



Rocky Mountain Federation
of Mineralogical Societies

2020-21
Annual Report

June 19, 2021
Big Piney, Wyoming

Hello All,

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of the Delegates and attendees to the 2021 RMFMS and AFMS Convention in Big Piney, Wyoming. This is my last Convention as President and I want to be sure it is a great Convention. We were the only Federation to have our Convention last year but we did not have a quorum because of this Covid thing that has been going around. So, we are trying again, in the same location, at roughly the same time, and all of you who missed all the fun last year can experience it this year.

As I said, this is my last year as President, and it has been very uneventful, to say the least. We had a whole lot of things planned for these two years and I am hoping we can get some of it done at this year's meeting. I have heard that most clubs are back to having meetings either virtually or in person and the world is slowly turning back on.

I look forward to seeing all of you in June in Wyoming at the Convention.

Bob Regner

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 2021 RMFMS Convention to be held June 18-20 in Wyoming. Our hosts are the members of the Sublette County Rock Hounds and their President, Jim Gray.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions last year, many of our Delegates did not get to attend our Delegates Meeting. As a result, there was no quorum, and no official business could be conducted. We hope to see lots more Delegates this year. The RMFMS is holding its Annual Convention, and will be hosting the American Federation's Annual Meeting. Plus, the Sublette County Rock Hounds had a wonderful show last year, and it should be just as good and as much fun this year.

The RMFMS Executive Committee will meet Friday, June 18, at 10 am at the Fairgrounds Community Hall. Please note the Gem Show is being held in the Event Center at Sublette County Fairgrounds.

The House of Delegates will meet Saturday, June 19, at 10 am at the Fairgrounds Community Hall. 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 table before the meeting.

If no member of your club can attend, please fill out a Proxy Form and assign your votes to another person who will be attending. A good person to ask to vote your Proxy would be your State Director, if they are attending, or another RMFMS Officer who will be attending. Your Proxy person MUST be in attendance for your votes to be counted. Delegate Forms and Proxy Forms are at the back of this packet. They are also on the RMFMS website. These must be presented to the Credentials Committee before the Delegates Meeting.

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

Wayne Cox,
RMFMS Secretary

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

House of Delegates Meeting Agenda

June 19, 2021

Big Piney, Wyoming

Call to Order

Opening

- A. 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. ACROY - Club Rockhound of the Year
- B. All American Club Contest
- C. Boundaries
- D. Convention Advisor
- E. Credentials
- F. Finance Committee
- G. Fluorescent Mineral Technical Committee
- H. Fossil Technical Committee

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- I. Insurance
- J. International Relations
- K. Junior Program
- L. Lapidary Technical Committee
- M. Library Committee
- N. Long-Range Planning Committee
- O. Membership Directory
- 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. Publications Competition
- Y. Public Relations Committee
- Z. Scholarship
- AA. Supplies
- AB. Trademark Control and Use
- AC. Treasurer
- AD. Trophies and Stationery
- AE. Uniform Rules Committee
- AF. Webmaster
- AG. Website Contest Committee
- AH. 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

Secretary's Minutes from 2020 Meetings

RMFMS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Sublette County Fairgrounds

Big Piney, Wyoming, June 19, 2020

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Bob Regner, RMFMS President, at 1 pm. Because there was not a quorum in attendance, no business could be conducted.

Wayne Cox, Secretary

RMFMS House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Sublette County Fairgrounds

Big Piney, Wyoming, June 20, 2020

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Wayne Cox, Secretary

Although I was not at the meetings last year, these are notes from several people of topics discussed at the meetings.

- A. Jim McGarvey asked if it might be possible to have a calendar for each state with all the show dates on it. Tabled.
 - B. Joel Johnstone suggested we use the "Legacy Box" to have all the things not already on CD transferred to them. Tabled.
 - C. Bob Regner brought up the possibility of doing away with the printed copy of the Membership Directory, since the cost this year was \$1,200.00. Liz Thomas reminded him it is in the By-Laws or OPs, and that would have to be changed first. Tabled.
 - D. Bob suggested we set up a YouTube video with programs on rocks to get more young people interested. Tabled.
 - E. Bob said he thought the wording for the Uniform Rules Committee should be changed to 'Exhibiting Rules.' This will need to be sent to the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee for consideration. Tabled.
 - F. Bob suggested the Federation needs to set up a loan or give money to spend on our Convention so the host Club might be more excited to host a show by us paying for it. Tabled.
 - G. Bob would like to see all awards given at Convention posted on our Website, along with the First Place Winner in all written materials published, also. Tabled.
 - H. Bob suggested that the Proxies be sent out with the Agenda next year.
 - I. The RMFMS is in need of clubs to Host the 2023 and 2024 Show and Convention. Everybody needs to work on this.
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Treasurer's Report

