

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Executive Board Meeting, Wichita Kansas

April 22, 2016

President Richard Jaeger called meeting to order.

Motion from Robert Carlson to dispense of reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

2nd by Cinda Kunkler.

Richard Jaeger: Any discussion

Passed without opposition

Richard Jaeger: Judy Beck has to leave early due to family business. The reading of the Long Range Planning Committee is not due until old business. We will give her the floor due to her time constraints.

Judy Beck: We have continued to update the Operating Procedures and we do not feel at this time we can get 100% likes from everyone but that over time we can tweak it as need be. At this time, we are recommending that the executive board pass this on as it is written to the House of Delegate for a vote. We do recommend that we do a review every year of part of the document so that every five years the document will be reviewed in whole.

Richard Jaeger: This has been worked on for three years since 2013 and the committee has changed since then so it has been looked over by several members.

Judy Beck: In Cody we took recommendations and every one of those we tried to incorporate them into this document.

Richard Jaeger: At this time we are looking for a motion on the floor to move this onto the house.

Bill Smith: I move to recommend to move this recommendation of the new Operating Procedures onto the Delegates for a vote.

Gene Maggard: With a recommendation to approve.

2nd by Dr. Bob Carlson

Richard Jaeger: Is there any discussion?

DeLane Cox: There are more than a fair number of punctuation and grammatical errors in the document and these need to be changed. I recommend that before this is published we should go through this and find the errors and correct then publish.

Richard Jaeger: It is mostly punctuation?

DeLane Cox: Not major but there are little things and one word that needs to be changed.

Judy Beck: If you will give us a marked copy, Bob has all this on his computer and we can get it corrected and then send it out.

Richard Jaeger: With punctuation we can get this corrected even after it is voted on.

Judy Beck: Yes we can do that.

Gene Maggard: Mr. President I am going to vote in favor but I want to point out one thing, I don't know if I missed this in my initial thought. Item number CCC1-2 Item number 3 Operating Procedure code. I am doing this to bring this to the future secretary's attention, and we can fix this later. At least 4 months before the convention and show, the general show committee of the host society shall provide each affiliated society, all members of the executive committee and all committee chair persons with a packet of information. What has always happened to the best of my knowledge, and certainly this year. I put together the packet and I gave it to the secretary and she used her distribution list to distribute to each individual clubs. I think this is what we have done in the past. That is something I think we need to fix in the future. As long as we know what is going on. I don't see this as wrong.

Richard Jaeger: I think this information is listed on our web site as well.

Bob Smith: It is on the web site.

Richard Jaeger: Are we ready to vote? All in favor

Passed without opposition.

Richard Jaeger: Thanks to all who put all the work they put into rewriting this. The person who put in many, many hours is Judy Beck, Dr. Bob Carlson and DeLane Cox. Those that worked on it before is Jim McGarvey, Betty Cain and Mike Nelson. Many thanks to all who worked on it.

Richard Jaeger: Presidents Report is in the packet. I can add the federation has made real progress. The newsletter and the website. The directory we promised but we have not seen it yet. There are 10 people who now have jobs that did not have jobs, lots of new people and lots of new reasonability's and we thank everyone who has done this. Facebook knows I am in Wichita Kansas; it lists all what is going on in Wichita. It does not mention the Rocky Mountain or the Wichita show anywhere on there. This is just one avenue we can use for free to get this out. We need to use all these creative ways to get the information out about the shows.

Vice President – Beth Simmons: Report is in the packet. I am looking forward to being president next year if I get elected.

Secretary – Liz Thomas: Report is in the packet. Great reports. Thanks for all.

DeLane Cox: I have been asking each year that there be an addendum to the minutes each year that includes the votes we take during the year. We have added 3 clubs this year but nowhere is there an official vote that is recorded. We have to get this added. To make it official we need to get the addendum added.

Liz Thomas: I thought that by getting these emails sent to me from Gene stating that we have these people sending in the paperwork to become members of our club and then it gets sent out to the executive board and I get emails back saying yes.

DeLane Cox: However if the IRS audits us, they do not have those emails.

