Spring has finally arrived. Time to dust off the sun hat and head out to see what Mother Nature has uncovered after the rains. I know there really has not been a lot of rain this year but just a light rain can wash away the dust and sometimes at first light one can look across a field and see some rocks that sparkle from the sun light. This was something I did when I was in high school. There was a large field where I could find thunder eggs. Unfortunately the field now is covered with homes. As time passes I am sure that many of you can remember places where you could collect some wonderful material and now those places are no longer accessible. Within each regional federation, there is a committee working hard to help keep these areas open. So take a second and find out who these individuals are and see if there is something you can do to help.

This May I will be giving a Judges Training Seminar. This seminar is going to cover the whole manual. It’s aim is for individuals who are wanting to learn to become a judge and to also help anyone who would like to compete. The seminar is open to all AFMS members. All the information is included in this newsletter.

Safe travels to everyone!

Judges Training - The Federations Need You!

We continue to have a need for AFMS-certified Judges to evaluate and critique the competitive display cases at our annual shows. This is an important function that enables us to continue support for our members, and to improve their skills as exhibitors. All of the other Regional Federations throughout the AFMS desperately need more certified judges. This will be a great opportunity for members to “step up” and become a highly valued judge to help our exhibitors grow and be competitive at the AFMS level. You need not be an expert in all the sub-fields of the hobby/craft; you will be training on applying the AFMS standards and procedures to the judging process.

Plans are in the works to hold AFMS-certified training classes in conjunction with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club 25th Anniversary Show and NFMS Mid-Year meeting in Kennewick, WA. The training takes 4 days and would start 2 days before the Kennewick show and continue throughout the show. The dates are May 19 – 22, 2022. The plan is to have classroom training in a building on the grounds of the Benton County Fairgrounds on May 19-20, practice judging at the show on Saturday May 21, and a review/debrief on Sunday morning, May 22.

We need to get some idea of how many people are interested, and which area clubs (or regional federations) are interested in supporting their members that are willing to attend. If you are interested in being trained for this vital role, or if you are a Regional Federation interested in sponsoring a participant, please use the application form and submit it as soon as possible to Larry Hulstrom, NFMS President at rockhound132@charter.net. I already have a list of names started. If you have questions, get in touch.

The instructor for the training will be Margaret Kolaczyk, currently President of the AFMS and in charge of the Judges Training Seminar. As details come together I will keep you posted with updates.

Thank you so much for considering serving in this very important capacity.

Larry Hulstrom
NFMS President
Proposed Judges Training
When: May 19 - 22, 2022
Where: Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA
In conjunction with the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club 25th Anniversary Show to be held May 21-22 and the NFMS Mid-Year meeting to be held Saturday May 21 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)

Schedule:
Judges Training
Classroom training Thursday (5/19) and Friday (5/20) in Building 3 at the Benton County Fairgrounds
Practice Judging
Saturday (5/21) – 2 person teams assigned and rotate through all available cases from 8 – 12 during the Lakeside Show (show opens to public at 10 am)
Review and Debrief
Sunday (5/22) - debrief in Building 3 from 9 – 11 am to review scores and discuss judging

Cases Likely to be available for judging
Division A – Open yes
Division B – Minerals yes
Division C – Lapidary yes
Division D – Jewelry and Art Metalcraft yes
Division E – Educational yes
Division F – Fossils yes
Division G – Petrified Wood yes
Division H – Scrimshaw maybe not
Division I – Beading and Beadwork possibly
Division J – Meteorites maybe not
Division UV – Fluorescent Minerals yes
Number of Student Judges: TBD, depending on interest generated in the NFMS and other Federations
Instructor: Margaret Kolaczyk, President AFMS

About the New Juniors Website
Lora Hall, AFMS Juniors Chair

The Juniors Committee is moving forward and making progress on the new website as suggestions and ideas are coming in from around the federation. If you are starting a juniors group and not ready to launch into the badge program, be sure to check out the website for ice breaker activities and games you can use at club meetings.

If your club is hosting a show this spring and you plan to include junior volunteers, be sure to have them log their hours. Any junior member of your club, age 10-17, may earn the Junior Volunteer Award by contributing 20 hours of volunteer work for their home rock club or mineral society. For hours to count toward this award, the juniors work must be:

1) Truly Voluntary – Service offered by the junior.
2) Truly Cheerful – Not requiring, or done with, parental bribes or coercion.
3) Truly Useful – something of real benefit to the club, not busywork.

Easy-to-follow instructions can be found on the website at https://www.juniors.amfed.org/awards-contests-scholarships/juniors-volunteer-award.

These same teens will become the lifeblood of your club in a few years, and this award is meant to start them out well.
AFMS/NFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

When: Thursday through Sunday, May 19 – 22, 2022 in conjunction with the NFMS Mid-Year Meeting and Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club 25th Anniversary Show

Where: Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA

Please fill out the application below and return to:
Larry Hulstrom, NFMS President
5409 W. 26th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99338
Registration Deadline: May 1, 2022

Please Print
Name____________________________________________________________________
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Address____________________________________________________________________
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Email____________________________________________________________________
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Regional Federation__________________________________________________________
Club/Society____________________________________________________________________
Division(s) you are interested in: You can sign up for more than one.
Open _____ Minerals _____ Lapidary _____ Jewelry _____ Education _____ Meteorites_____
Fossils _____ Petrified Wood _____ Scrimshaw _____ Beading _____ UV ______
I’m bringing an exhibit for evaluation ______

BRING YOUR AFMS UNIFORM RULES BOOK, UPDATED TO 2018. This can be downloaded on the AFMS website. Bring a pen and notepaper with you.
I’m bringing my own copy of the Rule book ______

CLASS SCHEDULE
Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Building #3 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. A lunch break will be provided so attendees may go get lunch in the local area. Evaluation of Exhibits begins on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. to noon in Building #2 at the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Show at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street, Kennewick, WA 99336. A Training Review/Debrief will be held on Sunday, May 22 from 9-11 a.m. in Building #3.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION
You must make your reservation in the local area, or camping reservations on the grounds of the Benton County Fairgrounds can be made through the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club. Camping fees are $10/night. A listing of hotels in the area can be found with the NFMS Mid Year Meeting Announcement in the NFMS Newsletter.

For more information contact, Larry Hulstrom, rockhound132@charter.net or phone:

Building and Promoting the Hobby

Doug True
AFMS Past President & AFMS Field Trips Chairman

Last year the Billings Gem and Mineral Club reached out and sponsored a gem show in Miles City, Montana. The show was a great success. We obtained a list of 85 people that would like to start a club in the area. This year in April, a meeting is set to get this process going at the BLM office in Miles City.

Earlier in June a friend put on a show in Great Falls, Montana, with the same response, 80 people wanting to form a club. These two towns have not had clubs for 20-40 years. It’s time to reach out in the cities around you and see what the interest is. But this takes work. Are you up to it??
Hi all,

After the first year of the pandemic, it became apparent that changes need to be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

Instead of stating emails, it needs to be electronic communications. This way any electronic communication, such as emails, Zoom meetings, or any new way to communicate would be acceptable.

Please read the By-laws and Operating Procedures, as this will be voted on at the meeting in New Orleans in October. This is the first time to appear and the second time will be in the June issue.

A. F. M. S. SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERS

(a) The Members of this Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, shall consist of the participating Regional Federations of the AFMS, the President and President-Elect of AFMS and President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Foundation.

(b) Members may be added through negotiations with the Foundation Executive Board and approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) Except as otherwise required by law or by these By-Laws, the control of the Foundation and its affairs and property shall be vested in its Board of Directors.

(b) The Board of Directors shall consist of the two (2) Directors from each participating Regional Federation that are Directors to the AFMS. These Directors are the President and Vice President or their designated alternate from their Regional Federation. The President Elect of the AFMS also serves as a Director, along with the Officers of the Foundation. The Regional Directors are elected by their Regional Federation and may succeed themselves in office.

