



Rocky Mountain Federation of
Mineralogical Societies

2019-2020 Annual Report

June 20, 2020
Wyoming, USA

Hosted by
Sublette County
Rock Hounds

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All Rocky Mountain Federation Clubs, Officers and Committee Chairs:

It is my privilege to extend an invitation to all member clubs, Federation officers and Committee Chairs to attend the 2020 RMFMS Convention to be held June 19-21 in Wyoming. Our hosts are the members of the Sublette County Rock Hounds and their President, Jim Gray.

The RMFMS Executive Committee will meet Friday, June 19, at 1 pm at the Southwest Sublette Pioneers Senior Center, located at 429 East First Street in Marbleton, WY. Please note the Gem Show is being held in the Event Center at Sublette County Fairgrounds, which is north of Marbleton.

The House of Delegates will meet Saturday, June 20, at 1 pm at the Southwest Sublette Pioneers Senior Center located at 429 East First Street in Marbleton, WY. The House of Delegates Meeting is where all RMFMS business is conducted.

Each club is entitled to two votes on Federation business at the Delegates Meeting. Your Club should have two delegates at the meeting representing your Club. Each Delegate should have a Delegates Form, signed by the Secretary of the Club, either sent to the Credentials Chair two weeks before the meeting, or brought to the meeting and presented to the Credentials Committee before the meeting.

If no member of your club can attend, you are encouraged to fill out a Proxy Form and assign your votes to another person who will be attending. A good person to ask to do this would be your State Director, if they are attending, or another RMFMS Officer. Again, this must be done before the meeting so a tally for a quorum can be established. Delegate Forms and Proxy forms are at the back of this packet. They are also on the RMFMS web page.

Please have your Delegates bring a copy of this Annual Report to the Delegates Meeting. It contains the Meeting's Agenda.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the CDC recommended restrictions I will not be traveling to Wyoming.

Wayne Cox,
RMFMS Secretary

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies
House of Delegates Meeting Agenda

June 20, 2020
Marbleton, Wyoming USA

Opening

- A. Welcome and Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Recognition of VIPs Present
- D. Memorial Tributes
- E. Report from Credential Committee
- F. Minutes from Last Meeting
- G. Treasurer's Report

Reports from Officers

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Historian
- F. Past Presidents

Reports from State Directors

- A. Arizona/Nevada
- B. Colorado
- C. Kansas
- D. New Mexico/Texas
- E. North Dakota
- F. Oklahoma/Arkansas
- G. South Dakota/Nebraska
- H. Utah
- I. Wyoming

Committee Reports:

- A. All American Club Contest
- B. ACROY - Club Rockhound of the Year
- C. Boundaries
- D. Club Publications Contest
- E. Convention Chair
- F. Credentials
- G. Editor
- H. Finance Committee
- I. Fluorescent Technical Committee
- J. Fossil Technical
- K. Insurance

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- L. Junior Program
- M. Lapidary Technical Committee
- N. Long-Range Planning Committee
- P. Mineral Technical Committee
- Q. Name Badges Committee
- R. Nominating Committee
- S. Parliamentarian
- T. Permanent Address
- U. President's Hat Committee
- V. Program Contest
- W. Program Library
- X. Public Relations Committee
- Y. Ribbons Committee
- Z. RMFMS Convention Advisor
- AA. Scholarship
- AB. Supplies
- AC. Trademark Control and Use
- AD. Treasurer
- AE. Trophies and Stationery
- AF. Uniform Rules Committee
- AG. Webmaster
- AH. Website Contest Committee
- AI. Public Land Advisory Committee (PLAC)
 - 1. Arizona/Nevada
 - 2. Colorado
 - 3. Kansas
 - 4. Nebraska
 - 5. New Mexico/Texas
 - 6. North Dakota
 - 7. Oklahoma/Arkansas
 - 8. South Dakota
 - 9. Utah
 - 10. Wyoming

Unfinished Business

New Business

Resolutions

Adjourn

House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies
August 3, 2019
Prescott, Arizona

The meeting was opened by RMFMS President Liz Thomas. Wayne Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Judy Beck.

VIPs recognized in attendance were: Doug True, AFMS President; Bob Carlson; Bill Smith; Judy Beck; Richard Jaeger; DeLane Cox; and Josie Middleton.

A welcome was given by President Thomas. She then asked for Memorials from the audience. DeLane Cox read the list the Secretary had received. Wayne asked that all memorials given by audience members be given to him in writing. They will be published with the Meeting Minutes.

Pres. Thomas then called for the Credentials Report. Bill Smith reported of the 80 clubs in the Federation, 40 were certified as represented, and this includes 23 proxy forms. This fulfils the meeting quorum of two-thirds of total clubs represented.

President Thomas called for the Secretary's Minutes of the last meeting. Since the Minutes were included in the Annual Report, Bob Carlson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes, motion seconded by DeLane Cox. Motion approved. A couple of corrections were noted. Motion was made by Bob Regner to accept Minutes as corrected, seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was called for. Gene Maggard said his financial report was in the Annual Report. He said this Federation has 11,153 members, and is in financial good shape. Due to an increase in cost of our insurance company, the club liability Insurance will increase for each member from \$.60 to \$.65 next year. Our investment funds are in two CDs and one Vanguard Fund. Gene estimates the income investment accounts will have made approximately \$4,000 by the end of this year. The 2018 investment income of \$3,474 was donated to the AFMS Scholarship Fund. Motion to accept report by Bill Smith, second by Bob Carlson. Motion is approved.

Executive Officer's Reports

President – in the packet

Vice Pres.- no report

Secretary's Report – in the packet

Treasurer's report– in the packet

Historian's report-in the packet

Past Presidents report-no report

State Directors Reports

Arizona/ Nevada-Jodi Brewster said Arizona has one new club, West Valley from Buckeye, AZ, that has just joined the Federation.

Colorado – Kathy Honda gave her report and handed out printed copies.

Kansas-Bill Smith said Topeka is forming a new club. This is in addition to the club it has now.

New Mexico/Texas-Bob Carlson, Report is in the packet

North Dakota-not present

Oklahoma-Cecilia Evans could not make the meeting. Her flight was canceled.

South Dakota/ Nebraska-Sony Hemscher not present.

Wyoming-Stan Strike reports two new clubs. The 2020 RMFMS Convention will be hosted by Big Piney, Wyoming, club.

Utah-not present

Committee Reports

All American Club Contest- DeLane Cox reported one submission this year. She explained the contest and asked more clubs to submit next year.

Club Rockhound of the Year – Sheri Johnson said she is looking to have more clubs submit nominations.

Boundaries - Bill Smith, Report in packet

Publications Contest - Richard Jaeger reported the Editors/Webmasters breakfast went well.

He handed out awards for Linda, whose flights were canceled.

Finance Committee - Wayne Cox, report is in packet.

Long-Range Planning Committee - Judy Beck brought proposed changes from the Executive Committee to be discussed and voted on.

1. The first change is to alter the Secretary's requirement to send out documents and Convention Annual Report from 60 days in advance to 30 days in advance. The Executive Committee recommended approval of this measure. Discussion followed. Motion to accept by Bob Carlson, second by Bill Smith. Motion approved.
2. The second proposal was to give the Vice President the job of oversight of the State Directors. Discussion followed, with some State Directors in agreement and some disagreeing. The Executive Committee recommended not passing this change. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by Bill Smith, seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion was approved. The proposal was denied.
3. Third change was a proposal to change any RMFMS Contest to say "RMFMS" instead of "AFMS." The rationale was that RMFMS presents awards and they should have our names on the contests. Although RMF contests follow AFMS rules, winners from RMFMS then go to AFMS for judging again. Executive Committee recommends not to approve. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by Marvin Sawain. Second by Bill Smith. Motion approved, one vote against. Change denied.
4. Another change suggested was to change the name of the Fluorescent Mineralogical Technical Committee to just Fluorescent Technical Committee to agree with the other Technical committees. Discussion followed. Executive Committee recommended to not approve. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by Cinda Kunkler, second by Bob Carlson. Motion approved. Change denied.
5. The Website Contest Operating Procedure has been needed. This has been submitted. LRPC recommends accepting with some corrections. Executive Committee recommends accepting. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by DeLane Cox, second by Curtis Bellew. Motion approved, one vote against.

Time for a break. We took a 15 minute break.

Name Badges-Richard Jaeger says he thinks he is all caught up. If anyone still needs a badge, please see him.

Program Library-Gene Maggard says the Library is not being well utilized. There are many slide programs that are basically unusable and need to be done away with. However, the Executive Committee would like to see if any are salvageable, and possibly see if a small college might have a program to transfer slides to DVD. Two people agreed to check with their local college to see if this is a viable possibility. These people were;

Steve - from West Valley, and Colleen - from Prescott club.