Liz Thomas: Right. I understand this. But what I am getting at is, when we get all these yes's, I presume that the easiest thing to do was at this meeting we take those clubs, and I did have it in my minutes, this is where we vote on them and finalize it.

DeLane Cox: But if we do that if we have a club that applies next month, they have to wait until March of next year to be a member?

Liz Thomas: Not necessarily. We go ahead and approve them via the email and you vote yes. We finalize it here. By going in here and approve...

Bill Smith: As a committee it is combining and ratifying the vote at this meeting so that it is official.

Gene Maggard: We are just tacking onto the previous year's minutes and our articles of incorporation and by-laws are set up that we do it this way it is legal.

Liz Thomas: As long it is in the minutes somewhere that we approved it.

Treasurers Report: Gene Maggard: It is in the packet but I want to add. We budget the state directors a \$1,000 to visit their clubs and there has been no expenses submitted. I don't know that they are not visiting their clubs or they are just not submitting expenses. We ended the year with 9,000 members and 78 clubs. This is up from 8391. Daisy Mountain was a new club. We have added Apache Junction Arizona, 230 members. We have 704-member increase over last year. We lost 3 clubs. Arizona Leaverites and McCurtain County in Oklahoma and Chanute Kansas. The audit committee found that I had made a boo-boo. The Albuquerque club which is 800 members. We never received payment for the 2014-2015 dues or insurance. I separate emails from payments and they said their check was in the mail which I never received. It just slipped past me on the email. Wayne Cox found the error and I contacted the treasurer of the Albuquerque club and they paid their back dues and insurance. Budget wise we finished the year \$3,300 above the budget. It is off a couple hundred bucks but I think I know where it is and will get it fixed. Right now we have \$18,400 in checking and we need to look at moving 5000 or so to our short term bonds. Any comments on this?

Wayne Cox: What do we need to keep as a running balance in our checking? Is \$15,000 a good number and invest the balance?

Gene Maggard: I would feel comfortable with \$5,000 to \$10,000 in it.

Richard Jaeger: If something happens you can always get money out of a bond.

Gene Maggard: Yes we can get money out of a bond.

Richard Jaeger: Do we need a motion to do this?

Gene Maggard: I don't think we need a motion for me to do this.

Bill Smith: We do not have a finance O.P. in place.

DeLane Cox: Later on we have the scholarship fund to discuss so let's hold this until then.

Bob Carlson: Does this need an O.P.

Gene Maggard: I do think this does need an OP but not tomorrow. This is for the future.

Historian: Cinda Kunkler: I did put in a report. I didn't have a lot. A lot of the records had been in storage. I now have a shop at my house where the records are now.

Liz Thomas: Question, how many reports need to be in the secretary's report book?

Cinda Kunkler: The last report I have for the History is the reports I have from Sandy Utah.

Liz Thomas: Who determines how many back secretary's reports need to be at the meetings? I have a book with years of secretaries reports and I want to hand off some of these to the historian but who determines how many reports are needed at the conventions?

Richard Jaeger: I do not know this.

DeLane Cox: There is nothing in the OP's and nothing that says how many needs to be at the convention!

Liz Thomas: The book is full and I can go to a bigger notebook but...there is up to 10 past reports.

Bill Smith: I would say maybe 4 or 5 should be in the book.

Liz Thomas: I will pass off all but 3 to 5 to Cinda tomorrow.

Richard Jaeger: Past president Diane Weir is not here and did not send in a report.

Liz Thomas: No she did not turn one in.

Richard Jaeger: DeLane Cox, another past president is here. She has a report in packet.

Richard Jaeger: Russ Stewart State Director Arizona/Nevada is not here and did not turn in a report. Colorado report was sent in by Beth Simmons in the packet.

Colorado: submitted by Beth Simmons: The most important thing happening in Colorado is negotiations with the forest service about the various club claims. Membership problems are incredible. Albuquerque and Los Vegas has so many members I want to know how in the world they keep up with so many members and how do they get and keep them?

Richard Jaeger: We have representatives from Albuquerque and Los Vegas here so perhaps we can get into a discussion with them on how they get and hold their members and how they keep up with such a large group.

Beth Simmons: To me, this increase in membership of the clubs is our greatest problem.