(c) If a vacancy occurs, the Regional Federation shall select a successor to fill such vacancy for the balance of the term.

(d) The Officers must personally be members in good standing of a club belonging to a participating Regional Federation of the AFMS. All succeed themselves in office.

(e) If any vacancy occurs the Board shall elect a successor to fill such vacancy for the balance of the term. Such election may be by mail ballot at the direction of the Foundation President

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

(a) The Directors shall elect a Foundation President, a Foundation Secretary, and a Foundation Treasurer, together with such other officers as the Board deems necessary for the operation and control of the Foundation. Election of a Foundation President shall be conducted in the uneven numbered years, election of a Foundation Secretary and a Foundation Treasurer shall be conducted in the even numbered years. They shall hold office for two years and their respective terms of office shall commence on the first day of the fiscal year following their election and terminate on the last day of the second fiscal year following their election, or until their successors are elected and qualify.

(b) The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Foundation and subject to the directives of the Board, shall have the general management of its affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Foundation.

(c) The Vice-President shall be the President of the AFMS. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President of this Foundation in the event the elected President is unable to do so.

(d) The Officers must personally be members in good standing of a club belonging to a participating Regional Federation of the AFMS. All may succeed themselves in office.

(e) If any vacancy occurs the Board shall elect a successor to fill such vacancy for the balance of the term. Such election may be by mail or (email) electronic communication ballot at the direction of the Foundation President.

ARTICLE IV - COMPENSATION

No Officer or Director shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from the Foundation, other than reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses authorized by the By-Laws. The Foundation may, however, pay compensation to employees or agents who are not members, directors, or officers of the Foundation.

ARTICLE V - FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of the Foundation shall commence on November 1st of each year and end on October 31st of each succeeding year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

(a) The regular annual Meeting of the Directors shall be held on the same date and meeting place as the AFMS Annual Meeting, immediately following the AFMS meeting. No notice of regular meeting shall be required.

(b) The Treasurer shall prepare and present to the AFMS Annual Meeting an Interim Report, verified by the President of the Foundation, showing the whole amount of properties owned by the Foundation, where located and where and how invested; there shall also be prepared in the same manner a statement of receipts and expenditures, including any scholarship appropriations and the recipients of same. A similar Annual Report shall be prepared by the Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year. Copies of both the Interim and Annual Reports shall be filed with the records of the Foundation and copies of these reports shall be presented in person or by mail to the Foundation Officers, Directors, Investment Committee Members, and the AFMS Historian. These reports are also to be provided to any person requesting a copy.
(c) The President, in consultation with the Foundation Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, shall arrange for an annual audit or review of the Foundation's books and records. This audit or review shall be conducted by a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who is not affiliated with the AFMS or the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation Treasurer shall provide the auditor or reviewer selected with the records of accounts, statement copies and all other necessary records within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year. The audit or review must be completed as soon as practical but in all instances prior to the next annual meeting and in time for the filing of the necessary Tax Returns. A copy of the annual audit or review report shall be mailed to all Officers and Directors of the Foundation and be made available to anyone upon written request. The Treasurer shall make an announcement of the receipt of the audit or review report in the AFMS Newsletter.

(d) A Quorum shall consist of a majority of Directors and Officers of the Foundation.

(e) No proxy or absentee votes shall be accepted.

(f) Notice of all special, mail or (email) Electronic Communication meetings of the Foundation shall be mailed and (email) electronic communication to each Director and shall state the time and place of each meeting and the purpose thereof. Due to the distance involved, the mail or (email) electronic communication meeting may be held, stating the time, purpose and objective and the date for final vote and decision. A two-week minimum notice must be given in all such cases. (email) Electronic communication may be used if the recipient acknowledges receipt of (email) electronic communication. Special, mail and (email) electronic communication meetings may be called by the Foundation President and Vice President acting together or by a simple majority of the Directors.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCES

(a) The funds of the Foundation shall initially be deposited or kept with a Bank or Banking Institution doing business in the area of the Treasurer. Such fund or other values may be reinvested only as a "prudent man" upon the order or orders of such Officers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. At no time shall such funds or values be invested in speculative ventures.

(b) The Treasurer is authorized to sign all checks for the withdrawal of funds upon receipt of a confirming authorization or voucher signed by another officer which meets the requirements of Article VII (c). The signatures of the President and the AFMS President shall also be authorized for use in emergency withdrawals only.

(c) No funds of the Foundation are to be expended for any purpose without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation; however, such approval may be had through the medium of a predetermined and preapproved Budget.

(d) A financial bond shall be purchased covering those responsible for the collection and dispersal of funds for the Foundation. The amount of such bond is to be determined by the Board of Directors and purchased and held by the Secretary.

(e) Unrestricted funds, i.e. interest and dividend income and capital gains earned on donated funds may be used for scholarship grants and operating expenses. Interest income shall be accounted for using methods accepted by the Internal Revenue Service. Restricted funds (trust funds) shall be made up of contributions/donations to the Foundation and shall be held in trust by the Foundation. To remove or transfer to another financial institution any funds from the "restricted funds" (trust funds) requires the signatures of at least two (2) persons who are signatories on the account. All interest, dividends and capital gains (unrestricted funds) may be drawn by a single signature, normally the Treasurer. Only in the case of dissolution of the Foundation may they be distributed as per Foundation Articles of Incorporation, Article VI and Article VII.

(f) Donations that are designated by the donor for special purposes (directly for scholarships, expenses, etc.) may be accepted by the Treasurer and placed in the appropriate account.

(g) Reimbursement of any unused scholarship payments or legal judgments may be received and shall be placed in the appropriate account.

(h) Copies of the Brokers monthly statements are to be mailed to all Foundation Officers, the AFMS President Elect and two other members of the AFMS who have investment experience selected by the President. (The two members may be members of the investment committee.)

ARTICLE VIII - RULES OF PROCEDURE AND ORDERS

The rules of procedure and order at all meeting shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order so far as applicable and when not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors to carry out procedures and objectives desired in the raising of funds and for other purposes.

ARTICLE X - PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

(a) Details of operation, not included in the Articles of Incorporation or in the By-Laws of the Foundation, that are of a continuing nature, may be authorized and reduced to writing by order of the Board and such writings, to be known as Operating Procedures, shall be binding upon both current and succeeding administrations until amended, suspended, or rescinded by action of the Board.

(b) Should it appear desirable, in the opinion of the Board, to present an Award, Grant or Scholarship in Earth Sciences, and the funds of the Foundation are deemed sufficient to permit such Award, an Operating Procedure shall be instituted, and performed, the same to comply with Article VIII of the AFMS By-Laws, quoted as follows:

"Article VIII of AFMS By-Laws - Scholarship Foundation

Section 1. AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION; For the purpose of financially aiding young men and women in acquiring an education the field of Earth Sciences, this Federation shall organize and form a Division of the Federation to be known as the 'AFMS Scholarship Foundation'. The Federation shall so organize this Foundation as to be incorporated and have its own Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws apart from the Federation; such laws to be formed as set forth by the Board of this Federation. The Foundation's Directors shall be selected from within the membership of this Federation in accordance with these By-Laws. Annual reports shall be made by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation President, Treasurer and Audit Review person to the AFMS at the Annual Meeting of the Directors.

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ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

(a) Alterations or amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a vote of two thirds of the voting Directors; provided that notice of the proposed amendment is mailed by first class mail or (email) electronic communication to all Directors of the Foundation by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before such vote is to take place.

(b) The Secretary shall mail or by (email) electronic communication notices of such proposed amendments when requested to do so by the President or in writing by two or more persons, all of whom are Directors or Officers of the Foundation.


AFMS Scholarship Foundation Inc.

Operating Procedures

Procedure #1

This Operating Procedure #1 is established by the Board of Directors of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, hereinafter called the Foundation, in accordance with its By-Laws, Article X

Section 1 - Honorary Awards

An Honorary Award will be presented by each participating Regional Federation at the Annual Meeting of such Regional Federation. These awards are to be presented to one individual from each participating Federation for achievement in outstanding contributions to understanding acceptance and methods of knowledge of the Earth Sciences. They shall be known as Honorary Award Winners. The Honorary Award Winner may be selected one time only.