Public Relations-DeLane Cox reports she is putting suggestions in RMFMS newsletter for clubs to use to get publicity for their club.

Ribbons - Peggy Sue Moore has the ribbons here for the weekend, and the RMFMS ribbons were green to match the Prescott club colors.

Convention Advisor-Richard Jaeger said the Prescott club had done an excellent job, and they are to be congratulated on the great Show and meetings. He would like to recommend that the RMFMS develop some guidelines for clubs who are hosting the Convention so they will know more about what needs to be done.

Scholarship - Richard Jaeger received a check for \$950 from the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society in appreciation for getting their out-of-boundaries problem settled. (Many thanks, SNGMS!.) Richard also gave a brief description of the scholarship program that AFMS has, which includes two \$4,000 scholarships to each of six Federations that participate in the program. (Southeast Federation has their own scholarship program.)

Trophies and Stationery - Bob Carlson said he brought the trophies that will be awarded at the banquet tonight. He has RMFMS stationery for anyone who needs it.

Uniform Rules Committee-Leon Reeder reported judging was done on the cases at the show, and awards will be presented tonight. He said he would like to have a class at the next convention to teach judging techniques because the Federation is getting short of judges and it will help establish better cases.

Webmaster - Joel Johnstone said the website is looking good. He would love to have more information sent to him and he will publish it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gene Maggard said that each club should be receiving three newsletters. It is up to the club to designate a person to forward copies to all members. The same person can send out the AFMS newsletter to each club member when it arrives.

President Thomas reported the problem with California Federation and RMFMS with the out-of-boundaries dispute has been settled. She received a letter from California and has sent copies to all Executive Committee members and to all AFMS Executive Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

With a settlement of the California out-of-boundaries dispute, the Southern Nevada Club has proposed they host the RMFMS convention in 2022. They would have the Show May 7 & 8 in Boulder City, Nevada. (Big Cheer!). Motion to accept the 2022 Convention location by Richard Jaeger, seconded by Jodi Brewster. Motion approved.

As already approved, Pres. Thomas announced the 2020 RMFMS Convention will be hosted by the Big Piney, Wyoming, Club. It will be June 19 - 21.

Also already approved is the 2021 convention, which is the combination AFMS and RMFMS meeting. It will be held April 16 – 18, 2021, in Sandy, Utah.

Bill Smith said he would like to see a change the number of Delegates required for the RMFMS House of Delegates meeting. He said other Federations do not require so many people to attend. Pres. Thomas ask him to submit a proposal to the LRPC.

The Nominating Committee, headed by Richard Jaeger, made the following proposal for next year's officers:

President-Bob Regner

Vice President- Sheri Johnson

Secretary-Wayne Cox

Treasure-Gene Maggard

State Directors:

Arizona – Jodi Brewster

Kansas – Bill Smith

N. Dakota – Russ Olinger

S. Dakota/Nebraska – Sony Hemscher

Richard asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were given. Before a vote was taken, DeLane Cox reminded the Nominating Committee that last year a change was made, making the Secretary and Treasurer positions two-year terms, and they were elected for two years at that time. Therefore they do not get elected this year.

Motion to accept nominations by acclamation by Bob Carlson, second by Jodi Brewster. Motion approved.

Resolution: Thanks to the Prescott Club for hosting the Show. And thanks to all the clubs who are upcoming show hosts.

With no more business on the agenda, motion was made by Bill Smith for adjournment, seconded by Bob Carlson. Meeting adjourned.

Wayne Cox,
RMFMS Secretary

Addendum

Report from Uniform Rules Committee

My name is Leon Reeder. I was recently appointed Chair of the Uniform Rules Committee. I have been a member of the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society since the 80s. I have competed several times in local Gem and Mineral Shows, as well as regional Federation Shows and American Federation Shows.

Several years ago I attended judges training session at Wild Acres in North Carolina, with Jay Bowman, instructor. I have had the privilege to judge at different shows. I mostly judge lapidary.

There are a couple of recommendations I would like to make. One: the main complaint I hear is the Rules for Competitive Cases are not user friendly. Maybe this needs to be considered. Two: I would like to see more judges trained to help judge. I would like to see judges training and/or seminars occur regularly.

Leon Reeder, Chair

Colorado State Director's Report

Kathy Honda,
Colorado State Director

Statistics:

Number of clubs contacted: 20 out of 20

Number of people contacted: 65

Number of letters: 19

Phone calls: 0

Number of emails: 85

What is going on:

Club Membership (meetings and field trips): Canon City Geology Club, Denver Gem & Mineral Guild, Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, Lake George Gem & Mineral Club

Colorado clubs hold regular field trips to favorite sites and regular meetings with speakers on interesting topics, such as collecting gemstones in the west, rock identification with flow charts with actual rock specimens (especially fun for the club kids), newly discovered turtle track site, mining throughout the west, etc.

The clubs often collaborate with each other on field trips and junior activities. They regularly announce what other clubs are doing because many members belong to two or more clubs.

Of course, eight clubs in the Denver area work all year-long to put on the Denver Gem & Mineral Show - this year's theme was "Canada Unearthed." To increase the volunteer participation that has been decreasing every year, a new and innovative idea instituted by the Volunteer Chair was to create a "volunteer sampler" for prospective volunteers to spend 20-30 minutes at various jobs at the show. New volunteers do not have a clue what the different volunteer positions entail. The new volunteers will be paired with someone who is already doing the job. They will be transferred from one job to another, concluding the tour at their own club table.

There are two award-winning junior groups in Colorado, and they are well-known for their active junior members; Colorado Springs (Earth Science Scholars) and Flatirons (Junior Geologists).

Many of the clubs hold club shows and silent auctions to generate income for high school and college scholarships.

As to the club claims, terrain remediation has been resolved in the past year with the BLM.

Problems:

Colorado would appreciate any ideas or suggestions to increase responses from the smaller, silent Colorado mineral clubs.

Many clubs with claims have complained that non-members and members are exceeding the maximum collection pounds, removing pick-up truck loads instead of the 20-pound maximum.

Addendum

Memorials

Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society – Elizabeth "Betty" Letters, Margarett Hunt, Madge Casteel,
Beth Grayson

Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club – Donnie Hefley

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society – Marilyn Agnes Ross, Charles Murphy Wells

Northwest Nebraska Rock Club – Claud Lewis, Sheila Ray, Mary Jane Clark

Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club – David Kerr and Martin Keller

Gila County Gem & Mineral Society – Randy K. Shank

Payson Rimstones Rock Club – Darryl Burnett

Stillwater Gem & Mineral Society – Janet Cayot

RMFMS Budget 2018-19 as of 7/31/19

Beginning Balances 10/31/18

Checking Balance	8,868.86
SF CD 1206(matures 7/15/20)	30,402.06
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	52,633.98
Vanguard Bond Fund	85,554.24
Beginning Cash and Investment Balance	<u>177,459.14</u>

<u>Category</u>	Fiscal Year							
	2017-18 Fiscal Year				2018-19 Proposed Budget			
	Expense		Income		Expense		Income	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
All America Club	100.00				100.00	15.83		
AFMS Travel - Thomas	1,500.00	1,000.00			1,500.00	850.97		
Competitions - Exhibits - Carlson	450.00	206.34			300.00			
Competitions,Newsletter -	250.00	128.38			150.00			
Contingency	200.00				200.00			
Convention Exp- Maggard	700.00	675.00			700.00			
Convention-Exec. Board Travel					679.00			
Directory - Waterman	875.00	950.79			1,000.00	741.84		
Donations-AFMS Sch. Found.	2,232.00	2,232.00			3,474.00	3,474.40		
Dues/Memberships-AFMS	6,900.00	7,263.75	14,700.00	14,478.50	7,000.00	7,260.00	14,500.00	15,128.10
Insurance Prem. Club	6,100.00	6,277.00	6,000.00	6,171.45	6,200.00	6,459.00	6,200.00	6,209.83
Interest/Dividends			2,000.00	3,474.40			3,500.00	3,288.32
Library - Maggard	25.00	46.58	15.00	40.00	50.00	14.24	50.00	24.00
Name Badges - Jaeger	300.00	49.86			200.00	22.23		
Newsletter - Woods	500.00							
Ribbons - Moore	300.00	261.98			300.00			
Secretary - Wayne Cox	400.00	154.39			200.00			
State Director Travel	1,000.00				1,000.00			
Subscriptions								
Supplies - Riggs	25.00			73.00	75.00		75.00	
Treasurer	200.00	219.88			200.00	132.00		
Trademark	425.00	425.00						
Website - Liz	300.00				500.00	228.00		
TOTAL	22,682.00	19,890.95	22,715.00	24,237.35	23,728.00	19,198.51	24,325.00	24,650.25

Vanguard Fund Unrealized Capital Gain or Loss (-) 2,410.53

Ending Balances 7/31/19

Checking Balance	11,032.28
SF CD 1206(matures 7/15/20)	30,809.51
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	53,535.22
Vanguard Bond Fund	89,944.20
Ending Cash and Investment Balance	<u>185,321.21</u>

REPORTS OF FEDERATION BUSINESS IN 2019-2020

Officers' Reports

President

Hello all. What a crazy year we have had. Oddly enough with all that has gone on, we have made it through relatively unscathed.