Richard Jaeger: A problem I would like to have.

Gene Maggard: Los Vegas has 541 members, Old Pueblo has 472 members, Prescott has 389 members and Lake George has 410.

Beth Simmons: They are not getting their membership cards and when they show up at a claim the forest service says you do not belong here.

Richard Jaeger: One of the things I am doing this year which hasn't been done for many years. We have a public lands access committee chairman who is Mike Nelson. We are going to hold a separate plaque

committee meeting Sunday morning at 10:30 rather than try to discuss everything related to public lands access. It will be held right in this room. Beth is there anything you would like to add?

Beth Simmons: There is a big Denver rock show that a lot of people do not realize that this is a council and seven clubs put this show on. Each individual club will also have their own show throughout the area. Kathy Honda is our new state director.

Kansas; Bill Smith: Report is in the packet. I only have one correction. Next to the bottom line, I am hoping to make it to all our clubs in the state I'm not sure I can make all the clubs in 2016 but I will have them by the next convention.

New Mexico/Texas: Dr. Robert Carlson: Report is in the packet. I tried to get proxies from all the clubs but unfortunately I did not get this done.

North Dakota: Russ Olinger: Something came up and he could not be here.

Oklahoma/Arkansas: Virgil Richard: Report is in the packet.

Richard Jaeger: Virgil has a very detailed report 4 pages long in the packet. His wife has been very, very ill. He should be here tomorrow.

South Dakota/Nebraska: Sony Hemsher: Report is in the packet. I am in need of something that explains why it is good to join the RMFMS.

Gene Maggard: I just put an article in the RMFMS newsletter over this.

Sony Hemsher: I did not get this.

DeLane Cox: It was emailed.

Richard Jaeger: The newsletter is also on the RMFMS website. If you look at the RMFMS directories there is a section on what the RMFMS does.

Liz Thomas: Sony if I can find that email I will send it to you.

Sony Hemsher: I want to thank Mr. Jaeger. I heard about the scholarship in Cody. Our club has always been going downhill. But after learning about this, it has caused more excitement than we have had in a long time. We did not have a good relationship with school of mines but now we are best buddies.

Richard Jaeger: That is great. I have gotten a lot emails from the members in your club. Dr. Foster Sawyer with the South Dakota School of Mining and Technology. He is this year's honorary recipient of scholarship recipient from RMFMS. He will be at the awards banquet tomorrow night to receive his plaque and give us information about the two student's he has selected to receive the \$4,000 scholarships. We are very excited to have him.

Sony Hemsher: I have a letter from Dr. Sawyer that I would like to be read into the minutes. (The letter is attached to this report.)

Utah: No report

Richard Jaeger: Wyoming state director Jim McGarvey wants to step down. Jim is in rehab in Riverton Wyoming. He had the flu and a blood clot in his leg. I received an email from Stan Strike saying that he

is improving and is getting well. He will be able to take over his duties in a month or two. He is the web master and 2 months of no updates may happen. Wyoming State Council each two years they select a person to be their state director and they have appointed Stan Strike. Jim says he will step down at this point as state director and I will appoint Stan Strike to take over his position. Wyoming has 6 clubs which 5 of them gained membership. As a whole they gained 28.5%. They had a great year. I want to introduce Matt Charsky American Federation President and his wife Jean.

Matt Charsky: I am amazed at the increase this federation has in dues. It has gone up dramatically. If the numbers are correct you are the 2nd largest federation in the American Federation. Closing in on number 1 very fast.

Gene Maggard: If you go back and look at how many are paid members that number will be less. What I do is this number is the total number of members and the date is from October 31st.