Each Award Winner will have the privilege and obligation of selecting an Educational Institution or Institutions, in the United States, and shall cooperate with them in the selection of the students, hereinafter referred to as grantees, who will receive scholarship grants from the Foundation.

An AFMS Scholarship Foundation Grant will be made by the Foundation to the Institution(s) named by the Award Winner, to be used exclusively to help a postgraduate student studying for his or her Master's or Doctor's Degree in a division of the Earth Sciences.

Section II – Juries of Awards

Each Regional Federation may use any method it chooses to select nominees to be presented to its Jury of Awards for consideration in selecting that Regional's Award Winner.

The Jury of Awards in each Regional Federation shall consist of three voting members as follows:

The Regional Foundation Directors, one shall act as chairman of the Jury of Awards for their Federation.

The immediate Past President of the Regional Federation.

If for any justifiable reason, the membership of the Jury cannot conform to this outline, the very next eligible Past President, in reverse order, of the Regional Federation shall become a member of the Jury.

The Jury of Awards shall confer, in person or by mail, or (email) electronic communication upon the call of the Chairman and hopefully shall conclude its deliberations by January 15th of the year in which the award is to be made. The Award Winner shall be notified immediately by the Chairman of the Jury, informing him or her of the honor and his or her duties. Such notification must also be forwarded to the Foundation President, including information (vitae) on the Honoree. The Foundation President shall promptly confirm this notification to the Honoree.

Section III – Scholarship Grants

Annually the Foundation Treasurer, in collaboration with the Foundation President, will estimate the funds available for distribution to grantees during the next ensuing school year. When the amount has been established, it is to be divided by the total number of grants being issued and the quotient rounded downward in multiples of fifty dollars. This will be the amount of the grant per grantee.

In the event the amount of each grant is changed from the current amount, the Federation President will notify the Foundation Directors by written notice not later than November 15th of the fiscal year.

The Award Winners, with help of the institution(s) shall be urged to make their selection of the grantees as quickly as is reasonable and submit this information to the Foundation President before the current school year end, if possible. This will give the grantee time to properly plan with the grant for the next school session.

The Award Winner is to advise the Foundation President of the grantees selected and the Institution(s) selected to receive the grant(s) during the next ensuing school year and certify to the Foundation that the selected grantees conform to the following requirements:

The grantee may be of either sex, any color, creed, or national origin.

He or she must be a post graduate student working toward a Master's or Doctor's degree in any of the Earth Sciences. No undergraduates are eligible.

The grantee may not be related to any Officer, or Official having anything to do with making the selection.

The Social Security number or student number must be included along with the name and address of the contact person at the school, to whom the grant checks shall be sent.

This information should reach the Foundation President as soon as possible, but no later than August 1st for grants covering the ensuing school year.
Upon receipt of such the Foundation will then establish the grant, to be known as the AFMS Scholarship Grant, and will at the proper times, remit the determined sum to be named institution(s), for the benefit and use of the grantee, in name of the Foundation.

If, for any reason, a grantee fails to use the full amount of the grant, the unused portion may be granted to another eligible student who meets all of the required qualifications.

Section IV – Presentation of Honorary Awards

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation will provide an appropriate plaque for presentation to the Award Winners. While each Regional Federation may choose any method, it desires for presentation of the Honorary Award, it is recommended that it be given to the Award Winner at the Annual Convention Meeting or at the Awards Banquet at the Annual Meeting.

The introduction of the Award Winner and the presentation of the plaque may be done by the Regional President.

This Operating Procedure #1 unanimously adopted by the Board of directors, June 22, 1994, at Houston, Texas, and amended on July 8, 2004 at Syracuse, New York, cancels and replaces all previously enacted O.P.#1, with revisions adopted September 2, 1971, with subsequent revisions.

Operating Procedure #2

This Operating Procedure #1 is established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, with its By-Laws, Article X(a)

Nominating Committee

Whenever it appears that there will be need for election of one or more Officers of the Foundation, either at the regular Board Meeting, or by mail, or electronic communication the President of the Foundation shall appoint a Nominating Committee to select and present for the Board’s consideration, candidates for such office or offices.

Such committee shall consist of three members, selected among the Officers, Directors and/or Members of the Foundation; whenever possible one member shall be an Officer and the other two shall be Directors of the Foundation. The President shall designate one of the three to act as Chairman of the Committee.

Receive, review, sign and file all required Tax Returns and regulatory Forms and communications with the appropriate government agencies.

Correspond with Honorary Awardees. Included in this letter must be the following: Working toward a Master’s or Doctor’s degree. NO UNDERGRADUATES. Major must be in any area of the Earth Sciences. Women and men students are equally accepted. They need not be in actual want but should be reasonably in need of this assistance and worthy of it. We must have their Social Security Number or Student Number as that is how the school tracks the students.

We also need the name of the school’s contact person, along with their address, in order to forward the money. The President will correspond with the students.

Prepare changes to the By-Laws as needed and submit to the Secretary for disbursement to the Directors and/or Members as required.

All other duties required by the By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

With the aid of the Treasurer, make up a budget for the coming year, to be included in the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Vice President

Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or incapacity.

Assist the President in the appointment of all committees.

Other duties as required by the By-laws and Operating Procedures.

Make certain a suitable plaque is purchased to be presented to the AFMS Scholarship President at the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet, at the end of the term of office.

Secretary

Take minutes of all regular and special meetings.

Arrange for Honorary Awardee plaques.

Assist the President with correspondence.

Assist the President with agenda and arrange for its distribution.

Notify proper state agencies of any change to the registered agent.

Notify proper Federal and state agencies of changes to the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation, including the Secretary of the State of Minnesota, our State of Incorporation.

Maintain minutes and all legal documents and changes thereto.

Provide the AFMS Historian with copies of minutes, amendments, meeting agenda and all other legal documents.

Procure financial bonding of the Treasurer and any other officers who would handle money or assets as directed by the Board of Directors and maintain records of the same with copies to the Foundation President and Vice President.

Provide corporate resolutions to all necessary banks and financial entities.
The Committee shall be appointed as soon as possible after it becomes known to the President that a vacancy will occur, though not more than three months before the date of the election if it is to be held at a regular meeting.

The Committee shall act as it deems fit in the selection of candidates. However, it shall nominate only such persons as are qualified for the contemplated office under the By-Laws and who have signified their willingness to serve if elected.

The Board, in conducting the election of Officers, shall consider the candidates presented by the Committee, but may also consider candidates nominated from the floor, by mail (email) or electronic communication when balloting will be done by mail, provided these candidates are qualified and are certified as willing to serve if elected.

The Chairman of the Committee shall report the activity of the Committee to the Board of Directors at the succeeding Annual Meeting.

This Operating Procedure #2 adopted June 28, 1967, amended June 17, 2021

Operating Procedure #3

This Operating Procedure #3 is established by the Board of Directors in Accordance with the AFMS Scholarship By-Laws, Article X (a)

Travel Reimbursement

Travel expenses shall be reimbursed on a round trip basis.

The representatives of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation shall be:

- The President
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer

Representatives authorized to attend Scholarship meetings, and attending, shall be reimbursed at the cost of Air Coach Fare or at the currently established IRS business mileage rate. Whichever is less, less and reimbursement received from other Federations


Operating Procedure #4

This Operating Procedure #3 is established by the Board of Directors in Accordance with the AFMS Scholarship By-Laws, Article X (a)

Investment Committee

In accordance with Article IX of the Foundation By-Laws, and under authority granted the Board in Article VII (a) of the Foundation By-Laws, the board hereby establishes a committee to be called the investment committee.

The function of this Committee shall be to direct the Foundation Officers in the investment of the Foundation’s funds for the purpose of producing income, and such directions shall be permissive and as binding on the Officers as if issued by the Board of Directors.