The 2019-20 financial report is attached. Highlights are: Beginning balance was \$184,400. Ending balance was \$192,800. Income exceeded expenses by \$6,400. Unrealized capital gains in the Vanguard fund was \$1,900. We ended the year with 80 clubs, 10,886 dues paying members and 12,074 total members. This was a gain of 750 dues paying members and 800 total members from the previous year.

And then the pandemic hit, - and it has taken its toll. We ended fiscal year 2019-20 with 80 member clubs. We had started 2020-21 by adding one club, the Verde River Rockhounds of Cottonwood, AZ, and losing one club that failed to renew its membership, giving us a total of 80 clubs at the beginning of the 2020-21 fiscal year. Dues paying membership this year is 8,823, and total membership is 9,883.

Almost across the board clubs have lost membership. Hardly anybody has been holding meetings. Several clubs are not collecting dues in 2021 so reported “no dues paying members.” Hopefully we are approaching the end of this mess and things will start getting better.

Budgetwise, last year we collected \$16,220 in dues. This year, it was \$12,869. Insurance premium collections last year were \$7,281 and \$5,921 this year. Total income YTD is \$18,662 with projected end of year income to be about \$19,310. Expected end of year expenses this year is \$25,529. This would be the first budget deficit since I have been treasurer, starting in 2006.

Not much good news from the Treasury Department, but, hopefully, things will be looking up in the very near future.

Gene Maggard

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

I want to take the time to welcome you all to Wyoming, again, and to thank the Show Chair Jim Grey and his crew for putting on a most incredible Show and Convention. I know this will be the case because they did a stellar job last year, even right in the middle of this whole pandemic thing.

I am sure by the time the Convention rolls around things will be a lot more open around the country and we can all do more than we have been able to do for the last year. This is once again the BIG ONE: we are hosting the AFMS as well this year. We are also proud that our very own Judy Beck is the AFMS President this year, so come out and help the RMFMS shine. I myself only have the regret that I couldn't do more during my presidency but I hope to stay on in some capacity and continue to help make the Federations better and better. Maybe I can come back and try again when things are somewhat “normal” in the world.

I am still working and am considered an essential worker as a telecommunication technician. People want their internet and when everyone started working from home they wanted more, faster, better service. It was kind of hectic for the first few months but things have calmed considerably. I have only been able to go rock collecting maybe four times in this last year, so that is another reason to look forward to the Convention. We went on some really awesome field trips last year and had our own special guide for a couple of days to a couple of really cool locations. Thanks, Scott, for the great time you showed us. And then there was Kemmerer. That is a trip that was on a bucket list of places to go collecting and it did not disappoint. Donna and I both had a blast and everyone found something there to take home. Donna has also told me that Kemmerer was the most fun she has ever had collecting, so you don't want to miss it this year.

I don't want to bore you all with a bunch of stories but I do want to thank each and every one of you that I have shared my journey with so far and I hope to continue riding with you for a long time. I had a whole lot of ideas coming in to this and hope to share them still as we come out of this hard time everyone has gone through. The one thing I have gotten out of this whole thing is that I have made a whole lot of lifelong friends and I know I will continue to make them as long as I am a part of this wonderful group of people.

My challenge to everyone out there is to use your resources from the RMFMS and the AFMS to help build your clubs, make them stronger and secure the future of them. Remember, as with most things, our children are our future and you should try to get juniors involve with your clubs to ensure your clubs will not only survive but thrive as well.

Thank you all, again, and we look forward to seeing you in June in Wyoming !

Bob Regner

Vice President's Report

No Report Submitted.

Secretary's Report

This has been a strange year to say the least. With many things closed, cancelled, or postponed due to the Covid 19 virus, my wife and I have had a little personal contact with other rockhounds. Since I had to miss the RMFMS Convention in 2020 and there not being a quorum at the Delegates Meeting and not many notes taken by those who were there, I don't have much to report.

