILL NEED A PERMIT.**

This year's trip to the Hampton Butte area east of Prineville, Oregon is set. We have 4 designated collecting areas, plus several backup locations. Base camp will be on a private ranch, with trips leaving daily. Potlucks, talks and lots of fun, so come and join us.

NFMS Fieldtrip Chair

AFMS Fieldtrip Chair

HISTORIAN

SHIRLEY LEESON

I have a quiz for all of you. How much NFMS History do you know?

NFMS was organized in what year? _____

Who was the first NFMS President? _____

Where was the 50th NFMS Anniversary Convention and Show held? _____

Where were the last three NFMS Conventions held?

2010 _____

2009 _____
2008 _____

Did you attend last years NFMS Annual meeting? _____

Did you attend last years Awards/Installation/Editor and Webmaster event? _____

What was unusual about it? _____

Where is the NFMS 2012 convention and show? _____

Can you name all the NFMS Past Presidents in the room? _____

What does 2013 mean to the NFMS? _____

THERE IS NO PRIZE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM BACK
With or Without your name

JUNIORS
TBD

RICK BOWER

LONG RANGE PLANNING
TBD

BRYAN SCHROEDER

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

BETH HEESACKER

The editing of the Northwest Newsletter is going well, along with getting it up on the website and printed. Thanks to all who are involved - those who submit articles, our Webmaster and our Circulation Chair. We have been experiencing some problems with shipping and I apologize to anyone who has not received their copy. Address labels have been lost a couple of times and the post office has recently changed their requirements for the bar codes and that has caused some issues. We have gone to a different addressing system which should fix the problem.

Everyone who wants the Newsletter on the web instead of a printed copy should notify Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and Audry Vogelpohl. This saves the Federation postage and publishing expense. Since the web version is available on the NFMS Website well before receipt of printed versions you can read it sooner. Some clubs have a contact , maybe their Delegate or Director, who can be notified when the Newsletter is placed on the web. Then that person can email their club members that it is available. That one person in the club should contact our webmaster (when we have one again) and get on his notification list.

I would encourage any clubs who would like to expand their show visitor base to advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. The cost is minimal, \$1.50 per square inch per month, so a 4 inch x 6 inch ad would only cost \$36 a month. Just e-mail me the flier 2 months or so before the show and I will invoice you back by e-mail.

NOMINATING

EVELYN CATALDO

The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following individuals as officers for the 2011-2012 year:

President	Judi Allison
1 st Vice-President	Kathy Moedl
2 nd Vice-President	Don Innes
Secretary	Joan Day
Treasurer	Lyle Vogelpohl

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Don Innes, I asked him to tell us how he became a rockhound. Don related the following story to me.

Five sons and rock collecting went together like ham and eggs. We didn't stand a chance of not becoming rockhounds!

I traveled in my floor covering construction trade with much of my work in or near the desert. During the summer months, my wife, Alene, and the five boys would travel with me. While I would work, the family would rock hunt and sightsee. As the boys got older, they would help me on the job and then about 2 pm we would take off and go rockhounding.

The boys wanted to know what the rocks looked like and so we bought a small tumbler. That was my biggest mistake! And the journey began. We joined the Searcher Rock Club in Orange County, California. Then we bought equipment to cab our stones. We took classes in silversmithing and faceting. The changing economy found us moving to Oregon where we really got into the rocks.

We bought Cascade Lapidary in Bend, Oregon and began doing rock shows. I became President of the Prineville Pow Wow and started with my friend, Clarence Rudd, the Redmond Rock Show.

Since that time, we have moved to Arago, Oregon and joined the Far West Lapidary and Mineral Club. I was President of the club for five years and am currently the Vice-President. I have been Show Chairman. My wife and I have been publishing our *Rock Chip Reporter* for the last several years.

My favorite rock to collect is petrified wood. I also like to facet sunstones.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT
TBD

LAMAR TILGNER

OPERATIONS REVIEW

OPEN

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL
TBD

EVELYN CATALDO

PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY

ANDY JOHNSON

Andy shared that Secretary Salazar's "Wild Lands" directive 3310 has been denied funds in the Federal Budget, so it is effectively stalled and hopefully dead. He encouraged us to volunteer for the BLM and USFS "Regional Advisory Councils" and if appointed will be able to advocate for Rockhound issues. Several concerns regarding access and ability to collect minerals were discussed

RESOLUTIONS
(See New Business)

FRED BURTON

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR
TBD

VIOLA JONES

RULES AND AWARDS

DEE HOLLAND

NFMS SUPPLEMENTAL RULES TO THE AFMS RULE BOOK

2011 Rules Chair: **Dee Holland** beauholland@centurytel.net

2012 Larry Hulstrom rockhound132@charter.net

2013 Carol Cimolino ccubed1@earthlink.net

1.1 The AFMS Rule Book updated to January 1st of the year of the show applies.

- 1.2 The Rules for judges to follow in scoring are listed in the AFMS rules.
- 1.3 Disqualifications can only be made by the Rules Chair.
- 1.4 Ribbons shall be awarded to entries showing the group in which the exhibitor has entered.
- 1.5 All other awards shall be given out as listed in the AFMS Rule Book.
- 1.6 Winners of any NFMS trophy are not eligible to compete in the same class until the third annual show thereafter.
- 1.7 In all cases the decision of the Rules Chair shall be final.

NFMS SWEEPSTAKES PLAQUE

Sweepstakes Award. A Special Sweepstakes Award plaque will be awarded to the Master Exhibitor who has scored 90 points or above in any Division. This will be judged by a team of judges appointed by the Rules chair. They will make the decision on the winner.