The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and other persons with an understanding of financial investing. The other members are to be appointed annually by the President with approval of the other officers. Any of these persons may be terminated by action of the The Foundation President shall act as Chairman of the Committee.

Any investment action taken shall be with the approval of two (2) or more members of the Committee. All actions are to be strictly within the restrictions stated in Article VII (a) of the Foundation By-Laws.

The expenditure of funds, for investment purposes, when approved by the Investment Committee is exempt from restrictions stated in Article VII (c) of the Foundation By – Laws.


Operating Procedure #5

In accordance with Article IX of the Foundation By – Laws the Board hereby establishes an Operating Procedure for the duties of the officers and other committees of the Foundation.

Duties of Officers and Committees

President

- Oversee the operations of the Foundation.
- Preside over all meetings.
- Prepare an agenda for all meetings.
- Appoint committees with consultation with the Vice President.
- Assist in arranging audit reviews for the financial records in consultation with the Vice President and Treasurer of the Foundation. See By – Laws, Article VI (c)
- Forward all audit review reports to the AFMS Secretary for inclusion in the AFMS Annual Meeting Agenda.
- Receive, review, sign and file all required Tax Returns and regulatory Forms and communications with the appropriate government agencies.
- Correspond with Honorary Awardees. Included in this letter must be the following:
  - Working toward a Master’s or Doctor’s degree. NO UNDERGRADUATES.
  - Major must be in any area of the Earth Sciences
  - Women and men students are equally accepted
  - They need not be in actual want but should be reasonably in need of this assistance and worthy of it.
We must have their Social Security Number or Student Number as that is how the school tracks the students.

We also need the name of the school’s contact person, along with their address, in order to forward the money. The President will correspond with the students.

Prepare changes to the By-Laws as needed and submit to the Secretary for disbursement to the Directors and/or Members as required.

All other duties required by the By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

With the aid of the Treasurer, make up a budget for the coming year, to be included in the Annual Meeting Agenda.

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All other duties required by the By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

With the aid of the Treasurer, make up a budget for the coming year, to be included in the Annual Meeting Agenda.

**Vice President**

Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or incapacity.

Assist the President in the appointment of all committees.

Other duties as required by the By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

Make certain a suitable plaque is purchased to be presented to the AFMS Scholarship President at the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet, at the end of the term of office.

**Secretary**

Take minutes of all regular and special meetings.

Arrange for Honorary Awardee plaques.

Assist the President with correspondence.

Assist the President with agenda and arrange for its distribution.

Notify proper state agencies of any change to the registered agent.

Notify proper Federal and state agencies of changes to the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation, including the Secretary of the State of Minnesota, our State of Incorporation.

Maintain minutes and all legal documents and changes thereto.

Provide the AFMS Historian with copies of minutes, amendments, meeting agenda and all other legal documents.

Procure financial bonding of the Treasurer and any other officers who would handle money or assets as directed by the Board of Directors and maintain records of the same with copies to the Foundation President and Vice President.

Provide corporate resolutions to all necessary banks and financial entities.

**Treasurer**

Receive all funds of the Foundation and Deposit, without delay, only in official Foundation accounts.

Disburse funds only for approval expenditures with proper authorization of another officer.

Provide contributors with acknowledgement of their contributions with copies sent to the President.

Provide notification of Memorials to the Family of the deceased, with copy to the President.

Maintain books and records of all funds, investments, and disbursements, including an account for Contributions/Donations entitled “trust account”, an account for surplus investment income entitled “surplus account” and an account for operating expenses entitled “operating expenses”.

Have books and records ready and available for Audit Review within thirty (30) days from the end of the fiscal year.

Prepare all government regulatory forms and furnish completed forms and forward to the Audit Review office to be completed and forwarded to the President for signature.

Prepare both an interim (mid-year) and annual financial report. A copy is to be provided to the Foundation Officers and Directors with copies provided either by mail or presented at the Annual Meeting, but in no later than forty-five (45) days after its completion.
The Treasurer shall see that all bank signatures cards and investment account Corporate resolutions are revised with sixty (60) days of a change in the officers authorized to access such accounts.

With the aid of the President, make up a budget for the coming year to be included in the Annual Meeting Agenda.

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Operating Procedure #6

The Operating Procedure #6 is established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the AFMS Scholarship Foundation By – Laws, Article X (a).

Regional Directors

Directors approve the business of the Foundation and elect the Officers.

The Directors are: The two (2) members from each participating Regional Federations who are the Directors to the AFMS, plus the President and President – Elect of the AFMS who automatically become Directors.

Term of Office of Directors

From November 1st through the following October 31st.

Directors may succeed themselves.

Duties of the Foundation Directors

Select the Honorary Award Winner for your Federation. See O.P. #1, Honorary Awards

Attend the Annual Business Meeting of the Foundation Directors. See By-Laws, Article VI, Meetings. This meeting is held on the same day and follows the AFMS Business Meeting.

In addition to conducting the Foundation Business, the Directors elect the Foundation Officers, who are elected for two (2) year terms. The President is elected in the odd numbered years and the Secretary and Treasurer are elected in the even number years and may succeed themselves in office. The office of Vice President of the Foundation is automatically filled by the current AFMS President each year.

As Directors, you are responsible for publicizing the work of the Foundation. This includes providing your Regional Newsletter with pertinent information on the Foundation, your Honorary Award Winner and students selected.

The Foundation President will prepare a release listing all the Honorary Award Winners for the year and also listing the students as soon as they have been chosen.

Calendar for Scholarship Foundation Directors

Nov. 1st Take office for the year as Director from your Federation. Complete work on selection of Honorary Award Winner for the coming year.

Nov. 15th The AFMS Scholarship Foundation President must notify all Directors if there is a change in the amount of the grant for the coming year.

Jan. 15th Notify Honorary Award Winner and forward Vitae on him/her to the Foundation President. (include a photo if possible)

June 1st Obtain information from your Honorary Award Winner on school(s) and students selected and make sure a copy of this information has been provided for the Foundation President.

Your Annual Federation Banquet

Make Presentation of plaque to Honorary Award Winner. Often it is possible to have the students present. If unable to make the presentation at the banquet, arrange an appropriate ceremony for the presentation.

Annual AFMS Convention

Attend the Annual Business Meeting of the Foundation Directors, help immediately follow the AFMS Meeting.

Continuing

Obtain Nominees for your Honorary Award Winner for the coming year. Have a List of Nominees ready to turn over to your successor.

Oct. 31st Turn files over to your successor.

Operating Procedure #6 adopted July 8, 2004, at Syracuse, New York.

Operating Procedure #7

This Operating Procedure #7 is established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the AFMS Scholarship Foundation By – Laws.

Regional Scholarship Chairperson

This Operating Procedure is a guideline and does not supersede The Regional Operating Procedure concerning the Scholarship Chairperson.

Each Regional Scholarship Chairperson is an appointee of the Regional Federation and is not appointed by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. They are subject to the control of, and instruction from, the Regional Officers and not the Foundation Offices. Expenses are reimbursed to the Scholarship Chairperson by the Regional Federation.
Their Function is:

1. To encourage the Clubs, societies and individuals who are members of their Regional Federation to support the AFMS Scholarship Foundation with donations.
2. To allow the Scholarship Chairperson to accept donations from businesses within the boundaries of the Federation.
3. To receive donations and forward them to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer.
4. To keep a record of each Donor’s donations, either on a computer or in a ledger.
   a. The Chairperson’s records are the only place where each Donor’s record is kept. It is important, therefore, that these records be kept accurately, up-to-date and that the AFMS Scholarship Treasurer be notified.
   b. From time to time, donations are sent to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation officers, direct from Donors. The Regional Chairperson will be notified of all such donations, be letter or email, so that proper credit can be given to the Donor.
   c. To publicize the work of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation and support received from the clubs. This can be done by articles in the Regional Newsletter, listing contributions in the Newsletters, Manning a booth or table at the Regional Convention and Show.
   d. Acknowledge each donation promptly by letter, making a copy of the acknowledgement letter for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer. Attach the check to the copy and make. Do not hold for more than a week or two. Additionally, it would be helpful if the AFMS Scholarship President received copies of the letters acknowledging the donations and any and all letters written to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer. All correspondence for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation President may be sent by email.
   e. Upon opening mail be sure there is a proper address on the letter before destroying the envelope.
   f. As donations “In Memory” of deceased persons give the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer the name and address of the bereaved so the usual printed notification can be sent.