I really look forward to this year's Convention that is again being held in Big Piney, Wyoming. We began the year thinking we would be going to Utah for the Convention, but due to Covid restrictions cutting that location out, we need to thank the Sublette County Rock Hounds for stepping up and agreeing to host not only the RMFMS 2021 Convention but the AFMS Convention, also.

The Executive Committee also voted to bring a new club into the Federation during the year, with the successful votes for the Verde River Rockhounds from Cottonwood, Arizona. Welcome!

As reports from Officers, State Directors and Committee Chairs are coming in, I am in process of completing the 2020-21 RMFMS Annual Report in preparation of the 2021 Convention in Big Piney to be sent out 30 days prior to the Convention.

Wayne Cox

Historian's Report

No Report Submitted

Past Presidents' Reports

You think last year was great, wait 'till you see this year. It is going to be bigger with so much more to do. We have the AFMS Officers and Leaders who will be here from all the Federations. More meetings and more friends to visit with.

"Thank you" Jim and Leane Grey and the Sublette County Rock Hounds as well as the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society for taking on this Show and Conference again this year. You have worked extremely hard to make this happen, and I cannot tell you enough you are appreciated.

This year was an easy one with getting it all put together. With this last year under Jim's belt, he was on top of it in no time. Cheryl Neary with the AFMS Central Office was so very helpful to Jim and me to make sure we had all the info on the meetings and the Junior Rock Hounds. This is really going to be a banner year for the young ones. I can honestly say this was a big team effort to get it all into place.

I also want to thank Doug True for leading all the field trip before and after the Convention. It is always so much fun just being around him and his wife. Can not wait to go out on a hunt with him.

And I am already working with Sheri Johnson and the club in Las Vegas, Nevada, for next year's Show and Convention. So be looking for all the information about that one, too.

Liz Thomas

STATE DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Arizona / Nevada

In 2021, Arizona and Nevada has total of 21 clubs. There are 20 in Arizona and one in Nevada.

The Verde River Club in Cottonwood, Arizona, joined the RMFMS in December, 2020. I would like to welcome them onboard.

This was a tough year to be able to do my annual meet and greets. I was able to meet in person with 10 clubs and with five clubs through Zoom. Still working on meeting with the other six clubs.

My goal for the meet and greets is to get all state clubs more involved in RMFMS services and activities to include their members attending the Big Piney, WY, Convention, since this is the combined American and Rocky Mountain Convention. If they were not sending someone I expressed that they need to send in their Proxy to me so they could be represented.

This year will mark the end of my second term as the AZ/NV State Director and I will be handing over the reins to a new State Director. This is an extremely sad and emotional moment in my life. I have traveled all over AZ and NV to meet with our state clubs and to spread the word of the RMFMS and AFMS. That's not including all the rock trips that I have been invited to by the other state clubs. Throughout my four-year term, Google Earth says I have been halfway to the moon and back. But I know in my heart, I have left a small foot print of my success within the clubs. I thank them for welcoming me into their club and letting them know that they are not alone and that they have RMFMS for support and abundance of information. My motto is telling these clubs, "WITHOUT CLUB PARTICIPATION THEN THERE WOULD BE NO RMFMS."

Steve Kaminski is willing to represent AZ/NV as the new State Director, and if elected will be sworn in at the Big Piney, WY, Convention. Please help me welcome him as he takes over in November. I have been introducing him to our clubs through "meet and greets" via Zoom or in person.

Getting to know Steve: Is he like me? Well, mostly. He is funnier than I am. He is easy to get along with and very excited about getting involved with all the clubs. As you can see from his background below, he is well suited for the job. I told him that the awesome benefits of being the State Director is getting to know all the wonderful people and being invited to their club's rock trips.

BACKGROUND: Western Kentucky Native. Brother to Three.

Found love of:

nature through fishing;

work as a young electrician;

of the underground via spelunking;

of Arizona Mineralogy initially through Sam Elbin and so many others;

and of life through the love of his wife and children.

EDUCATION: BS Science, major: Geology; Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky, with courses in general mineralogy and an independent study on western Montana carbonates.