I had a pretty serious back surgery back in October, just a few weeks before I took over as president of the RM-FMS. It was a rather interesting time, not knowing for sure if I would be going back to work or not. I went back on light duty in February and I was released to full duty in April. I also found out I am an "essential worker" and we have been working a whole lot of crazy hours. Who knew that when everybody gets locked down that everybody needs faster internet service.

The transition to president went smoothly, thanks to Liz Thomas and all of the great Board members. Not much has happened since November in the Federation and there are no major decisions to be made or voted on at the Convention. Well, I guess this Covid-19 thing did happen and almost cancelled everything. We are going to be missing quite a few people this year, but I am hopeful we can hold our meetings with a quorum. I am also hoping that everyone is OK and makes it all the way through this whole Covid thing.

I look forward to seeing everyone that is coming to the Convention. Jim Gray and his gang have worked hard and it looks like it will be a great show with several planned field trips. There is just not that much to say but I promise to have a better message for next year and hopefully some interesting tidbits for our upcoming newsletters.

Bob Regner

Vice President

No Report Submitted

Secretary

This has been an interesting year compared to prior years. We began the year with voting to have three new clubs into the Federation with the successful votes for the West Valley Rock and Gem from Buckeye, Arizona, for the United States Faceters Guild from Oro, Arizona, and for the Surprise Gem and Mineral Club in Surprise, Arizona. Unfortunately, the Surprise club folded within a few months after approval.

Then COVID-19 appeared with its many challenges by having meetings cancelled, gem shows cancelled, restricted travel and gatherings, etc.

I was able to get the changes to the By-Laws and Operating Procedures that were approved during the 2019 RMFMS Convention and into PDF files. These files have been uploaded by the Webmaster and can be found on the RMFMS Federation website. Now, I am in process of completing the 2019-2020 RMFMS Annual Report in preparation of the 2020 Convention in Wyoming, and it will be sent out 30 days prior to the Convention

to all clubs in our Federation. This has been hampered by a number of reports not being submitted in a timely manner.

Wayne Cox

Treasurer's Report

The fiscal year 2018-19 financial report is attached. Income exceeded expenses by about \$4,200, compared to the budgeted amount of \$700. There was no particular budget category that accounted for the higher than budgeted surplus. Several budget income categories were above budget and several expense categories were below budget.

We gained two additional clubs, the United States Faceters Guild in Arizona, and the West Valley Rock and Mineral Club in Buckeye, Arizona. We finished the year with 81 member clubs and 11,233 individual members. This compares with 79 clubs and 10,706 individual members in 2017-18. Even without the additional clubs, 2018-19 individual members exceeded 2017-18 by 447 members.

All collections and annual reporting for fiscal year 2019-20 are complete for all clubs that are renewing their membership in RMFMS.

Dues collections are about \$1,000 above last year and also about \$1,000 above budget. This over budget amount is caused by an increase of dues paying membership of 753 members for a total of 10,886 dues paying members thus far in 2019-20 as compared to 10,133 dues paying members in 2018-19. The increase is caused by both the addition of a large club, the United States Faceters Guild, having 498 dues paying members, and a general increase of club membership of 253 dues paying members. Total club membership thus far in 2019-20 is 12,074 members compared to 11,233 members in 2018-19.

Income from savings and investments is on track at \$1,095.09 compared to budget of \$4,000 for the year. The Vanguard bond fund closed at \$10.55/share on March 31, compared to \$10.75/share on Nov. 1, an unrealized capital loss of \$1,693. The fall in share value was due to the Corona virus. We had an unrealized gain of \$2,829.76 in 2018-19. The decrease in stock value will not affect earnings.

All clubs have reported and paid dues except the Chaparral Rockhounds. I so far have not gotten any response from them. Also, the Fossil Basin club has disbanded. It was a small club of only 8 members. There were some personal problems and one accidental death with the officers, which resulted in the club disbanding. Hopefully, we will hear from them again in the future.

The Federation continues a steady increase in both individual memberships and member clubs. There are still many known rock clubs in the RMFMS region that are not members of RMFMS. Everyone that has contact with members of these clubs, please encourage them to join RMFMS, both for the benefit of the clubs and RMFMS.

Looking back over the past year, one of the major highlights was the RMFMS convention in Prescott. The Prescott area is delightful to visit and the Prescott club members were terrific hosts. I am sure that the 2020 Convention in Big Piney, Wyoming, will be equally as great.

Gene Maggard

Historian

I am hoping everyone is staying safe & well during this Covid-19 outbreak! My 'report' for this last year is that, I hope to be better about my duties in the months to come. After the annual meeting last year in Prescott, I had high hopes of getting my photos printed and also sent to the website (in record time). The reality is that when I returned home, life got complicated.

I decided it was time to retire from my job of nearly 38 years, which involved much more attention than I had anticipated. I did retire on August 30th, fully hoping to get my other ‘projects’ taken care of, but, as things often go, my plans were changed. My older sister had some new health issues, which took priority in my life by helping to make sure she got to her doctor appointments which were daily for about a month. It was then time to focus on Topeka Gem & Mineral Society’s annual show.

Next was getting back to focusing on attempting to finish going through my parents home in hopes of getting it empty so we could finally sell it and move forward. I then had other personal issues that got in the way, as well as club meetings, moving rock (I’m sure you all know how that works), and other family items.

Long story short(end), in the process, I have misplaced my SD card that was used for the 2019 RMFMS convention – I have moved so many things in my house in getting ready for the local show, bringing things home from work, my parents house, from the show, that it may take me another month or more to hopefully find that very safe place that I am sure I put everything I bought at the convention. I also had to get a new computer, so most of my saved email addresses have disappeared.

In clearing the folks house, I have uncovered older RMFMS & AFMS records that I hopefully will get merged into the files I already have. I had promised copies of photo’s to many of you – which when I see you again-I will be happy to give to you and then make another copy for my records. So much left to do with so little time! Hope to see you all when life gets back to NORMAL!

Cinda Kunkler

Past Presidents’ Report

Wow, what a year. With so many things going on within our world and my own personal life, it has been exciting but troublesome also. I do hope everyone is well and doing okay despite the chaos that is going on around us. I am sure our new president Robert Regner is doing a fine job. I know his frustration about starting this out all new. The biggest job is finding people to fill all the positions that need to be filled as Committee Chairs. But I am sure if he works hard he will get the job done. Other than that, he should have a pretty easy time of it.

I am really looking forward to the RMFMS Convention in Big Piney, Wyoming. Lots of new items to see, places to be and people to meet. Ben and I are very adventurous and love to travel a great deal. We have a lot of interests, and they do intertwine.

When we arrived in Prescott, Arizona, last year, we had just moved into a new house. When we got home from Prescott, we took off for Florida. Then in January we headed for Quartzsite, Arizona. (So, you can see, we do like to travel.) Then in February Ben had a total hip replaced. But, you can bet on this: it will not slow us down. He is my “Uber” for taking me to all the shows I need to attend, but mostly he is my partner going to all the field trips and buying more rocks at the shows. Even after 47 years, we love every minute we have together.

Liz Thomas

STATE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

Arizona/Nevada State Director

This year Arizona welcomed a new club into the RMFMS, the United States Faceters Guild, to the RMFMS. The President is Tom Mitchell.

The Surprise Gem & Mineral Club from Surprise, Arizona, was accepted into RMFMS membership, but unfortunately this club was unable to continue and it was disbanded.

During the past year I was able to visit in person with all but five of my clubs. I believe I would have been able to visit with those had it not been for the pandemic we now face. Most, if not all, clubs have closed their shops and meetings and have canceled their shows.

Covid 19 has had a profound impact on not only the Arizona/Nevada clubs but I am sure all clubs in the Federation: no meetings, no field trips, no workshops, and no shows in order to keep proper social distancing regulations.

We all cannot wait until this passes so we can once again do the things we all love to do.

I have contacted students who attend Arizona State University to see if they could convert the RMFMS slide shows to digital format, which was discussed at last year's Delegate's meeting. Unfortunately, they said that they would not be able to help with this project.