5. FOUNDER’S CERTIFICATE is issued to an individual or business that contributed $500 or more, either as one gift or cumulatively. The Scholarship Chairperson should keep records of such personal donations and notify the AFMS.

6. Prior to the Regional Federation Convention and Show each year certificates with the Donor Club’s names and the total amount donated for the year will be forwarded to the Regional Scholarship Chairperson for their signature and for the chair to present at the Award Banquet or Director’s Meeting.
   a. The Donor Certificates will be provided by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation President and Treasurer with their signatures. The certificates will be made out using the information furnished by the Regional Chairperson no less than six (6) weeks prior to the Regional Federation Convention and Show.
   b. A place for signature of the Regional Chairperson will be included.
   c. The Regional Scholarship Chairperson, along with the Regional President and Show Chairman, will make the decision as to where and when the certificates are given out.
   d. Year is defined as from the previous Regional Convention and Show date to six (6) weeks before the next Convention. This will give the AFMS Scholarship Foundation time to issue each Regional’s Certificates before their Convention.

Operating Procedure #7 adopted July 8, 2004, at Syracuse, New York.

Operating Procedure #8

This Operating Procedure #8 is established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the AFMS Scholarship Foundation By-Laws.

Honoree & Student Liaison

After the AFMS Scholarship President establishes each Regional Honoree, (See O.P.#1, Section 2, Juries of Awards, Paragraph#2): The Duties of the Liaison shall be:

A. Reports directly to the AFMS Scholarship President and works closely with the President on all matters pertaining to the honorees, students, and schools.
B. Corresponds with each regional honoree regarding the school and students the honoree has chosen.
C. Works with each honoree to establish a contact person at the chosen school.
D. Answer questions on the Scholarships from the honoree or students after consultation with the President of the Foundation.
E. Ascertains the following: the name, department, email, and telephone number of the contact person, and a physical address for the school chosen prior to the fall semester. Checks from the Foundation will be sent to the contact person and put into an account for the student. (Administration department in some schools take a fee for administrative costs – this is to be avoided if possible)
F. Ascertains the following: the name of the student the honoree is selecting, home or school address, email, telephone number and student I.D. or Social Security number that is used by the school to track the student, prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
G. Corresponds with the student once they have been chosen.
H. Notifies the AFMS scholarship Treasurer, who to make the checks out to and where and when they are to be sent.
I. Works with the AFMS Scholarship President to see the checks for the students are at the student’s school before school begins for the fall semester.
J. This position is a committee position with no compensation for duties rendered, except for office postage, telephone and out of pocket expenditures for office supplies. The budget will reflect this operation. Copies of bills for this operation will be sent to the AFMS Scholarship Treasurer.

Operating Procedure #8 adopted October 31, 2008, with a ballot by mail.
Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana, INC.
P.O. BOX 52973
New Orleans, LA. 70152

2022 AFMS & SCFMS

Registration Form
October 13, 14, 15, & 16, 2022
John A. Alario Center
2000 Westwego Blvd
Westwego, LA 70094

Name(s):_________________________________________ Phone:__________________________

Mailing Address:__________________________________________

Name of Club/Society:__________________________________________
Check all that apply:
Federation: AFMS ___ SCFMS ___ CFMS ___ MWF ___ EFMLS ___ NFMS ___ SFMS ___ RMFMS ___
Office: Chairman ___ Delegate ___ Alternate ___ Editor ___ Judge ___ Clerk ___ Other ___
Exhibitor: With Case Rental ($10): __________________ Without Case Rental: ______

NOTE: (Exhibitors must complete this form and the appropriate EXHIBITION ENTRY form)

Admission to the Show: Adult – $6.00 / Student, Member, Military – $3.00 / Under 12 – Free

WELCOME DINNER: Hosted by Westbank Grill - Fri, Oct 14, 6:30 pm. Number Attending: ______

BREAKFAST - Editors and Webmasters - (see next page for menu)
$25.00 per person (tax/ tip incl)  x Number _____ = Total $________

PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON - (see next page for menu)
$15.00 per person (tax/tip incl)  x Number _____ = Total $________

FEDERATION BANQUET - (see next page for menu)
$50.00 per person - Buffet Style (tax/ tip incl)  x Number _____ = Total $________

GRAND TOTALS________

Deadline for Advance Registration is October 1, 2022. Payments are non-refundable after October 1, 2022. Please make checks payable to GMSL and mail to Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana, PO Box 52973, New Orleans, LA 70152. Please inquire about PayPal options as well.

The Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana is a member of the South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. As defined by tax laws that govern our nation, the IRS has determined the Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana, INC. a 504(c)3 Corp.
South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Delegate Registration Form

Society Name ____________________________________________

City ________________________________ State ____________

Delegate ________________________________ (Please print name)

Delegate ____________________________________________ (Please print name)

Alternate ____________________________________________ (Please print name)

The above-named Delegates or Alternate have been chosen to represent this Society at the Annual Business Meeting of the South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies at the House of Delegates Meeting to be held at:

John A. Alario Center
2000 Segnette Blvd
Westwego, LA. 70094

Society Secretary ________________ Date: ______________

(signature)

Please Note: Delegates will only be allowed to vote if their Society is in good standing (see By Law, Article X - Eligibility).

Reference: Articles of Incorporation, Article III, Membership
By-Laws, Article XII, Credentials of Delegates
By-Laws, Article XIII, Use of Premises

This completed form must be returned to the SCFMS Credentials Committee Chair no later than One Hour before the Delegates Meeting.

If mailing prior September 14, 2022, mail to: Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana, PO Box 52973, New Orleans, LA 70152. If after September 14, please bring this completed form with you and turn it in at the Credentials Chair Table at the John A. Alario Center

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Proxy Delegate Registration

(Society Name)

City ______________________, State _____

does hereby appoint ____________________________ (Please print name)
as Proxy Delegate with full power to represent this Society at the annual House of Delegates Meeting of the South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies, to be held at Westwego, Louisiana, on October 14, 2022.

Secretary: ________________________________ (signature)

Date: ______________________

This completed form must be returned to the SCFMS Credentials Committee Chair no later than One Hour before the Delegates Meeting.

If mailing prior September 14, 2022, mail to: Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana, PO Box 52973. New Orleans, LA 70152 After September 14, 2022, please bring this signed form with you and give it to the Credentials Chair Credential Chair at the Credentials Check-in location.

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JUNIOR CASH AWARD ENTRY FORM

A Junior is defined as an exhibitor who is at least eight years old but has not yet reached the age of eighteen years as of the opening day of the show.

The completed form is due by September 14, 2022, and it must be signed and dated.
Mail the completed form to Show Committee:
Exhibit, PO Box 52973, New Orleans, LA 70152
or email the completed form to showcommittee@gmosofla.org Subject line: Exhibit

Name:__________________________ Phone:__________________________ Email:__________________________

Mailing Address:

_____________________________________________________________________________________

Name Club/Society:__________________________

Exhibit Space Required:__________________________
(Example: If the specimen is mounted on a piece of plastic that is 4 x 5 inches and the label is 2 x 4 inches then the exhibit will be 6 x 5 inches.)

Lillian Turner Junior Award Lillian Turner of Bethesda, Maryland donated monies to support this award. The Award will be a $100.00 Series “E” Bond to be presented with a ribbon denoting Outstanding Junior at a ceremony at the annual Awards Banquet.