MEMBERSHIPS: Flagg Mineral Foundation (FMF) 1993

Appointed Secretary 2020 – Present

Mineral Society of Arizona (MSA) 2015

Secretary 2019 – 2020

Vice President 2021

Field Trip Team 2018 - Present

Video Archive Chair and Videographer for FMF and AMF

Rockhound of the Year in 2018
Arizona Mineral Minion Pinal Gem and Mineral Society since 2018
Tucson Gem and Mineral Society since 2019
Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Society 2017
And the West Valley Rock & Mineral Club 2021

Don't think you are getting rid of me that easy. I am honored to have been asked to be the RMFMS Vice President. I look forward to starting this November. I accepted this position with the understanding that I do not have to become RMFMS President in two years. The reply I got was "a lot can happen in two years" and that was the end of that conversation. I think.

Jodie Brewster

Colorado

No Report Submitted

Kansas

As the new State Director, I am trying to figure out the position and its tasks. Here is what I have to report.

In early March I sent out an email to our state clubs with a brief introduction of myself and explained what I believed was pertinent. I asked for responses with questions, concerns and their activities.

I only received one response and that was from the president of the Olathe club. He informed me that they were still not holding activities because of facilities and a general hesitancy to get together. He told me that they had a picnic planned for the first of June and invited me to attend. I plan on going.

From what I gather from reading our other club's newsletters, none of them are holding meetings and three of them have cancelled this year's shows. The Wichita club did have a field trip early in April.

The Topeka club has resumed holding general meetings as of the last of March. We have also held one class for our Junior Rockhounds Program. It was April 1. We have also resumed our Tuesday night shop classes for lapidary, silversmithing and wire wrapping. All of these activities have been well attended.

The TGMS planning for our show in October continues. We are having issues finding vendors though. We remain hopefully optimistic.

Four out of the state clubs continue to hold Board Meetings and are producing their newsletters. It sounds like membership numbers are down across the board. But each club also appears to be signing up a few new members. I have not seen any current numbers from any of the clubs. The Topeka club is down about 20 members from last year.

The North Central Kansas Rock & Gem Club is a very small group and I have no information from them. They are the only club that doesn't produce a newsletter. I believe there are less than 15 members there.

Bradford W. Davenport

New Mexico/Texas

New Mexico lost the Chapparral Rockhounds Club, in Roswell, NM, but the other seven clubs seem to be doing fine.

Dr. Bob Carlson

North Dakota

We are still struggling with the Coronavirus issue in the State. However, we are starting to open up, and meetings and field trips are being talked about and are in the planning stages. I have made several calls and sent electronic

messages to club leaders and potential leaders asking them for meeting information.

Our biggest club still has its meeting facilities shut off to the public, but they are talking about opening up in June. That will be a big plus. However, in advance of the membership meeting they are planning a metal detecting field trip.

Other than the one club, I have not heard from any other potential startups or interested parties.

Tom Tupa

Oklahoma/Arkansas

It is a pleasure to be the RMFMS State Director for Oklahoma and Arkansas. This year has been again a hard time for field trips, shows and gatherings. Getting to meet with others was not easy. Some of our clubs in Oklahoma are having regular meetings and gatherings with precautions, while others have preferred to cancel everything or have zoom meetings until things get better and vaccines are available.

I have been able to visit with at least one representative of the 10 clubs in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Because of Covid, I had to reach some of them by telephone, but I also had a great visit with lots of members last weekend at the Ada Club's show and last fall at the Catoosa Swap. We lost one club this year. I was involved in calls and emails, and I hope it was just a miscommunication within their club and that they will be back next year.

Last fall, the Oklahoma State Council was able to hold their bi-annual swap in Catoosa. It is an outdoor event, so we wore masks, kept our distance, and brought our own meal, but we were happy to be able to gather again. It was so nice to see lots of familiar faces.

Regarding annual rock shows in this area, I can see a split. Some clubs are trying to have their annual shows like Ada, Tahlequah, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City. Enid will also hold their annual swap. Ponca City decided they will wait one more year. and NW Arkansas will have their Show in September. Ada had their show on March 27, and they had a great turnout. Seems like we are ready to get out and enjoy each other's company as well as being able to see and buy some rocks. Hopefully, next year will be a bit more normal.