Matt Charsky: As I said earlier you are worried about the cost increasing, we get a portion of your dues and the American has no problem with your increase in numbers. Even though Beth you are worried about increase in membership because the Federation gets a portion of your dues, we are pretty happy with you. The AMFS Scholarship, we are still trying to hold true to the federation and at our level we have been going through some changes we are trying to work it out financially. Seems like we are doing okay. We have lost our treasurer due to death of John Spangel. We are replacing him. In another federation on the AMFED.org website we list the clubs by state and is it up to date? Other federations are not up to date. Please check on your federation to see if it is up to date. Last night after dinner I spoke to someone from New Mexico about land being shut off from some land. This is happening in California and North West Federation due to the sage grouse. I have written to the BLM and the Forest Service but not sure if this will help but we are getting our thoughts out there. I will get in touch with John Martin because he wants to get as many people to respond to this. BEAC entrants is the Bulliten Editors Advisory, so you get all these additional club members hopefully you are submitting articles into the big five contest that we have in the Federation. They have not told me how many have been sent it. Next convention will be in Albany Organ. Hopefully you will be there. They are planning on 200 show cases. Thanks for inviting us.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wayne Cox: The Scholarship Fund, for 2 years we have voted on taking our excess to the scholarship fund. Doing it that way we are taking our excess and investing it and then we have excess in our investment. I think we need to change this to taking our excess money, investing it and the money earned off the investment go to the scholarship fund. Our investments are for scholarship.

Gene Maggard: This is what we are doing right now.

DeLane Cox: But this was just voted on for one year. This is a continuous thing.

Gene Maggard: Yes, we have been voting on it each year. I have been submitting it each year on the budget proposal and the executive committee votes on this.

Wayne Cox: Should we not get this in a formal process that we do every year that any income from investments will go to the scholarship.

Bob: We have discussed this extensively in Cody, Wyoming. One of the things that came out of that we would lock our money. If we have some bad years, then we cannot get our money out.

Wayne Cox: This is why I put it this way. That only excess money will be invested and the income off the investment go into the scholarship fund. And this would not stop us from bringing it back if we have a bad year.

DeLane Cox: As it is right now we have to bring it up at the convention each year at the executive meeting then move it onto the delegates meeting. Then we have lots of questions and it takes a lot of time to go over this each year.

Richard Jaeger: Actually we don't have to. What I see here in the minutes in the executive meeting last year in Cody, this was Marion Roberts which was the AMFS president last year said instead of designating the fund you need to just designate the earnings off the fund as a scholarship fund. Do not include the fund itself just the earnings off those fund. Otherwise you are locking in the fund.

Bob Carlson: What we asked was, after we have designated the fund as a scholarship fund it cannot be brought back into the federation funds.

Bill Smith: That was my understanding also.

Wayne Cox: It is my understanding that any excess investments we have are for scholarship.

Richard Jaeger: The interest off the CD earning goes to the scholarship. I thought we voted to vote on this each year.

DeLane Cox: We voted last year but we did not vote anything upcoming.

Gene Maggard: The motion was to donate the earning off of our savings for physical year 2013-2014.

Wayne Cox: We need to have a different motion to say we do it each year. Or we do it annually any earnings from the investment will be....

Bill Smith: If we pass this motion can we get this money back?

Wayne Cox: Just the investment. We are talking about just the earnings off the investments.

Gene Maggard: If we pass that motion then in the future if we decided to do something with the earnings besides scholarship. That is the question.

DeLane Cox: Sure, all we have to do is have another motion.

Gene Maggard: And if that is correct then we could go ahead with the motion. But that would not keep up from withdrawing from the body of some of our savings to use for financial emergency's.

DeLane Cox: That is why we asked a bit ago how much do we need to keep in the checking account. This is to make sure that this is covered by the \$5,000 or \$10,000 and anything over that we go into one of the investment accounts. Then any interest we gain off of the investment accounts is what we send to the AMFS Scholarship Fund.

Gene Maggard: Wayne do you have a motion crafted to recommend to the house of delegates?

Wayne Cox: Not completely, we will have one in the morning.

Gene Maggard: The executive board needs one to vote on to recommend to the house of delegates.

Bill Smith: I would like to see it reviewed.

Gene Maggard: Reviewed by who?

Bill Smith: This whole committee. I have not seen a problem up to this date. Therefore, I would like to see this whole committee to make sure we continue without a problem. I have not had a problem up till now and I do not want to create one.

DeLane Cox: This is something we discussed last year and the year before.

Wayne Cox: We just need to take what was done last year except we limited it to last year. Maybe we need to change the wording to include each year that the income from those investments will come from...we will write something up.