Certification: I certify that I collected and performed all work on this specimen and that I am a member of an American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) club.

Junior Member’s Signature:__________________________ Date:__________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature:__________________________ Date:__________________________

More information regarding Uniform Rules of Exhibition can be found on the AFMS website at: https://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm

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COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

The completed form is due by September 14, 2022, and it must be signed and dated. Mail the completed form to Show Committee -
Exhibit, PO Box 52973, New Orleans, LA 70152
or email the completed form to showcommittee@gmsofia.org Subject line: Exhibit

Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________

Email: __________________________ Name of Club/Society: ______________________

Exhibitor Group:
Master ______ Advanced ______ Novice ______ Junior ______ Society Mem ______ Junior Mem ______

Division: ____________________________ Exhibitor Class: _______________________

There will be 24-hour building security. However GMSLA, SCFMS, AFMS, nor their affiliates assume any responsibility for loss or damage.

EXHIBIT CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION

I will use my own case: Yes ___ No ___

If using own case, its dimensions are: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

We offer case rentals at $10. Dimensions are 4' wide, 2' deep, and 2' high, slanted fronts. Do you need a case provided? Yes ___ No ___

All cases will be assigned space on tables 30” high. Bring your own risers if needed. If your case has its own stand, please let us know: ____________________________

Exhibit Set up Time: Thursday, October 13, 8am to 8pm.

By signing below, I have read the current AFMS Uniform Rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that Competitive Exhibitors are to be Society Members in good standing and eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the Rules. (The Rules are available at: http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm) I agree to leave my exhibit on display until 4:00pm Sunday, October 16, 2022.

Exhibitor Signature: ____________________________ Date: _______________________

Print Name: ____________________________ (If Junior Entry, date of birth: ________)

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Comfort Inn Marrero
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Candlewood Suites Avondale
3079 US-90, Avondale, LA 70094 504.875.3500

Suburban Extended Stay Hotel
3051 US-90, Avondale, LA 70094 504.324.4900

Red Roof Inn New Orleans - Westbank
3750 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, LA 70058 504.348.1262

Hampton Inn & Suites New Orleans-Elmwood/Clearview Parkway Area
5150 Mounes Street Harahan, LA 70123 504-733-5646

Campgrounds and State Parks

Bayou Segnette State Park 888-677-2296

NOTE: Did not have room this month for the President’s Letter, the Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Form, The Convention Schedule, and a listing of the meal menus, but they will be included in the June issue. Meanwhile, I will send upon request to afmseditor@gmail.com an attachment showing a scanned image of any of the above or a copy of the entire packet. Please specify.

Sue Webb, Editor.
What exactly does that title mean? 6824 to -6.5 to 20? Let me give you a hint—the numbers are a unit of measurement—feet. Another hint—elevation!

Any ideas? Well..... if you thought about two different elevations—that would be correct!

Yes, the road from the 2021 AFMS convention in Big Piney, WY to the 2022 AFMS convention in New Orleans, LA, has an elevation change—an average of 6,811 feet difference.

However, many of the guests to the AFMS will be traveling from points with or through higher elevational changes. Mountains in the Cascade Range, such as Mount Rainier in Washington and Mount Shasta in California have elevations over 14,000 feet. Mount Whitney, in the Sierra Nevada Range in California has an elevation of approximately 14,500 feet. In the Southern Rocky Mountains, Mount Elbert and Pikes Peak both located in Colorado, also have elevations greater than 14,000 feet.

In the east, Mount Washington located in the Northern Appalachians in New Hampshire reaches a height greater than 6,000 feet in elevation. Mount Marcy, part of the Canadian Shield in New York peaks at an elevation of approximately 5,350 feet, while Mount Mitchell, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina peaks at close to 6,700 feet.

To sidetrack, many of you must have heard of a mountains prominence. Prominence is a topographic term that refers to the elevation summit relative to the surrounding terrain. Elevation measures the height of the summit above sea level.

The ten (10) highest mountains in the United States are all located in Alaska with Denali in the Alaskan Range having an elevation of 20,310 feet and a prominence of 20,150 feet. Denali is the third highest mountain in the world, following Mount Everest in the Himalayas at an elevation and prominence of 29,029 feet and Aconcagua in the Andes at an elevation and prominence of 22,841 feet.

For instance, to find the prominence of a peak, besides looking it up on the internet, you need to find the next higher peak to your peak, then locate the saddle between them. The low point of any ridge is called a saddle or a pass. The saddle is the highest topographic contour that encloses both peaks. For example, Denali has an approximate elevation of 20,310 feet but a prominence of 20,150 feet. The next higher peak is Aconcagua, in the Andes and the saddle between them is the Continental Divide in Nicaragua. The 143-foot contour encloses both peaks and two continents.

There is no higher peak on the Eurasian-African land mass, so Mount Everest’s prominence is equal to its elevation. The same applies to Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Americas, Vinson Massif in Antarctica and Mauna Loa in Hawaii. Please note the mountains described previously are known as the highest mountains, not the tallest mountains. The volcanoes of the Hawaiian Islands are much taller; they rest in the bottom of one of the deepest points in the Pacific Ocean. All mountains are connected to all other mountains by a network of ridges. The immediate higher mountain is called a 'parent'. A string of parents is called a 'lineage'. All lineages lead to the land mass highest mountain.

The most prominent mountain in the east is Mount Mitchell with over 6,000 feet of prominence. The lineage of the Mount Mitchell is in the Rocky Mountains.

Back to the road from Big Piney to New Orleans!

The area of Big Piney and Marbleton, host to both the RMFMS and AFMS in June of 2021, has a history rich in both mountain men and cowboy lore.

For a few hundred years prior to the arrival of whites in the 1800s, the area of Big Piney was a summer home to Shoshone Indians. The area was also a crossroads for other tribes. The lands of the area were claimed by various countries in the 1700–1800’s including Spain, France, Mexico, and the United States. The area was part of the area purchased from France by the US in 1803 in the Louisiana Purchase. A member of the Lewis & Clark expedition, John Colter, was the first white person to enter the area now known as the State of Wyoming. He first described the geysers of the area now known as Yellowstone which became known as Colter’s Hell because of the steam and heat. Over the years, fur traders and trappers—later known as Mountain Men, settled the area. In the 1800s others began to travel through the area on their travel westward along the Oregon Trail. For a short period in the 1860’s, the Pony Express ran through what is now Wyoming but was shortly replaced by the telegraph. Many more travelers settled the area with the arrival of the Union Pacific Railroad. Much of the area was still the Wild West. Cattle ranchers settled in the area; cowboys worked the herds. Butch Cassidy hid out in the area and robbed the railroad! At the same time, Native Americans were upset with the settling of people on their lands. The Lakota and Cheyenne Native Americans under Red Cloud and Crazy Horse fought the US in Red Cloud’s War. After losing the war, they were forced to live on reservations.

Big Piney was named by Daniel B. Budd for the Piney Creeks—North, Middle and South—that flow off the east flank of the Wyoming Range to join the Green River. In 1879, with plans for shipping cattle from Nevada to markets east, Budd and Hugh McKay, came through the area when they trailed in a thousand heads of cattle. They wanted to ship the cattle Point of Rocks in south-central Wyoming Territory on the Union Pacific Railroad. Big Piney became incorporated in July of 1913. The area of Big Piney however had an issue with drainage and boggy areas, especially in the spring. Budd’s oldest son hoped to move the town to a higher elevation to avoid issues with the drainage and established Marbleton in late 1913 and incorporated in 1914. The two towns never did merge politically although only a mile apart. Drilling for oil started in the area in 1910, with various successes and busts. Big Piney and Marbleton celebrate their heritage, focusing especially on cowboy culture with rodeos throughout the years, and especially of the Fourth of July, with its Chuckwagon Days.
The area of New Orleans, host to both the SCFMS and AFMS Conventions in October of 2022 has a history rich in both French, Spanish and African-American influences.