Cecilia Evans

Nebraska / South Dakota

Panhandle Rock & Gem Club Scottsbluff, NE

This is a very small club but 2021 has brought the return of their monthly meetings. Their membership has remained pretty stable. However, there are no young people interested in joining, which seems to be the problem with other clubs as well. They haven't had a show the past couple of years and, with their small membership, it's not likely they will return to having them.

Northwest Nebraska Rock Club Crawford, NE

This club doesn't have meetings any more, they pretty much just meet to plan the specifics of their annual Labor Day Weekend show, live auction, and field trips, which are always a great success.

Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society Rapid City, SD

In 2020 they canceled their show and scheduled a date for 2021. However, they've lost about 2/3 of their membership this past year, so finding people to work a show in 2021 just wasn't going to happen, and that has also been canceled. They've been discussing ways to attract new members and how to scale back on their show so it won't take so many volunteers. They have been holding meetings in 2021 but with the 8-10 members who attend, getting anyone to volunteer for something is next to impossible. They will likely hold their summer picnic and the Christmas party which everyone enjoys

Another very small club I've been communicating with is the Northeast Wyoming Rockhounds in Gillette. They

are outside my district but only about two hours from where I live. I've been to their shows the past two years and seriously enjoyed them. They are just in about their fourth year so still pretty new. I've let them know I'm here to help them if they have a show in 2021, and I've sent them a list of things I can help with from a distance to take some of the burden off their people. So we'll see how that goes.

Lori Green

Wyoming

WSMGS – 2021 MEMBERSHIP REPORT					
CLUB NAME	ADULTS	JUNIORS	PEBBLE PUPS	LIFE HONORARY	TOTAL
CHEYENNE MIN & GEM SOCIETY	80	0	0	14	94
CODY 59ers ROCK CLUB	50	7	0	22	79
CASPER, NATRONA CO ROCK CLUB	47	0	4	8	59
GILLETTE, NE WY ROCK-HOUNDS	5	0	0	0	5
TORRINGTON, REX YOUNG ROCK CLUB	14	0	0	0	14
RIVERTON MIN & GEM SOCIETY	74	6	0	12	92
POWELL, SHOSHONE ROCK CLUB	35	0	0	9	44
BIG PINEY-MARBLETON, SUBLETTE CO ROCK HOUNDS	170	14	24	5	213
TOTALS	475	27	28	70	600

In Wyoming, our total state membership numbers have decreased. I have spent time on the telephone and by email talking to the presidents of each club seeking information as to why this decline may have occurred. The responses have included the significant impact of COVID-19 on clubs' abilities to meet and the natural attrition of members as they age-out/die. The Northeast Wyoming Rockhounds had been unable to meet due to COVID restrictions so renewed their membership with only their officers. They have a meeting scheduled in April, 2021, to start building membership for 2021; they are basically starting over.

Each month I communicate with each of the clubs in the State to offer assistance in any ways they may think of that could help them grow, resolve issues, or tap into resources available to their clubs for presentations, increase membership, and/or develop new programs. I forward each issue of the Jade State News and the RMFMS Newsletter as soon as they are published.

As 2020 drew to a close, I have increased my interest and involvement with the AFMS Junior Rock Hound program and the Sublette County Rock Hounds have committed to implementing this program into each meeting beginning in April 2021. As this occurs, I will pass reports of this progress onto the other Wyoming clubs in an attempt to help the clubs see the value of this resource for both junior and adult members.

My goals for 2021, as Wyoming State Director, include: working with individual clubs to increase membership; implementing the AFMS Junior Rock Hound program in Wyoming clubs; and serving the ALAA as the Wyoming representative to contribute to protecting public access to public lands for multi-use.

Jim Gray

Utah

No Report Submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All American Club Contest

Every member club should have a historian who keeps records of what that club does every year. Put these into a scrapbook or yearbook collection, and you have the start of an All American Club contest entry!

Each Federation in the American Federation should have a contest every year for Club Yearbooks. Winners are recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet at Convention, and the top two regional winners are forwarded to the American Federation for judging. AFMS winners are recognized at the AFMS Convention banquet.