Liz Thomas: But it has to be brought before this committee now, it cannot wait till tonight or tomorrow because this has to be approved to be brought to the delegates meeting.

Gene Maggard: Well financially the executive committee is responsible for the finances. So the executive committee can pass the motion to do it but I think it is best to get the house behind it with an approval for it.

Richard Jaeger: Gene as treasurer here do we want to go ahead now at this point and pass something that is a multiyear thing or do we just want to do a one-year deal again? Just say this year and have something presented next year.

Gene Maggard: I am with Wayne to go ahead and craft a motion to do it for multiyear.

Wayne Cox: I make a motion that the investments income from our excess fund be designated for mineralogical scholarship either through RMFMS or the AMFS.

Gene Maggard: Why don't you just drop it after mineralogical scholarships.

Wayne Cox: This way in the future if they discuss trying to doing it within the RMFMS and other doing it in the AMFS. We can leave it that way and if someone wants to do it and if we ever get someone that wants to do it with the RMFMS aspect so far we have had no one to do it but it might happen.

Richard Jaeger: The AMFS has already been set up.

Beth Simmons: I do not want mineralogical scholarships. I want geo science.

DeLane Cox: I am like you, I do not want to limit it to mineralogical.

Richard Jaeger: This is what the AMFS has in the scholarship.

Liz Thomas: Wayne I will read the motion and you tell me where I need to fix it. The motion is that the investment income from our excess funds be donated to the AMFS scholarship fund. What do I need to fix?

Bob Carlson: The excess of our funds. I would not say all our income.

Gene: Let me try this; I move that all earnings from RMFMS savings accounts and investment funds be donated for Geo Science scholarships.

Bob Carlson: Wait, all the income from investments?

Gene Maggard: All earnings from the RMFMS savings accounts and investment accounts.

Richard Jaeger: This is what we voted on last year.

DeLane Cox: This is what we voted on

Gene Maggard: Exactly, this is what we are talking about. The income from our savings.

Richard Jaeger: This is what the tax requires.

Wayne Cox: That gives us from a federal tax standpoint this give a reason to have excess funds.

Bill Smith: We would not have the ability to take it back it what you are saying?

Gene Maggard: We are not disturbing the body or the capital of our funds, it's the earnings off the funds.

DeLane Cox: You will have to add two words, it's the earning off the savings and the earnings off the investment funds.

Bill Smith: If I understand this correctly, we come up to exe meeting and say we need those earning to operate the RMFMS we can pass a motion then pass it to the delegates they vote on that then we resend that then those funds go to the RMFMS. What happening now, I do not want to lock those funds in that we cannot touch them again. All earnings always going there in case of lawsuits or major expenses we might need.

Wayne Cox: We are not creating a fund that is not retractable. All we are doing is saying that any investments off of those funds are going to the scholarship. The funds are not locked in.

Bill Smith: We can resend that?

DeLane Cox: Yes by a vote

Bill Smith: Then as long as all the money is not locked in.

Wayne Cox: I make a motion that, **All earnings from the RMFMS savings accounts and the earnings from RMFMS investment funds be donated for Geo Science Scholarships.**

Gene Maggard: Second motion

Sonny Hemsher: Do we need to put a caveat in there saying where it needs to go to?

DeLane Cox: No this is the whole reason to do this now so we do not have to do yearly.

Richard Jaeger: We can always review yearly.

Liz Thomas: Do we need to? All earnings, I know where they are coming from now, do we need to specify all earnings from...Interest earnings. You can interrupt that anytime we put money in there it is an earning.

Gene Maggard: This is a requirement by the government.

Bill Smith: This is a requirement.

Gene Maggard: We can't use earnings off of savings to cover operating expenses or reduce dues or anything that benefits the club. It has to be used for some purpose that is stated in the articles of incorporation.

Bill Smith: I call for the vote

Richard Jaeger: Alright all approved but one opposed. Do we need a motion to designate where this year monies goes?

Gene Maggard: I make a motion that we donate the earning off of the savings and investments for physical year 2015 and 2016 to the AMFMS scholarship fund.

DeLane Cox: Is this not a duplicate from what we just did?

Richard Jaeger: It is not; we did not designate where it was going to.