The first inhabitants of the area of New Orleans were the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and still live on a section of their original homeland approximately two hours from New Orleans on a reservation located near Charenton. It was the members of Hernando de Soto’s expedition who described Indian villages along the Mississippi River. It is believed that Native Americans lived in the area at least 10,000 years prior to the European explorers, Historians believe the population of native Americans in the early 1700s was approximately 15,000 with 22 distinct languages spoken. This number decreased due to new diseases brought by white settlers, wars and government-forced displacement to reservations.

The indigenous people called the land around New Orleans, Balbancha – land of many tongues. The Mississippi River was the “Fathers of Water” and Okwata-the Big water or the wild water, would later be named Lake Pontchartrain. The lake was formed between 2800-4000 years ago and is actually a brackish estuary with an average depth of 13 feet. The lake is home to various fish, shellfish, pelicans, ducks and other waterfowl. It is one of largest wetlands in the United States. The lake was named in 1699 after Louis Phélypeaux, comte de Pontchartrain, a French Politian. It was his son Jerome who championed the exploration of the area. Jerome served under King Louis XIV, the “Sun King” as France’s Secretary of State and Navy Minister.

New Orleans, and its port is located 100 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi River. New Orleans is a land mass located between the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain, and is defined and shaped by waterways. Nicknamed the Crescent City because of its quarter-moon shape, New Orleans was isolated from the mainland for close to 250 years before a bridge was built to unite the city to the mainland.

The explorer Robert Cavelier de La Salle in 1682 claimed the land of present day Louisiana for the French Crown. La Nouvelle-Orleans was founded by Jean- Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville in 1718. He named the city in honor of Philip II, Duke or Orleans, a member of the royal family. It was largely through Bienville’s leadership that the French colony of Louisiana (named after King Louis XIV) survived and prospered.

Bienville was born in Montreal, Canada. He, along with an older brother explored the area of Hudson Bay region and the next year the mouth of the Mississippi River. He explored the lower Mississippi in 1699 and the Red River in 1700. He learned many of the Native Americans’ languages. In 1701 he became governor of Louisiana and transferred the colony to Mobile which he founded in 1717. He founded New Orleans in 1718 and made it his capital in 1722.

France signed treaties ceding Louisiana to Spain in 1762 and 1763 during the French Indian War to avoid the British from controlling the area. It was under the Spanish colonial period that Nueva Orleans became an important trading and cultural center, trading with Cuba, Mexico and other far points. Due to a disastrous period of fires in the late 1700’s, the village of wooden houses became a city of brick houses with wrought -iron balconies and patios. Cemeteries became above-ground. Since New Orleans is at or below sea level, with a high water table, the risk of a body being placed in-ground becoming water-logged or displaced from the ground was the reason, the people of New Orleans have generally used above-ground tombs.

Spanish racial rules were also adopted that allowed for a growth of a class of free people of color. In 1803, the area reverted back to the French. Less than 20 days later, Napoleon sold the area that was to become known as the Louisiana Purchase to the United States for $15 million.

New Orleans fought in the final battle of the War of 1812 led by Colonel Andrew Jackson, along with a group of pirates, former enslaved African American and Tennessee Volunteers to defeat a British force outside the city. One of the pirates included Jean Lafitte, a privateer and smuggler who fought to defend New Orleans.

Creoles were defined in the 18th century as being French or Spanish descendants born in the colony. The Cajuns (Acadians) settled originally in Nova Scotia 350 years earlier and were exiled by the British. They settled in southern Louisiana in the swamps and bayous.

New Orleans would become the wealthiest and third largest city in the United Stated during the first half of the 19th century. The port shipped produce to foreign lands; sold thousands of enslaved people in its market. Until 1830, many of the inhabitants spoke French.

New Orleans was the largest city in the Confederacy at the beginning of the Civil War, but it was only a year until Union troops, having captured its downriver defenses, took the city unopposed. It was the rise of the railroads that made shipping on the Mississippi River less necessary, but the city remained a powerful port.

By 1900, the city of New Orleans grew as pump technology drained the low-lying swamps located on the riverside crescent and Lake Ponchartrain. The city would remain under the French, Spanish and African -American influences.

Mardi Gras–French for Fat Tuesday has been celebrated by medieval Europe from Rome and Venice to the French House of Bourbon. It is celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and marks the close of a pre-Lenten season. It was the custom to use all the fats in a home before Lent in preparing to fast and abstain from meats.

Bienville arrived in 1699 at a plot of land approximately 60 miles south of New Orleans and named it “Pointe du Mardi Gras when the men in his expedition realized it was the eve of the festive holiday. Mardi Gras “Carnival” appeared in a report to the Spanish governing body in 1781. 1870 produced the first recorded account of Mardi Gras thrones. In 1872, a group of businessmen invented a King of Carnival, Rex to preside over the first daytime parade in honor of the visiting Russian Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff and utilized the Romanoff’s family colors as the Carnival’s official colors. Gold stands for power; green for faith and purple for justice. In 1875, the Mardi Gras Act was signed by Governor Warmoth, making Fat Tuesday a legal holiday in Louisiana.
Due to the geography of New Orleans and its isolation, the area had distinctive developments in music and cuisine. Jazz music was born and the jazz funerals became part of the tradition. Jazz Funerals are traditionally reserved for prominent African-American male community members. After the funeral service, a procession of musicians, funeral directors, family, and friends moves from the site of the funeral to the cemetery while marching to the beat of a brass band. New Orleans is a city formed by superstitions and traditions of the French, Spanish, Creoles, Cajuns, enslaved people and the free people of color.

On the road form Big Piney to New Orleans you will also discover the differences in climate and population.

In 1930, when a weather station was placed in Big Piney, it held the title of “Ice Box of the Nation”, with the coldest year-round temperatures in the lower 48 of the United States. They lost the title in 1948. New Orleans has a humid subtropical climate. It is characterized by very hot and humid summers and a cool to mild winter.

The population of Big Piney and Marbleton in 2020 was 508 and 1,102, respectively. The current metropolitan population of New Orleans in 2022 is 1,005,000. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devasted the area of New Orleans. The morning Category 3 storm had sustained winds of 100-140 miles per hour and stretched over 400 miles. It would become a Category 5 hurricane with winds of 175 miles per hour. It was the third-strongest hurricane to hit the US., leaving over 1,800 people dead and millions homeless.

Remember when traveling to New Orleans that it is the Central time zone.

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is located 11 miles west of downtown New Orleans in Kenner, Jefferson Parish.

For those of you interested in taking the road to New Orleans – please see the table below. All information was gathered from google maps:

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Safety - WTF

Safety - Wow, that's fun (WTF). When we back our cars out of the driveway, we (should) look back behind the car first. When we cross the street, we (should) look both ways before crossing.

Crossing the street can be a complicated task. Is there a pedestrian crossing or guard? Is it a two-lane road or a six lane? Is there a traffic light, a "walk"/"don't walk" signal? Are there typically eight to ten cars per minute passing by, or eight to ten cars per hour? Do the cars honor the red color traffic control device where red means stop? Crossing-the-street skills are taught, stressed, practiced, practiced and practiced some more until they become second nature, done without much conscious thought.

We study driving manuals, grinding machine instructions, rock-cleaning chemical labels, safety-exit maps and all manner of safety guidelines in our great hobby. We memorize them, understand them, utilize them so much that their content becomes second nature. Whether we are crossing the street or using the rock saw, we do not constantly refer back to the instructions. In those instances, our safety training works in the background while we enjoy the walk or take pleasure in slapping the stone. In other words, we are being safe as well as experiencing the Wow, that's fun!

In a perfect world, we would have read, studied, had a class or otherwise have learned to be safe, and then applied that learning. In an imperfect world, traffic signals sometime don't work well or an important part of the rock saw malfunctions or breaks—and we, all of a sudden, need to make judgements as to how to stay safe.

Safety is being prepared ahead of time with the appropriate learning, and having available common sense, judgement, experience, thoughtfulness, understanding and, sometimes, a sense of urgency to respond when our prior learning is insufficient.