Although this is not a typical “contest,” since the entries are not judged against each other, each club entry is judged on the basis of a number system according to a set of standards set by the American Federation All American Club Committee. Points are awarded for participation by the club and club members in community activities that helps promote our rock hobby, by activities the club undertakes such as gem and mineral shows or swaps, talks to community groups, field trips for members, participation in local and national Federation activities, and much more. And all of these points really do indicate a quality program for the club. The AFMS judging sheets can be found on the AFMS website, and would be a great place to start working on a club yearbook.

Unfortunately, due to our Covid-19 lock-downs this year, we have not had a great deal of activities in the clubs, and I did not receive any entries for the contest. However, many of our clubs are getting back into meetings and activities, so it would be a great time to start working on this year’s records and get your entry ready for the next contest.

DeLane Cox

Convention Advisor

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Liz Thomas

Credentials Committee

Many thanks to Bill and Janet Smith for working with the Credentials Committee for the past several years. They have given up several of their Federation jobs this year, and I took this one over because I had done it once before. So the task is no stranger to me.

I re-designed a Delegates and a Proxy form to make it convenient for my records this year. And I have made a suggestion to the Long Range Planning Committee for a permanent change for the future that seemed logical to me. It will be voted on at the Delegates Meeting.

I will be accepting Delegate and Proxy forms at the Convention. If your club does not have a representative attending, please fill out a Proxy form. You can ask your State Director to vote your Proxy, or ask another officer or Committee Chair who will be in attendance to vote your Proxy. Just be sure all Delegate and Proxy forms are turned in and registered before the Delegates meeting.

DeLane Cox

Finance Committee

The financial records of the RMFMS for the period of November 1, 2019, to October 31, 2020, 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 2021 and later years, please let me know.

Wayne Cox

Fossil Technical Committee

In calendar year 2020, no Mineralogical Society or organization contacted me requesting assistance or ideas for meetings or newsletter topics.

In calendar year 2020, two private individuals contacted me. One was for advice on where and what can be collected from a mineral and fossil perspective. The second individual had a large collection of paleontological periodicals and requested that I pick them up and find a new home for them. I contacted two universities, five museums, and several paleontological societies. Thus far, I have not found any organization that wants this wonderful collection of documents. Most organizations are going digital and do not have the room for a collection of this type. I hope that after organizations start to gather again I can find a home for this collection.

I put together several small collections of fossils and minerals as teaching aids for on-line teachers, and distributed the kits to teachers in my immediate area.

I received one request to provide a mineral and fossil presentation to a rural school district in NM. I hope to provide this presentation later in the fall when visitor restrictions are lifted.

I developed several presentations in calendar year 2020 and presented the same to the Los Alamos Geological Society. I have offered to give these presentations on ZOOM or WebEx to other organizations.

Statistic:

Societies contacting me: 0

Individual contacts: 5

Number of societies and organizations I contacted: 10

Number of letter written: 0

Number of e-mail written: 25

Number of e-mails received: 5

Number of phone calls made: 10

Issues encountered:

A mining company contacted me to request NM contacts that could help with potential permit issues. Information was provided as requested and suggestion on joining several societies were also provided. The mining company is using local contacts to maneuver through the difficult world of issuing permits and has joined several societies.

Calendar year 2020 - Comments

Calendar year 2020 was not very active due to the COVID-19 pandemic environment. Most shows and events were cancelled. While many clubs met using ZOOM, most did not get started until late. In addition, many of our members are older and are not familiar with computers or on-line meetings. This is somewhat limiting to our older members in getting information or attending club meetings. Hopefully this will improve in 2021.

I would like to see more mineral and fossil kits put together and distributed to teachers.

Patrick Rowe

Insurance Report

The insurance company is really slow in issuing the 2021-22 policy, which renewed on March 25. Still no policy issued or an invoice received as of April 20. Our agent assures me that all is well and that the insurance company is just slow this year for internal reasons.

Certificates of insurance have been issued to all clubs subscribing to the insurance and Additional Insured certificates are being issued upon request.

Gene Maggard

International Relations Committee

I really don't know if this Committee is still in existence! It was not on the agenda last year although I submitted a report. Perhaps the Board eliminated the Committee. Whatever, but here is a short report, formal committee or not.

This has been an extra quiet year for the International Relations Committee (membership of one), a really quiet year! However, I still get a few questions about "international things" but suspect that most inquirers locate an email address from my Blog rather than the RMFMS website. But that is OK because I enjoy trying to answer questions.