Special Note:

“The Flagg Mineral Foundation helps support and promote public interest in earth science and the mineral collecting hobby.”

With that said, they have invited the RMFMS, AMFS and all clubs in-state and out-of-state to come and participate in their 2021 show at no cost as long as you are representing your club or society. This gives clubs the opportunity to raise money and hand out information about their clubs (hoping to get new members). This show brings people from all over the country and even the world so it is a great way to get your club noticed. They are also looking for vendors. If you are interested in participating please go to their website <http://flagg-mineralfoundation.org> and click on Dealer Information & Vendor Contract for further information.

The event will be held on January 8- 10, 2021, starting at 9 am until 5 pm. It will be at the Mesa Community College, located on W. Southern Ave, and S. Dobson Rd., in Mesa, Arizona.
(See article at end of Annual Report.)

Jody Brewster

Colorado State Director

My report will be minimal because I do not have access to my work computer. For two months I have been out of contact (since March 10). This will continue until August 20 when hopefully I may be able to return to the University of Colorado, Denver, campus/library.

I am finally able to contact the Colorado state clubs. The last meeting of most all of the local clubs was in February. All the local club shows and meetings have been cancelled.

It will be strange to see if there will be participation in field trips this summer.

Some of the fairgrounds that host the gem shows were having budgetary losses even before the onset of the coronavirus. This led to ending the junior geology program (Golden Diggers) for the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild. The coronavirus and its economic effects may result in unseen consequences to the state gem and mineral clubs. We will have to see how safe the members feel about attending an in-person meeting. Many of

the clubs still have their monthly meetings online.

Kathy Honda

Kansas State Director - Bill Smith

No Report Submitted

New Mexico/Texas State Director - Roberst Carlson

No Report Submitted

North Dakota State Director

Since I am very new at this position, I am going to try give you what little information I have at this point. I have downloaded the material you and others have forwarded to me to assist me in learning my responsibilities as a State Director. I have reviewed the material but am still trying to get up to speed. I have made one contact with a rockhound who lives in an area of ND where (as I understand their history) they at one time had a club. I have not heard back from him as of yet.

In our own club in Bismarck, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we have canceled our Executive Board meetings as well as our regular monthly club meetings. But, I remain in communications with the club officers about future meetings and events. With our governor's reopening procedures, we are not yet sure how we will progress from here. We are concerned, however, about our Annual Show and if we will be able to pull that off.

Our membership remains stable at this time. But if we do not have meetings and activities, will we be able to hold the members? Our club leadership remains positive and hopeful.

Tom Tupa

Oklahoma/Arkansas State Director

I have the pleasure to be the RMFMS State Director for Oklahoma and Arkansas for a second year in a row. I enjoy rock hunting and rock shows very much. These are two great places to meet members from other clubs. You can visit with them and find out what their needs are and how their clubs are doing.

This has been a hard time for field trips, shows and gatherings. Getting to meet with others is hard. I have spoken with several club members who had to cancel their shows because of Covid-19. Most clubs have cancelled their meetings, field trips, classes and gatherings.

Most clubs have figured out ways to keep some meetings going, especially board meetings, through online platforms. Most field trips, classes and gatherings will have to be postponed to another time. But I think we will be back to normal, hopefully soon, and we will be able to gather again and to visit and enjoy what we love best in the company of others.

Cecilia Evans

South Dakota/Nebraska State Director

The South Dakota and Nebraska club membership numbers are stable and the clubs are active.

For the Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Club the change of the show location last July from the Civic Center to the

Ramkota Convention Center was a great success. Many people (dealers and attendees) said they liked the new location. The Ramkota location is planned location for the 2020 show on July 25 and 26.

Sony Hemscher

Utah State Director - Tom Burchard

No Report Submitted

Wyoming State Director

The Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society, Inc. (WSMGS) Board consists of six members who conduct electronic meetings quarterly and an Annual Meeting at the State Mineral and Gem Show. The RMFMS WY State Director is a member of this Board. As RMFMS State Director, I email the RMFMS Newsletters and RMFMS Convention Information to all of our WSMGS affiliated clubs. I will also collect proxies from all WSMGS clubs who will not be sending their own delegates to the House of Delegates meeting on June 20, 2020 in Marbleton, Wyoming.

The WSMGS presently has eight affiliated Wyoming clubs located in Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Gillette, Marbleton, Powell, Riverton, and Torrington. Unfortunately the Kemmerer club, Fossil Basin Mineralogical Society, disbanded due to the loss of two of its eight members. These members were leaders in organizing the club as well as developing its By-laws/Articles of Incorporation and registering with the Wyoming Secretary of State as an incorporated nonprofit. Hats off to the little club who did it all!

The Board voted to update its Dues Form to more accurately reflect membership data. The Membership categories are: adults (18and over); juniors (12-17 yrs); pebble pups (under 12 yrs); and honorary/life members. This is in line with the AFMS guidelines and the RMFMS dues/insurance requirements.

The WSMGS total affiliated membership as of October 31, 2019, was 739 members-- an annual increase of 25 members.

WSMGS-2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CLUB NAME	ADULTS	JUNIORS	PEBBLE PUPS	LIFE HONORARY	TOTAL
CHEYENNE MGS	89	0	0	14	103
CODY 59ERS RC	104	4	14	4	126
NATRONA CO RC	23	0	1	5	29
NE WY RH	47	7	5	0	59
REX YOUNG RC	22	0	0	0	22
RIVERTON MGS	137	7	4	13	161
SHOSHONE RC	34	0	0	6	40
SUBLETTE CO RH	151	14	29	5	199
TOTALS	607	32	53	47	739

I will be retiring as RMFMS Wyoming State Director with the confirmation by the RMFMS House of Delegates at their 2020 meeting in Marbleton, WY. My successor will be recommended by the WSMGS Board of Directors to the RMFMS Executive Board prior to the House of Delegates meeting.

A SPECIAL WYOMING WELCOME to all of the rmfms executive committee members and the rmfms delegates attending the 2020 rmfms convention in marbleton, wyoming! Be sure to check out our website: wsmgs.Org prior to coming to in order to learn more about wyoming rockhounding.

Stan Strike

2019-2020 REPORTS FROM RMFMS COMMITTEES

All American Club

The All American Club Contest is really a contest to see how each club's submission of their year's activities is judged to have met a set of national standards. These standards were established several years ago by the AFMS Committee. The standards are high, but the standards have been published for every club to see and try to fulfil at their club. Each entry is judged against itself, not against any other entry.

There was one submission to this contest for this year. The entry was sent to be judged by someone other than the Committee Chair. The score was recorded, and the entry forwarded on to the American Federation Committee Chair. The award for the RMFMS will be presented at the Awards Banquet, if the Convention is held. The recognition for the AmFed will be at the Awards Banquet in Knoxville, TN, in October, if that Convention is held.

If either Convention is not held, the Awards will be forwarded by US Postal Service, and the recognition will be made in the RMF Newsletter.

Every club in the Rocky Mountain Federation is encouraged to participate in this. One person in each club should be appointed to be the historian or All American Contest chair. The events of the club should be recorded, pictures taken, copies of publications put into a place to be recalled when needed to put together the records for the year for entry into the contest. The entry may be either as an actual Scrapbook, with all of the details included, or as an electronic Scrapbook (CD) that has everything on it. In addition to being entries into the contest, these Scrapbooks serve as the history of the club, and can be wonderful records for references in future years. What is actually needed for the contest contest and the entry forms can be found on the American Federation website under Contest Forms.

DeLane Cox

Club Rockhound of the Year

No Report Submitted

Boundaries

No Report Submitted

Club Publications Contest

Materials for the RMFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest were emailed to editors and/orclub presidents listed in the latest RMFMS Directory on November 17 & 18, 2019. Rules and fillable score sheets (which now act as the application form) are posted only on the AFMS web site this year [as of date of this writing, 11/18/19]. The AFMS Guidelines and score sheets are identical to the RMFMS materials with the exception of the Photo Collage

category, which is an RMFMS category, but not AFMS. It is included on the RMFMS Features Score sheet that was in the email sent to editors and/or club presidents.

In October I sent all of the contest materials that needed to be uploaded onto the RMFMS web site to Joel Johnstone. He refused to upload the materials as given to him and insisted on changing the content of the materials, the name of the contest, creating materials on his own that reflected his lack of knowledge about the contest, and which changed how entries were supposed to be sent. After explaining myself blue in the face and spending hours at the computer trying to get him to simply upload exactly what I had sent him, I became so frustrated that I wrote him that if he would not upload what I had sent the way it was sent, to remove all bulletin contest materials from the RMFMS web site, which he did.* He has also now (11/17/19) removed any mention on the web site of there even being a Club Publications Chairman.** This is another case of an individual stepping way beyond the bounds of the position they hold.