NFMS SOCIETY PLAQUES

Large Societies in competition. The highest scoring Large Society will have their name put on the perpetual NFMS Large Society Plaque.

Small Societies in competition. The highest scoring Small Society will have their name put on the perpetual NFMS Small Society Plaque.

Both of the above plaques may go home with the winners. Both plaques must be returned the following year to be awarded again.

NFMS SUPPLEMENTAL TROPHIES

- 2.1 Supplementary trophies are sponsored by club/societies or individuals.
And approved by the NFMS Executive Board and Rules Committee.
In order to sponsor a trophy a check for \$500. has to be deposited with the NFMS Treasurer to open an account for the trophy.
- 2.2 The NFMS Rules Committee will choose a team to look at all exhibits that meet the criteria of the particular trophy.
- 2.3 NFMS Supplemental trophies are not recognized by the AFMS.

SUPPLEMENTAL TROPHIES

JOHN T. (Ted) HEDIN MEMORIAL TROPHY – PETRIFIED WOOD, including cast, ferns, palm, etc.
Established June 1973

ROD SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY – Best All Northwest Material. Established May, 1980.

ISABELLA B. MATTISON MEMORIAL TROPHY – Best Junior member of Junior Society exhibit.
Established August 1990.

LESTER ZEIHEN MEMORIAL TROPHY – Best Mineral Exhibit – Established May 1999.

SAFETY

OPEN

SCHOLARSHIP

ROSE ALENE MCARTHUR

Dee Holland is chairman of the AFMS Scholarship Fund. The Fund has changed it's procedures to provide two scholarships of \$4000 from each Federation. Over \$1.5 million has been provided to graduate students in the Earth Sciences.

The NFMS 2011 Scholarship Honoree is Dr. Paul J. Bybee of Utah Valley University, Orem, UT. Paul is the son of NFMS Past President Joe Bybee. He is Professor of Biology, Paleobiology, Vertebrate Zoology and Evolutionary Biology in the Department of Biology. Nominated to President Fritz Mack by the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society (Ogden, UT) and the Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society (Provo, UT). Golden Spike considers Paul as a "Home-grown" success by encouraging an Ogden youngster to travel from "Pebble-Pup" to College Professor. His career started with attending an annual gem show with his school class and progressed through to his distinguished academic career. In 1990, Dr. Richard W. Moyle, Prof. of Geology at Weber State College, Ogden UT selected Paul Bybee for an AFMS scholarship while he was a graduate student working on his Ph.D. in Vertebrate Paleontology at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. Thus the circle from Student to Honoree is completed for the first time in the NFMS.

Rose Alene also reiterated the need for donations from all clubs and individuals. Evelyn Cataldo announced that the Scholarship donation box that was sent around came back to her with \$93.65.

SHOW COORDINATION

PAT LAMBERT

I have just started sending show information to The Gold Prospectors Association of America Newsletter. As suggested at the mid-year meeting, I am reminding everyone that Craig's list is a great place to advertise their show.

I send your show information to the NFMS newsletter and website. I, also, send it to Rocks and Minerals Magazine and Rock & Gem Magazine. If anyone has other sources that I could use to spread the word, please let me know. For a short time I was able to post to the online show list for Lapidary Journal but I no longer have access to that site.

SLIDE/VIDEO

SHARON & TIM DEGRIE

Well we have had another great year being the Librarians for the NFMS. Have talked to a lot of new people and have learned a lot more this year. We more than doubled our orders, received some really great new DVD'S. We are still having trouble with people not being able to find their club's catalog. I think this a matter that needs to be looked into and followed up on. I think maybe the librarians should get the list of who receives the new catalogs for each club, so if there was a person wanting to order we could send them in the right direction. We can't get these great informational things to the club's if they don't know what we have. We have sent a revised list to Audrey to update the new catalog. We have tried to get the slides onto power point, but between health obligations and our computer not being new enough we haven't been able to get this done. We are still going to try and get it done, but will take some up grading and some more knowledge on our part to accomplish this. We hope to continue to work with all the great people in the NFMS and hope this next year will be even better than this last one.

Thanks to all,

STAMPS

HERMINA KOLSKI

Over the past 17 years, we have had extreme good luck with our stamp dealer. This past year, he has retired and the new dealer has requested that we hold any future shipments until they can reorganize.

Meanwhile, we will continue to gather stamps so we can have a shipment ready when they contact us.

So, please keep saving stamps for cancer research.

We will be at the mid-year meeting in Kennewick, April 16th, and in Chehalis, July 29 & 30., but must start back then. We can't stay for Sunday.

We now have collected \$5429.30 so far and hope to add more soon.
Thank you all for your help.

SUPPLIES
TBD

TIM HOFF

WAYS AND MEANS
TBD

JANICE VANCURA

WEBMASTER NFMS

JACK E. EADS

My how time flies.. The web site has grown in size, 45 pages plus many special short term pages. I have selected a number of contacts in each State and I send them what I call "The Early Edition" of the newsletter. When I post the newsletter to the web I send them this reminder:

"To NFMS Clubs,
NFMS Early Edition....

The NFMS newsletter is now up on the web. Please let your members know and enjoy the early edition. Please pass this onto your club editor."

WEBSITE COMPETITION

CHERI GEORGE

I will say that my report is merely to thank the participants in the Website Contest, few that they were. I was hoping to be over and above what we had last year, but it was not to be. I know that this is a fairly new contest, but come one & all you great webmasters. Get to working on your Website for 2012 so we can have a great turnout. Keep on keeping on!!

I will do an oral report, I have a trophy to hand out and have updated reports to hand-out.

ALAA
TBD

SHIRLEY LEESON

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