Gene Maggard: This year we are donating it to AMFMS.

Bill Smith: So each year we will have to vote on where we want it to go.

Gene Maggard: Yes.

Richard Jaeger: Do I have a second on that

DeLane Cox: I will second on that.

Richard Jaeger: Do we have any discussion on that? All in favor.

Passed

Richard Jaeger: Stan Strike is here. Stan is from Wyoming. We just went over state directors reports which you did for Jim. Did you have anything to add on Jim McGarvey report, and how he is feeling?

Stan Strike: He is out of bed and doing better. Sounds really good on the phone.

New Business

DeLane Cox: Nominating committee is proposing for president- Beth Simmons, Vice president- Liz Thomas, Secretary- Wayne Cox, Treasurer- Gene Maggard, Historian- Cinda Kunkler, we do not have to reelect this year. All the state directors with the exception of Stan Strike has agreed to serve again.

Richard Jaeger: This is a 2-year term and those that are up for reelection are: Colorado, New Mexico/Texas, Oklahoma/Arkansas, Utah and Wyoming. That is the nominating report and that will be moved along to the house of delegates tomorrow. The Albuquerque club will submit a bid to host the 2016 Convention for RMFMS.

DeLane Cox: Does the executive board have to approve the bid for the place for the convention?

Richard Jaeger: We do not need to vote on this. Anyone can submit a bid and then we will vote on it in the delegates meeting.

Gene Maggard: I passed around a pendent made and donated by Peggy Sue from the Southern Nevada club and wants to donate this pendent to the raffle. After asking her which raffle, she said just do with it whatever you want. My thoughts are we auction it off tomorrow night at the banquet.

Richard Jaeger: Any further new business?

DeLane Cox: Yes, we do, I have a whole list of them. Dealing with other groups and getting their nonprofit status in order. We have been asked about an inventory of items that we own for the group. Is there an inventory list of what the RMFMS owns?

Gene Maggard: What do they own? We have a library that we have an inventory of.

DeLane Cox: And the cases that they are in.

Gene Maggard: You mean the cardboard boxes. I have 2 shelves for the library.

DeLane Cox: We have a recorder, machine to convert from slides to cd's, a sound board, and assorted printed materials. We need a list of it and who has it.

Bob Carlson: I have a bunch of slides and trophy's.

Gene Maggard: What are we going to do with this list?

Wayne Cox: We do need this just to keep track from year to year so we can keep up with it.

Bill Smith: What about the past president's case? We might as well get started on it now.

Gene Maggard: Who will do it and who will be the keeper of the inventory? This list should go to the Historian and put this in the op's next time.

DeLane Cox: This should be the job of the vice-president.

Gene Maggard: My opinion is there is not enough that the federation owns that we do not need to worry about it.

DeLane Cox: In going through the membership book and the newsletter we have no idea what a special committee is. We need to define what the standing and special committee are.

Richard Jaeger: In the information that I sent in for the directory, the list that I gave to Jane, the list for standing committees is separated from the Special committees. Until I see the directory I do not know if it will be done this way.

DeLane Cox: Although we approved the OP's there was a lot of omissions. I think we need to address these. We have a membership directory with no OP. We should have an OP that says the directory will be out by March 1. We have a finance committee and no OP. We have a new programs competition committee that has not functioned lately but we have no OP. It is an AFMS active competition.

Richard Jaeger: This is things that the long range planning committee that needs to be worked on for the next convention.

DeLane Cox: Then the new one is the Public Relations committee that I maintain we need.

Richard Jaeger: Again the long range planning committee can work on this. I do wish we had a public relations committee. Not everyone agrees. The Albuquerque club has 150 youth, McPherson does things with the 4-H and Colorado Springs does something for their youngsters. We need to be doing something in our own clubs to attract the youth. I will ask several of these clubs if they will write an article about what their club is doing for the area to bring in youth.

Richard Jaeger: Anything else to bring before the committee. Do we have a motion for adjournment?

Beth Simmons and Bob Carlson: I make that motion.

Bill Smith: And I second that motion.

Adjourned 3:50 PM

Respectively submitted June 20, 2016

Liz Thomas

RMFMS Secretary