Having given up on being able to use the RMFMS website as access to contest materials for editors, I sent an email to the list of editors I had with attachments for all contest materials and guidelines they would need. The first email was sent on November 17 & 18, 2019. I sent a reminder email to editors & club presidents on January 1, 2020.

Entries returned to me by the January 15th deadline were distributed to RMFMS judges, & the top 3 winners in each category were forwarded to AFMS for judging. Editors of top 5 winners in each RMFMS category will be notified by email. Of the 30 RMFMS entries, 23 will receive ribbons, and 8 will receive trophies. All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation for participation. Twenty-one entries were forwarded to AFMS for judging. The awards for RMFMS winners will be presented at the "Breakfast with the Editors & Web Masters," on Saturday, June 20, in Big Piney, Wyoming.

*The RMFMS website finally (after the fact) has the entry forms I sent to Joel Johnstone up on the site, albeit they are difficult to find. However, he still has not uploaded the Guidelines that I sent. These are important because they explain the rules for the contest.

**This is all about communication within clubs, between clubs, and between Federations. When someone just arbitrarily goes in and changes the names of things ("Club Publications Contest" instead of "Bulletin Editors Contest"; "RMFMS Conference" instead of "RMFMS Show & Convention"; breaks up the list of Committee Chairmen into "technical"/ "executive" / "misc.;" etc.) it becomes a communication problem as well as an action done without following proper procedure. Consider this my registration of a BIG complaint.

Linda Jaeger

Credentials

No Report Submitted

Editor

No Report Submitted

Finance Committee

The financial records of the RMFMS for the period of November 1, 2018, to October 31, 2019, have been reviewed and found to be correct. We wish to thank the Treasurer for sending quarterly updates which allows us to be current on the Federation's financial status.

If you or if you know of someone who would be interested in serving on the Finance Committee for the rest of 2020 and later years, please let me know.

Wayne Cox

Fluorescent Mineral Technical Committee

I don't have very much to report regarding RMFMS fluorescent minerals. I'll just mention that Fluorescent Minerals ("Rocks that Glow") will be the theme of the 2021 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, Feb. 11-14, so that will be a place for all collectors who are interested in fluorescent minerals to show up and rendezvous. Also, the Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Sept. 18-20, always has a very good display room filled with fluorescent cases, making this a great place to see fluorescent mineral displays too. (If the Denver Show is able to take place; we hope that it will, and plans are in progress to have it, if at all possible.)

Reporting about fluorescent minerals reminds me that I really should--and I will--write an article column for the RMFMS newsletter about fluorescent minerals and how the interest in fluorescent, and the available kinds of UV lights, has evolved and expanded so much in recent years. I will plan to do this, so please look for something from me in the newsletter in the near future!

Pete Modreski

Fossil Technical Committee

Number and statistics:

Number of People Contacted: 0

Number of People that Contacted Me: 0

Number of Clubs Contacted: 2

Number of Letters Written: 0

Number of Phone Calls Made/Received: 0

Number of E-mails Sent/Received: 200

Problems Encountered and Results: None

Other:

The Fossil Technical Chair listing on the RMFMS web site had not been updated to reflect a change in personnel. As such, only limited personnel and clubs have been contacted and no individual or organization/club has contacted me. I have now given the webmaster my information to put on the website.

For the Los Alamos Geological Society, I put together and sent out a description of the RMFMS and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I also put out a list of mineral and paleontological educational sites for members to enjoy during the Stay-At-Home orders.

Patrick Rowe

Insurance

We have received and I have paid our insurance premium for insurance year 2020-21. The policy renews on March 25 of each year. The premium was \$6,581, compared to the budgeted amount of \$6,300. Insurance premium collections from the clubs was \$7,209, compared to the budgeted amount of \$6,300. An increase of 900

individual members from 2018-19 numbers being covered by our insurance resulted in the increased collections.

Gene Maggard

Junior Program

No Report Submitted

Lapidary Technical

No Report Submitted

Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning has been quiet this year. We had one recommendation from the 2019 House of Delegates regarding looking at our requirements for a quorum from Bill Smith. I am going to gather information from the other Federations as I attend their shows this coming year and then present our recommendations to the Executive Team and House of Delegates.

Judith A. Beck,

Membership Directory

As we had no one willing to take on the creation of the Annual Membership Directory for 2020 and much of the information in it needed to be posted to the web anyway, I took on the duty of creating it. No committee was established as per the Operating Procedures.

I found that many of the articles were not available to me in electronic format. As a result it was necessary to take last years directory and scan it and run it through an optical character recognition program to convert it into something that could be edited and formatted. Many of these articles are very useful to the clubs in the Federation and so this wealth of information was uploaded to our website. As an additional benefit, the text of the articles are now available in electronic format that can be used for next years directory.

Delane Cox was gracious enough to do an initial edit and found that many of the articles had not been updated for several years. These were updated.

Directory Contents

There seems to be an indecision of what the Directory is intended to be – a current year reference or an archive of historical information. I personally see this as something that RMFMS Board and personnel, and delegates could carry for immediate reference. Thus, it is good to always have the most current revision of the by-laws at your fingertips, when in meetings. (At a current 65 pages the Operating Procedures just is too bulky to include.) But I question whether we really need the listings of past presidents, past conference locations, past Gold Pan Award recipients, Past Scholarship Recipients, etc. These nice but are now all on the website for historical purposes. Even the Scholarship Status of RMFMS Clubs – this is appropriate for a report at the Delegates meeting, but I suspect it changes enough that by the time the directory is published it is out of date. Those pages (past & scholarship status) take up as many pages as the By-Laws.

I would like to see the Federation Historian work up a nice document that contains a history of the Federation that we could upload to the website. Annual updates would include the listings of presidents, past conference

locations, past Gold Pan Award recipients, and past scholarship recipients.

As far as local club officers – do we really need to know who fills all these positions? (Really, do I need contact info for your club’s ad-hoc director or refreshments?). That is why some of the local club listings get their own page – administrative bloat. Some positions we don’t even have/request (i.e webmaster). There should be a need for every position identified:

- o President – primary official contact
- o VP- secondary official contact
- o RMFMS Representative – co-primary contact (most clubs don’t have one)
- o Treasurer – contact for dues, insurance payments
- o Editor – contact for publications contests
- o webmaster – contact for website contest

Annual Report Form for Club Membership Renewal- Proposed Change

I also propose a change to the Annual Report form (see attached). This document is basically used by the Treasurer for dues and insurance calculations and by someone else for creation of the Annual Directory. Part of the problem with its current format is that any club can modify it. This may not make much of a difference to the numbers the Treasurer needs, but it plays havoc when trying to copy the information into another document for the directory. I propose making it a locked/protected Microsoft Word form. Clubs could only put in the information we request. The other advantage is that once completed and mailed back, the individual fields in each form can be saved out in a format that can be combined into an Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. This spreadsheet can then be used in a multitude of ways, including summary of members, dues, insurance. The information can be sorted on up to three fields (ie State, City, Club Name), or as few as a single field (club name). The information can then be used to generate any sort of reports needed - such as the club listing for the web or the Annual Directory.

Directory Printing

According to the Operating Procedures:

- o The RMFMS Membership Directory will be published and distributed it by March 1 of each year to all member clubs, officers, Executive Committee Members, State Directors.
- o The Membership Directory will be published in paperback form, as well as placed on the official RMFMS website. Additional paper copies will be published in order that anyone who wishes to purchase one may do so. Copies will be provided to the Supplies Chair for sale.

In this day electronic age, a document is considered “published” when it is provided in an electronic format. Thus it is also “published” when it is placed electronically on the RMFMS website or mailed electronically. Based on the reading of these procedures, we need to distribute a copy to all member clubs, officers, Executive Committee members, and State Directors. The OP does not specify how this distribution is to be made. Since it states that additional paper copies will be provided for sale, there is an assumption that there is an original dispersment of paper copies. Since, by definition, the State Directors are part of the Executive Committee the number of required printed copies for use by the RMFMS is 16 copies.

Printing another 9 to bring the total to 25 would allow some extras for sale as required by the OP. If officers refers to Member Clubs, then we need to be sending out a copy to every individual listed by the club, close to 500 copies. In the past only two copies were sent to each member club. Nowhere in the OP does it indicate copies are provided to other RMFMS chairs, committees, or staff, which totals about 55 positions with multiple duplications. The assumption here is that they obtain their copy electronically from the website.

Some cost analysis:

One of the reasons organizations are going to electronic distribution is the costs involved in printing, handling,

and mailing hard copies. The costs of printing/copying and mailing are pretty straight forward, it's the handling, label generation and placement, and getting to the Post Office that adds in additional charges. You could do it all through a printing and mailing service.