It seems every year, especially after the Tucson shows are over, a couple of rockhounds ask for information about collecting ammolite from the Cretaceous Bearpaw Shale cropping out near Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. I suspect they have seen the beautiful specimens for sale at Tucson and are interested in self collecting. I refer them to a previous article in my Blog about collecting ammolite and the short answer is don't try it, just visit Korite International and buy it. This year I have also reminded people that I can/could not get into Canada for fishing due to Covid restrictions, so there was/is not much of a chance for rockhounds crossing the border.

The Rockhounds discussion group on the web has several international members who certainly bring an interesting collecting experience to the group. Members are quite helpful to anyone posing a question about geology, rocks, minerals, and fossils.

I often (at least once a month) receive an inquiry from an international rockhound that states something like "I purchased this specimen (photo enclosed) at a mineral show/dealer, but the only listed locality is INSERT STATE. Can you help me locate the locality?" That is sort of a hit and miss situation from a soft rock stratigrapher like me---but I give it my best shot.

With the pandemic and travel restrictions in full swing I also receive requests from international rockhounds wanting to send or trade minerals. I usually ask what sort of mineral they are looking for and then suggest a contact with an appropriate club.

One of the really great things to evolve from the pandemic is Mineral Talks-Live, a joint venture by BlueCap Productions (Bryan Swboda), the Mineralogical and Geological Museum, Harvard University (Raquel Alonso-Perez), and the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals (Eloise Gaillou). "This series was created as a response to the COVID-19 situation that has been greatly affecting the mineral world by isolating and separating us." The series is now in week 40+ and features a rockhound, dealer, mineralogist, designer etc. each week for an entertaining discussion and show and tell. The audience is varied and includes many international participants—for example Dr. Gaillou "broadcasts" from Paris. All of the past shows are available on the You Tube web site. I would encourage RMFMS members to "tune in" every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Eastern and get a new perspective on international collecting and museums.

And so it goes for the International Relations Committee.

Mike Nelson

Library Committee

Not much happening with the Library. There were four rentals in 2019-20 and two this year, so far. If any club would like to see specific videos added to the library, let me know and we will see about purchasing them.

Gene Maggard

Long Range Planning Committee

A couple of months ago I was asked to be the Chair for the Long Range Planning Committee. Judy Beck and Richard Jaeger are two extremely great people to have on this Committee because they bring such great knowledge to the table.

The duties of the committee are:

1. The committee, under the direction of the Chair, will study subjects referred to it by the President, the Board of Directors, or the House of Delegates, and also initiate a study of any subjects that it deems of long term significance to the Federation that it thinks should be acted upon by the members of the House of Delegates. When appropriate to do so, the Committee's recommendations shall be presented as proposed amendments to our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or Operating Procedures. In the case of amendments to our Articles of Incorporation

or Bylaws, copies must be furnished to the President and Secretary at least 90 days prior to the annual business meeting. Any such changes approved by the House of Delegates shall be prepared in proper wording and form by Committee Chair and furnished to the Secretary for distribution as soon as possible after approval.

2. The Chair will consult with all affected committees on matters being considered.

3. The Chair will submit a report of activities to the Secretary 60 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting for inclusion in the meeting agenda.

There have been four things submitted by DeLane Cox to the LRPC for recommendations from the President, the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates. Below you will find DeLane's suggestions. I have a line through some parts, with my comments in italics, as well comment on why I feel this way.

A. President's OP

The PRESIDENT shall be elected for a one-year term, with a limit of two terms served consecutively, and shall:

1. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer for the RMFMS, and as such, wears the RMFMS President's Hat.
2. Be in charge of the Executive Officers Meeting and the House of Delegates Meeting at the Annual Convention, making sure all equipment is there, having a flag on display, and having an Agenda for each meeting ready (Delegates Meeting Agenda should be in the Annual Report sent to all clubs for their Delegate to bring to the Delegates Meeting).
3. Work with all State Directors to see that they are trained, that they understand what the position entails, and that they are doing their job.
4. ~~If a State Director has a problem they need help with, they should use the President as their major resource for a solution.~~ *I do not think this line needs to be included. It is a given.*
5. Recruit qualified people to fill the Committee Chair positions, making sure the person in each position understands the requirements of the job.
6. Recruit member clubs to serve as Host clubs for the Annual Convention, seeking to have confirmed locations for at least three years in advance, if possible.
7. Provide a President's Message each month of publication to the RMFMS Newsletter.
8. Be in charge of the Program at the Annual Recognition Banquet.
9. Represent the RMFMS at the AFMS Board Meeting at the yearly Convention.
10. Serve as one of the RMFMS representatives on the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.
11. Be in charge of the RMFMS President's Case, having it on display at yearly Conventions during their term of office and keeping it in good condition between Shows. *If they have the ability to transport. If not they should try to find someone to take it to the convention.*