For the unexpected, it helps to have another person nearby within earshot; to have, or have available, a person with a variety of experiences which might help; a telephone or cell phone available with emergency numbers to call; a plan B, C, D, E; an instruction book, just in case; and an understanding that it is wise to expect the unexpected.

We all want one another to be safe. We all want the unexpected. In case; and an understanding that it is wise to expect the unexpected. An education to call; a plan B, C, D, E; an instruction book, just in case; and an understanding that it is wise to expect the unexpected.

Something that I borrowed from another club's bulletin was to start an "Editor's Quiz". Near the end of the bulletin, back on page 6 among the various reports, I ask a question for adult members and another for junior members. The answer to the questions can be found in that month's bulletin, and readers are asked to email their answer to the editor (me) at the email address I list. For example, in a recent bulletin the Junior's Question was "What brand of ink is most suitable for use with metal etching stamp pads?" and the Adults' Question was "Which were the last species of Trilobite to survive, and what caused their extinction?" The response has been excellent. About 10% of the club send in answers and the first and second person to answer get token rock prizes and recognition at the program meeting.

What have you done to measure the readership or to poll your club for what they want to see in your bulletin? If you will tell me what works for you, I'd like to share your successes with our editors and club leaders! Email me at mnelson@me.com.

Editors Forum – At the 2022 AFMS Convention in New Orleans S.C.R.I.B.E. (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors) will host a bulletin editors forum. This will be a short (less than an hour) opportunity for editors of rock and mineral bulletins to exchange ideas of things they find successful, and to ask other editors what tips they might have to make bulletins more interesting, overcome software issues, what support they have or need from club leaders and anything else of interest to an individual editor! Editors are encouraged to print extra copies of their club's bulletin to put on the exchange table, and editors who would like to start an exchange group will be able to list their emails, name and club at this event!

We talked about doing this sort of idea exchange at the AFMS Convention in Albany, Oregon, and I encourage your ideas to make this meaningful to YOU!

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Rockhound of the Year
Judi Allison, AFMS RoY Chair

Eastern Federation
Morris Museum Mineralogical Society would like to nominate Joseph Molnar as our Rockhound of the Year. Joe, a longtime (50 years) and dedicated member, supports the club in many ways. He is an enthusiastic volunteer for every educational venture, presenter at our Show & Tell, and often gives related mineral samples to attendees. Joe has long been a coordinator of MMMS’s “tricky tray,” especially by handling tickets and monies at our most important fundraiser. His is meticulous in organizing and preparing mineral and fossil specimens to give to museum patrons attending our two annual mineral sales. Joe always volunteers to clean the museum’s mineral gallery, hundreds of minerals, and large cases. Most importantly, he is very well liked, respected, has a kind heart, and is a good soul. Thank you Joe! Kathy Francis, President, Morris Museum Mineralogical Society

The Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club has selected Andrew Eppig for our Club Rockhound of the Year honor. Andrew and his family have been members since 2018. Andrew is always willing and ready to help at Rocks4Kids, the annual show, presentations at meetings and with most anything asked of him! He documents club events with his photographs and amazing videos. He goes above and beyond when participating in club activities! Loving club field trips, he always brings a camera, knowledge and good energy! Andrew’s latest contribution is serving as our 2022 Vice President. We appreciate our Rockhound of the Year, Andrew Eppig, and all his hard work! Thanks Andrew! Submitted by Brittany Martin, CPRMC President

California Federation
Dean and Denise Sizemore of the Reno Gem & Mineral Society are our Rockhounds of the Year for so many good reasons. I’m sure I’ll leave something out. First of all, Dean has presided over our society since Covid hit, and he has valiantly held the society together through Zoom meetings for both General and Board meetings—holding fast to the message on his hat: NO PROBLEMA. Further, he has insisted upon regular communication among board members, redefining the role of members at large to be a welcoming face to visitors and show them around the meeting. He has encouraged classes and held open houses at our headquarters location and done all this despite huge health challenges. He annually dons the RGMG Santa suit—stuffed with lots of pillows to bulk out his slim frame—for our annual Holiday party. He oversaw a significant revision of society bylaws—all done electronically—and has appointed members to jobs that were in some cases held by members for years and in other cases, jobs left vacant for too long. As a result of Dean’s selfless gift of hours and hours of time, RGMG is running as a vibrant, efficient organization of some 700 souls as of December’s membership count. His wife, Denise, has shouldered the important tasks of secretarial work as he goes off to distant parts. Denise assisted with the monthly door prize arrangements and worked to set up our online auction—activities that have kept RGMG afloat financially through Covid. She also hosts and revised the procedures for our annual picnic and for our holiday party to comply with Covid restrictions. The message on her hat justly reads “Awesome.” All of this she has managed while being Dean’s strong and faithful helpmate throughout his health challenges. RGMS is fortunate to have Dean and Denise. Submitted by: Suzanne Webb, Editor, The Conglomerate & Alternate CFMS Rep.

Nipper Mounts’ Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

I hadn’t heard of “Nipper Mounts” before, and when I came upon an article in a 1963 Rocks and Minerals Magazine about them, I thought you might find it interesting too.

In the summer of 1951, some rockhound friends went on a road trip from Northern Maine to New York State to meet up with a mineral collector like themselves. His name was Mr. Ray Letson, who was known to have a very fine mineral collection. It was very common to swap minerals with other collectors back then, and people were so eager to share. What the travelers were especially impressed by were Ray’s, “Nipper Mounts.” For the mineral collector living in an apartment with little room to display or hold their ever growing earthly collections, the idea of making or collecting “Nipper Mounts” was ideal. The name came from using a pair of nippers to nip off a small specimen from a larger specimen. The specimen was glued onto a 1” to 2” card with the name of the mineral and its locality. Ray enjoyed making these to sell and giving them to the Boy Scouts. The travelers created their own form of “Nipper Mounts.” In their criteria they used minerals which were ¾” to 1 ¼” long mounted on clear flat plastic. Later they created upright and upside-down “U” shapes made of clear plastic to display some of their specimens better. Some of their friends liked to display their “Nipper Mounts” on golf tees. Every time the travelers entered competitions at rock and gem shows, they won awards for their “Nipper Mounts.” The travelers commented, “Next to micromounts, “Nipper Mounts” are the most perfect of the works of the Great Mineralist, but unlike micromounts these may be seen with the naked eye, thus are more easily shared with others. Everyone who sees them finds them interesting, beautiful, and is completely captivated by them.”

Final Call for AACA
Mary Boedtderfer, AFMS AACA Chair

Happy Spring! I just wanted to remind everyone that the deadline for the All-American Club awards is coming up on June 1st. If you’ve ever wanted to create a snapshot of your club’s activities for the past year, here’s your chance! These yearbooks are a great way to showcase your clubs’ activities, members, events, show, etc. The nice thing about these awards is you’re not competing against anyone else, simply trying to make the best yearbook you can.

Since this yearbook is covering 2021, we will still have all our new Pandemic Points still in play. This means you can show off all the unique ways your club kept going strong despite the challenges we all faced. If you’re computer savvy the yearbook can be created as a PDF. But you’re also welcome to make a physical book, if you’d rather have a big scrapbook making party! Over the past few years, I’ve seen the number of entries continue to drop. I understand a project like this takes a lot of time and effort, so it can be daunting to take on. So, I would be curious to hear of any suggestions you have to try and make this activity more accessible or more fun to participate in.

I look forward to seeing your amazing entries! If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know at writtenin-wood@gmail.com or contact your regional chairs.

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AFMS Committees: 2021–22

Here is the Committee Chairs list for 2021-22. You can contact these people if you need information, have questions or to share ideas with them. Please note that the @ sign in the email address has been replaced by the word “at” to foil bots that collect email addresses.

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AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner’s permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule,” will use “Good Outdoor Manners” and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

Upcoming AFMS and Regional Federation Conventions

from Walt Beneze

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