Another club I belong to uses a printing and mailing service for their quarterly newsletter. The latest was 24 pages (12 sheets) sent to approximately 300 people. They paid \$814 for printing and handling and another \$170 for postage. Our directory being booklet format ends up being 18 sheets and requires folding and saddle staples.

Executive Committee (+ State Directors) = 16 copies Member Clubs = 81 Approx Member Club Officers = 486
Cost of copying RMFMS Annual Directory = \$4.92/ea (round to \$5.00 for buffer)
(72 pages (18 sheets), booklet format, double sided, folded, saddle stapled, paper cover) Cost of 6"x9" envelope = \$0.13/ea Approx weight of single mailing = 3.383 oz Approx Postage = \$1.60/ea

If just making hard copies for the RMFMS Executive Committee with some spares for sale: Cost for 25 copies = \$125

Cost for mailing 16 copies = \$27.68 Approximate cost: \$153

Cost for only 2 copies per Member Club (162 copies) = \$797 Costs for mailing 162 copies = \$280.26 Plus costs for RMFMS Executive Committee = \$153 Approximate cost: \$1,230

Costs for mailing to all Member Club Officers (486 copies) = \$2,391 Costs for mailing 486 copies = \$841 Plus costs for RMFMS Executive Committee = \$153 Approximate cost: \$3,385

I propose we only print 25 hard copies for the Executive Committee with 9 spares for purchase at \$5.00 each with \$2.00 for postage and handling if necessary. Budget requirement: approximately \$153. Clubs and other RMFMS personnel would be responsible for printing their own copies from the electronic version on the website.

If the Board wants to print hardcopies for more than that, I would propose the job be sent out to a Printing and Mailing Service. It becomes too difficult and time consuming to handle in-house. Attached is a rough estimate from a local Printing and Mailing Service in Albuquerque, NM. Their estimate for printing 200 copies of the Directory, placing them in envelopes, attaching labels, and mailing them is about \$1117. The sending of the extra copies by flat rate to the current Supplies Chair is included in the above price.

Joel Johnstone

Mineral Technical

I have had no particular questions or requests for information about minerals or mineralogy during the year. But I'll say, just as I wrote about Fluorescence, I intend to write something for the RMFMS newsletter in the near future, about mineralogy and how so many new aspects of it have evolved in the past few years. So, I'll promise a column to appear soon about this, too.

Pete Modreski

Name Badges

One order for Name Badges and Job Bars has been made since last year's RMFMS Convention in Prescott, Arizona. One Name Badge and four Bars were ordered on August 16, 2019 .

The total cost of these items, including sales tax, was \$30.38. Postage was an additional \$5.43, and 2 padded mailing envelopes were \$0.94 bringing the overall expense to \$36.75.

I expect to be placing another order after our RMFMS Convention in Wyoming. If anyone needs to have a Badge or Bar ordered for them, please let me know during the show.

Richard D. Jaeger

Nomination Committee

The Nominating Committee for the Rocky Mountain Federation consists of Richard Jaeger, Chair, along with Judy Beck, and Diane Weir. The following individuals have been nominated for positions on the Executive Committee for the 2020-21 term:

Executive Officers

President: Bob Regner – 1 year term

Vice President: Sheri Johnson – 1 year term

Secretary: Wayne Cox – 2 year term

Treasurer: Gene Maggard – 2 year term

Historian: Cinda Kunkler – 5 year term

State Directors: - 2 year terms

Colorado: Kathy Honda

New Mexico/Texas: Dr. Robert Carlson

Oklahoma/Arkansas: Cecilia Evans

Utah: Tom Burchard

Wyoming: Jim Gray

Richard D. Jaeger

Parliamentarian

No report submitted

Permanent Address

No Report Submitted

Program Contest

No report submitted

Program Library

We had 6 program rentals in 2018-19 and one rental as of May 1 in 2019-20.

Gene Maggard

Public Relations

The Public Relations Committee has been turning in articles for the RMFMS newsletter this year, encouraging all the Clubs to do various things that would help give the clubs a good image, and help get publicity in local publications. And encouraging all clubs to enter the various contests at the Federation level.

It is easy to get both print and electronic media to cover a Gem & Mineral Show, but what about getting information about the club out to the public the other 11 months of the year? And getting information to the public is one

way to get new members. However, it is important to keep “old members” in the club, too, and care must be taken to have good communications within the club. It is very important to keep all members informed about what is happening or going to happen, tell them about field trips and other special events. And don’t forget to publicize your meetings, with information on the topic of the program and speaker, where the meeting is held, and who to contact for more information.

There were no questions or inquiries presented to the Committee this year. The Committee Chair remains ready to help any club with Public Relations questions. Just contact me and give me your question or problem, and I will work with you.

DeLane Cox

Ribbons

At the time of this writing, all of the ribbons needed have been ordered but are not yet in due to the business shut-downs of COVID-19. I have a budget of \$250.00 and I think that I will be within range. However, I won’t know until after June 1, per my ordering contact.

In keeping with my new strategy of making the annual event ribbon reflect the host club of the show and Convention, this year’s ribbon will be white with red lettering. I hope this makes for a fun addition to our gathering. My husband, Bill, and I are planning on attending and will personally deliver the ribbons.

I hope all of our rockhound family stays healthy and happy in 2020.

Peggy Sue Moore

Convention Advisor

I am excited for Jim Grey and Sublette County in Big Piney, Wyoming, June 19 - 21. I am amazed and extremely relieved Jim has asked very little of me to get ready for this big event. Upon arrival I plan on going over everything with Jim for all meeting arraignments and items needed for the meeting. I am positive he will have this totally complete and make my job a breeze. I wish them the best of luck on their show and I pray our meetings go without any problems.

Liz Thomas

Scholarship

Thus far, four Rocky Mountain Federation clubs have contributed to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation for the fiscal year of Nov. 1, 2019, through October 31, 2020. I sincerely wish to thank each of the clubs that have contributed to the Scholarship Foundation.

The clubs, the amount they contributed, and the percentage to which that brings them are listed below. A percentage of 2500% would mean the equivalent of the club donating \$1/member for 25 years.

Shawnee Gem & Mineral Society	\$200.00	5400%
Topeka Gem & Mineral Society	\$500.05	15100%
Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society**	\$669.00	4500%

Wichita Gem & Mineral Society** \$ 50.00 5500%

Total Donations \$1419.05

Some of the donations from the Tulsa club were made in the memory of Beth Grayson, Margueritte Hunt, Betty Letters, Ellsworth Noel, Melanie Walker, and Janet Wood. The donation from the Wichita club was made in memory of Greg Weisbrod.

I hope we will have contributions from several other clubs this year. Remember that through the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, our RMFMS is able to award two \$4000 scholarships each year to graduate students majoring in the Earth Sciences. These donations are also an excellent way to honor in memory of members who have passed away.

Our Honorary RMFMS Scholarship Awardee this year is Dr. Wayne Sutherland of the Wyoming State Geological Survey. He was nominated by Wyoming State Director Stan Strike and the Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society. Dr. Sutherland has selected two outstanding Wyoming University Geology graduate students to receive our scholarships this year.

Richard Jaeger

Supplies

My name is Roberta Wagle and I am a member of the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society. This is my first year to serve as the Supply Chair for the Rocky Mountain Federation, although I was able to help at last year's Convention.

At this time I have not had any work as Supply Chairman for 2020. When the Directories are ready I will have those to sell.

I hope everybody is safe and sound during this time of distress and look forward to the Convention in June.

Roberta Wagle

Trademark Control

No Report Submitted

Treasurer

The fiscal year 2018-19 financial report is attached. Income exceeded expenses by about \$4,200, compared to the budgeted amount of \$700. There was no particular budget category that accounted for the higher than budgeted surplus. Several budget income categories were above budget and several expense categories were below budget.

We gained two additional clubs, the United States Faceters Guild in Arizona, and the West Valley Rock and Mineral Club in Buckeye, Arizona. We finished the year with 81 member clubs and 11,233 individual members. This compares with 79 clubs and 10,706 individual members in 2017-18. Even without the additional clubs, 2018-19 individual members exceeded 2017-18 by 447 members.

All collections and annual reporting for fiscal year 2019-20 are complete for all clubs that are renewing their membership in RMFMS.

Dues collections are about \$1,000 above last year and also about \$1,000 above budget. This over budget amount is caused by an increase of dues paying membership of 753 members for a total of 10,886 dues paying members thus far in 2019-20 as compared to 10,133 dues paying members in 2018-19. The increase is caused by both the addition of a large club, the United States Faceters Guild, having 498 dues paying members, and a general increase of club membership of 253 dues paying members. Total club membership thus far in 2019-20 is 12,074 members compared to 11,233 members in 2018-19.

Income from savings and investments is on track at \$1,095.09 compared to budget of \$4,000 for the year. The Vanguard bond fund closed at \$10.55/share on March 31, compared to \$10.75/share on Nov. 1, an unrealized capital loss of \$1,693. The fall in share value was due to the Corona virus. We had an unrealized gain of \$2,829.76 in 2018-19. The decrease in stock value will not affect earnings.

All clubs have reported and paid dues except the Chaparral Rockhounds. I so far have not gotten any response from them. Also, the Fossil Basin club has disbanded. It was a small club of only 8 members. There were some personal problems and one accidental death with the officers, which resulted in the club disbanding. Hopefully, we will hear from them again in the future.

The Federation continues a steady increase in both individual memberships and member clubs. There are still many known rock clubs in the RMFMS region that are not members of RMFMS. Everyone that has contact with members of these clubs, please encourage them to join RMFMS, both for the benefit of the clubs and RMFMS. Looking back over the past year, one of the major highlights was the RMFMS convention in Prescott. The Prescott area is delightful to visit and the Prescott club members were terrific hosts. I am sure that the 2020 Convention in Big Piney, Wyoming, will be equally as great.

Gene Maggard

Trophies and Stationery

No Report Submitted

Uniform Rules

A short time ago I was asked and agreed to take the chair of the committee. I have contacted all of the other members and heard back from all but one. All that have answered have agreed that they would like to continue on as committee members and I want to thank them very much.

None of the five that I know are planning to go to this years RMFMS show if it is held at its scheduled time.

There have been a couple of suggestions brought up regarding changes/clarifications that we will be going over among ourselves to decide if we want to move them to the AFMS rules committee.

Paul Otto

Webmaster

The new RMFMS.org website was uploaded and published on November 11, 2019. Several board members

quickly reviewed it and found sections that needed to be changed or eliminated due to being out of date.

Website Updates:

RMFMS Club List:

Instead of retyping all the information from the annual reports into a spreadsheet then having it generate a formatted report, this year I cut and pasted the information from the annual reports into the Annual Directory (see below), then cut and pasted it into a report for the web.

Events and Club Shows:

Final 2020 RMFMS Conference Packet was published February 2, 2020.

The Prescott club did a nice video about their 2019 show and the RMFMS Conference. It was uploaded to the site on December 10, 2019.

Newsletters:

Jan/Feb 2020 Newsletter was published to the website on March 16, 2020.

Apr 2020 Newsletter was published to the website on April 27, 2020.

Informational Documents:

Thanks to DeLane Cox, a copy of the missing Articles of Incorporation (amended 2017) was provided to the website. Unfortunately the AOL had really messed up formatting and it had to be reformatted. A clean copy of the DOC file was provided back to DeLane and a PDF version was uploaded to the website.

Joel Johnstone

Website Contest

This year the RMFMS Website Contest had four entries. The entries have been judged, and the winners will be announced at the RMFMS Convention. The top two entries were forwarded to the AFMS Contest.

Procedures: The RMFMS Website Contest Chair coordinates the AFMS website contest for the RMFMS region. This involves sending out email notices to all RMFMS region club/society webmasters encouraging them to enter the website contest. Once the entries are received, judges from other federations are contacted and the entries are sent to them. Judges score these entries using contest entry forms and score sheets provided by the AFMS. The scores are sent to the Federation Chair to tally, which will determine ranking. The Chair then sends the 1st and 2nd place winners to the AFMS Website contest chair for the AFMS judging.

A First Place trophy and ribbons are ordered through RMFMS, and the Chair makes certificates for the First, Second and Third place winners. The winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet at the RMFMS Convention. After the Convention, the Chair emails score sheets to website winners for their knowledge.

Jennifer Gerring

Public Lands

This has been an interesting year to say the least. I have been paying attention to public lands here in the Intermountain West; however, it is tough to locate the truth and fully understand what is going on with USFS and BLM-managed land. At times it appears that the energy industry is in charge of public lands while rockhounds and small claim owners are drawing the short straw. In my opinion, rockhounds will continue to purchase specimens from other countries as rules and regulations for our public lands continue to become more stringent. In addition, the hard working, local, federal employees simply are not getting appropriate and

accurate information information from Washington.

This material is from the local Pike-San Isabel National Forest:

How can I determine if a permit is required for my forest activities? Prospecting, rockhounding, petrified wood, and invertebrate and plant fossil hunting usually do not require a permit when there is little or no disturbance to the ground, other resources, and environment. Check with the local ranger district if you have questions on whether a permit may be needed. For example, a free use permit may be required for removal of mineral materials. Generally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, provides for the collecting of rocks and minerals for personal use from our national forests and grasslands through a free use permit.

This material is from the “big” USFS website:

Rockhounding: Free Use Permit

Lapidary Materials: [36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 228, Subpart C] Agates, jaspers, obsidian, chert, chalcedony, geodes and thundereggs, quartz crystals, and common igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks. Generally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, provides for the collecting of rocks and minerals for personal use from our national forests and grasslands through a free use permit.

So, do you need a free use permit to collect minerals on USFS lands? Don’t know and inquiries have produced different answers. What if you want to head out on Saturday morning and the agency is closed? Now, one regulation that many rockhounds seem to forget is: Mineral Specimens: [36 CFR 228, Subparts A & C]. Specimens collected for hobby and personal use may not be bartered or sold. This means that rockhounds with minerals from federal lands may not sell them at the local rock show.

Most of my time this last year has been spent trying to decipher the massive Dingell Act. To help you review, here is a shortened version of a press release of the BLM celebrating the passage of the Dingell Act. Not familiar with the Dingell Act? Don’t worry as many people, including rockhounds, are unfamiliar. However, hardcore outdoor enthusiasts recognize Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, Public Law 116-9.

Interior Celebrates One Year Anniversary of Historic Public Lands Bill source: The Bureau of Land Management*

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Interior Celebrates One Year Anniversary of Historic Public Lands Bill

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of the Interior celebrates the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump signing into law the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (S.47, the Dingell Act). The Dingell Act is the single most important and wide-ranging public lands management law to be passed with bipartisan support in over a decade. The Act: • Encompassed more than 100 individual bills; • Permanently reauthorized the Land and Water Conservation Fund; • Created new Federal authorities to assist the Department in managing endangered and invasive species; • Called for increasing access to public lands for hunting, fishing and recreational shooting; and • Advanced a wide variety of conservation and recreation initiatives for the American people.

The Dingell Act is an extremely complex law, actually an ominous bill that covers a wide variety of actions. I wrote letters of support in the areas of: 1) Called for increasing access to public lands for hunting, fishing and recreational shooting; and 2) Advanced a wide variety of conservation and recreation initiatives for the American people. What I supported was ranking recreational rockhounding with hunting, shooting, and fishing in order to increase public access for our activities, and to provide new rockhounding recreational initiatives for people of all ages. What happened? Essentially nothing that I could glean from the 100+ different acts. What I did find out from “my sources” is that recreational rockhounding does not have the well- funded lobbyists financed by fishing, shooting, and camping organizations. We did not stand a chance to compete.

So, what happened? There were lots of land exchanges between government entities and private concerns, and just between government agencies. For example, around here there was easement to the Craigs part of Pikes Peak traded to the Feds by the “Broadmoor Hotel” for a parcel of land they could develop. There seemed to be much land exchange activity in California. Custer County in the Black Hills was able to buy federal land for their airport. Lots of activity like that but no land was dedicated to rockhounding.

Look closely and you might notice that helium is now being treated as oil and gas on leases. Or that some small mine claims in Alaska get some fee waivers (the Bill submitted by Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska).

The Ashley Karst National Recreation and Geologic Area (Uinta Mountains, Utah) was created to conserve and protect the watershed, geological, recreational, wildlife, scenic, natural, cultural, and historic resources of the 173,475 acres. The land was withdrawn from mineral leasing and mineral materials. OK, straight forward. Now, consider this one—the Secretary shall administer the Recreation Area in accordance with the laws generally applicable to the National Forest System. I believe, at last count that the USFS allows some collecting of rocks and minerals with a free use permit. Collecting fossils is another area. But, in talking to someone at Ashley they told me that in the karst area collecting would be destroying geological material. I simply don’t know the answer. But, I am glad the area is preserved.

One of my favorite areas in the Intermountain West is the San Rafael Swell in central Utah. The Swell is a Laramide uplift where the oldest rocks in the anticline are late Paleozoic in age—sort of like a bubble on a pie crust. As a geologist, I have spent time in the Swell since 1967 and it is a geological wonderland. However, in the past decade it seems as if “money” has moved into the area and wilderness is disappearing and replaced with OHV travel off-road. Well, the area is now designated as the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area to protect essentially the same items as the Ashley Karst. Land management plans are being drawn up and now is the time for rockhounds to speak up. Most of the collecting material is agate or microcrystalline quartz in the Morrison and Cedar Mountain Formations. Vertebrate fossils are abundant but are off limits. Invertebrates are around. The area known as the San Rafael Reef (upturned beds) is now the San Rafael Reef Wilderness with its own set of rules—essentially no collecting.

There are several areas in the western states that were Proposed Wilderness Areas but have now lost the Proposed. Again, not much collecting in the Wilderness Areas. The Green River in Utah is now a Wild and Scenic River. And the James K. Polk presidential home is under study.

There are several additions and redesignations to the National Parks/Monuments system including Jurassic National Monument (gotta love that name). The new Monument is the site of the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry, the world’s densest concentration of Jurassic dinosaur bones. And, it is located in the San Rafael Swell. It has been a National Historic Landmark since 1965 and was associated with the University of Utah and paleontologists James H. Madsen, and Wm. Lee Stokes, The former was my best friend at the University and the latter was my dissertation advisor. I spent many hours digging at the Quarry.

There are hundreds of pages in this Act and, unfortunately, nothing affects rockhounding—at least not in my examinations. I thought this Act might be our best and biggest chance to get some protection—but no luck as far as I can determine. There still may be some chances since many areas are still designing management planes but I am about out of steam!

Each state has their own Public Lands person and I encourage interested rockhounds to contact these knowledgeable collectors for specific information.

Mike Nelson

Notes:

(The following article was submitted by Arizona State Director Jody Brewster. Mr. Flagg was one of the early RMFMS Federation presidents.)

The Flagg Mineral Foundation is a memorial to A. L. Flagg

A brief biography of Mr. Flagg was written by the Chairman of the organization that was the precursor to the current Foundation. The biography was first published as a part of a May, 1965, Arizona Highways article "The Woolery Mineral Collection".

This on-line "reprint" is courtesy of Arizona Highways magazine.

ARTHUR L. FLAGG (b. June 29, 1883 d. April 27, 1961)

By Floyd R. Getsinger
Chairman, Board of Trustees, A. L. Flagg Foundation

Arthur L. Flagg was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in 1883. At an early age he became interested in minerals through contacts made in his father's jewelry store.

While still quite young he decided he wanted to make minerals, in one form or another, his life's work. During his term as a student at Brown University, the building housing the mineral collection was twice destroyed by fire. Young Flagg was selected as one of the students to examine, clean, and re-identify the specimens so damaged. This gave him a chance to handle a large variety of specimens as well as to begin to recognize and identify minerals.

He was also selected to do some undergraduate work on certain geologic quadrangles surveys being done by the U.S. Government. It happened that these quadrangles were in the Bradshaw Mountains of Central Arizona. This work aroused his interest in Arizona: its geology, mines, and minerals; so, soon after graduation in 1906 he headed for the Arizona hills.

Thus he began a long career in mining, geology and mineralogy that lasted for more than 55 years. With the exception of a short period as a mining engineer in Old Mexico, all of this time was spent in Arizona.

Arthur Flagg possessed a connoisseur's eye for the beauty of minerals and a missionary's zeal for interesting others in the fun of mineral collecting. His special interest was in teaching children and young people the economic importance of minerals as well as the fun of mineral collecting. He gave away many thousands of specimens to rock hounds, both young and old, and in all parts of the world. At every meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, he could be seen handling out carefully wrapped specimens to members, especially juniors. These were passed out almost surreptitiously, as he neither asked nor wanted public recognition of his gifts. The presents were of a size and quality to fit the collector's interests and advancement.

Few mineralogists have lived who could identify minerals by sight as rapidly and accurately as could Mr. Flagg. We had the privilege of watching him on one occasion when he was identifying a box of mineral specimens from one of the nearby colleges. An assistant was unwrapping the minerals as he removed them from the box, then taking a couple of steps and handing them to Flagg. In one instance while the assistant was taking those steps, Mr. Flagg told us the name of the mineral, the name of the discoverer, the name and location of the mine that first reported it, the year of its identification, the principal chemical contents and the technical paper reporting its discovery. He never touched the mineral and had named it while it was still several feet away.

During Mr. Flagg's association with the Arizona Department of Mineral Resources, he had hundreds of rock hounds and prospectors bringing in specimens and ore samples for identification. He must have heard "WHATISTHISSTUFF" many thousands of times. He knew Arizona minerals, mines, and locations so well that he was seldom stumped and could usually tell the mining district and sometimes the mine where the sample was obtained.

Arthur Flagg was well known to most of the Arizona mining men of his time and rendered assistance of one kind or another to many of them. He was never selfish with his time or knowledge. He was a founder and active member of several mining and mineralogical groups, among them the following: The Mineralogical Society of Arizona, The Small Mine Operators Association, The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies. He served as president of each of them, and several terms in some of them.

During his 24 years as a member of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, he missed only one or two meetings. Flagg was known through the nation as "Mr. Rockhound" – a title he well deserved. Mr. Flagg often expressed a desire to establish an Earth Sciences Museum in Arizona. He was the first curator of the Arizona Mineral Museum, but this was as close as he came to seeing this dream fulfilled.

RMFMS 2018-19 Financial Report

Beginning Balances 11/01/18

Checking Balance	8,868.86
SF CD 1206(matures 7/15/20)	30,402.06
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	52,633.98
Vanguard Bond Fund	85,554.24
Beginning Cash and Investment Balance	<u>177,459.14</u>

Category	Fiscal Year							
	2017-18 Fiscal Year				2018-19 Proposed Budget			
	Expense		Income		Expense		Income	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
All America Club	100.00				100.00	15.83		
AFMS Travel - Thomas	1,500.00	1,000.00			1,500.00	850.97		
Competitions - Exhibits - Carlson	450.00	206.34			300.00	245.29		
Competitions,Newsletter -	250.00	128.38			150.00	74.95		
Contingency	200.00				200.00			
Convention Exp- Maggard	700.00	675.00			700.00	625.00		
Convention-Exec. Board Travel					679.00	844.61		
Directory - Waterman	875.00	950.79			1,000.00	741.84		
Donations-AFMS Sch. Found.	2,232.00	2,232.00			3,474.00	3,474.40		
Dues/Memberships-AFMS	6,900.00	7,263.75	14,700.00	14,478.50	7,000.00	7,260.00	14,500.00	15,128.10
Insurance Prem. Club	6,100.00	6,277.00	6,000.00	6,171.45	6,200.00	6,482.00	6,200.00	6,209.83
Interest/Dividends			2,000.00	3,474.40			3,500.00	4,374.12
Library - Maggard	25.00	46.58	15.00	40.00	50.00	26.62	50.00	24.00
Name Badges - Jaeger	300.00	49.86			200.00	58.98		
Newsletter - Woods	500.00							
Ribbons - Moore	300.00	261.98			300.00	226.06		
Secretary - Wayne Cox	400.00	154.39			200.00	89.41		
State Director Travel	1,000.00				1,000.00			
Subscriptions								
Supplies - Riggs	25.00			73.00	75.00		75.00	
Treasurer	200.00	219.88			200.00	132.00		
Trademark	425.00	425.00						
Website - Liz	300.00				500.00	443.64		
TOTAL	22,682.00	19,890.95	22,715.00	24,237.35	23,728.00	21,591.60	24,325.00	25,736.05

Vanguard Fund Unrealized Capital Gain or Loss (-) 2,829.76

Ending Balances 10/31/19

Checking Balance	8,639.19
SF CD 1206(matures 7/15/20)	30,948.05
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	53,842.40
Vanguard Bond Fund	91,003.71
Ending Cash and Investment Balance	<u>184,433.35</u>



Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Credentials for Delegates and Alternate

Society Name: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Delegate: _____
Print Name as it is to appear on credentials

Delegate: _____
Print Name as it is to appear on credentials

Alternate: _____
Print Name as it is to appear on credentials

The above-named Delegates or Alternate have been chosen to represent this Society at the Annual Business Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies at the House of Delegates Meeting to be held at Marbleton, Wyoming, on June 20, 2020.

Society Secretary: _____
Printed Name

Signature

Date: _____
Date Signed

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 Proxies

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

If mailing prior June 1, 2020, mail to:
Janet Smith
Credentials Chair
P. O. Box 311
Hardtner, KS. 67057

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Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PROXY FORM

Society Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

does hereby appoint

Name: _____
Print Name as it is to appear on credentials

as Proxy Delegate with full power to represent this Society at the annual House of Delegates Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, to be held at Marbleton, Wyoming, on June 20, 2020.

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Signature

Secretary: _____
Printed Name

Signature

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