Rationale:

~~Being RMFMS President is a big job and is even more work if the person holding the office is still employed. I do not want this said in any form in a rationale or in the OP. It will turn potential good people from wanting to hold office.~~ Some of what the President has done in the past has been re-assigned to the Vice President. Some of the items listed above are things that have been done but are not listed in the By-Laws or other OPs – they have been done because someone knew it had to be done. Having this OP will hopefully help the President keep up with all that must be done in that position.

B. Vice President OP

The Vice President shall be elected to a one-year term, with a limit of two consecutive terms, and shall:

1. In the event of the President's absence or inability to serve, preside over Federation Meetings and perform all other duties of the President.
2. Serve as an RMFMS representative at the AFMS Annual Board Meetings.
3. Serve as an RMFMS representative on the AFMS Scholarship Foundation meetings.
4. Work with the RMFMS Convention Advisor to see that Host Clubs have all the information they need to conduct a successful Annual Convention.
5. ~~Arrange for the Induction of Incoming Officers at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Annual Convention. This needs to be done by the President.~~
6. ~~Arrange for the Past President's Plaque for the outgoing President, and make the presentation at the Awards Banquet. This should be done by a Past President.~~

Rationale:

The Vice President had not had much to do in the past. Some of the jobs listed are things that have been done by someone, but are not assigned to any specific position (such as the Officer Induction and Presentation Plaque.) This gives the jobs to a specific person to be sure it gets done.

The first three listed are in the By-Laws. Working with the Convention Advisor is just a good back-up to be sure everything goes well.

C. Convention Advisor OP

The President shall appoint a Convention Advisor whose job it shall be to:

1. Contact the club that has been selected to host an RMFMS Convention as soon as possible after approval in order to help get the Club started with organization.
2. Refer the Host Club and Show Chair to the part of the Operating Procedures containing information regarding the Show and Convention.
3. Inform the Host Club of the financial responsibilities of the RMFMS and the Host Club.
4. ~~Provide list of names, phone numbers and email addresses of any other people who might need to be contacted (Treasurer, Secretary, AFMS personnel when appropriate, etc.). Everything should go through the Advisor so there are no miscommunications. If someone needs to be contacted then it will be done at that time.~~
5. Provide information to the Host club on the needs of the RMFMS (and AFMS, when appropriate) regarding meeting space, scheduling times of meetings, display cases, and any equipment necessary to carry out the meetings, etc.
6. Provide information and samples, if possible, of what publications are needed to publicize the event, and help put together a schedule of when publicity needs to be sent.
7. Serve as a resource person when the Show Chair or Club has questions.
8. Remind the Host Club to secure local hotel and tourist information, if possible, to be *included* in Publicity Packet.

9. Provide ideas and suggestions for themes, decorations, and table gifts for the event, if asked.
10. Stay in contact with the Show Chair and Host Club until the Convention is over and all accounting is finalized.
11. Serve primarily as “advisor” and “resource person” since this event is the Host Club’s responsibility.

Rationale:

The Host Club needs information and help as early as possible, and the Convention Advisor is the proper resource for this. There is a good chance the Club President or Show Chair has not read the OP that covers Conventions, and what all is needed. Having this information early will be a great help to them. We need to make it easy for our Host Clubs to have a great event, and this resource person can definitely assist with that.

D. Changes to the By-Laws

Reference: By-Laws, Article XIII – Proxies, Sec. 1, a.

XIII – Proxies

1, a. “... provided that the Proxy is presented to the Credentials Committee prior to the meeting so that the Committee may ascertain its validity, i.e., signed by a ~~Delegate or Alternate who would be eligible to vote~~ ~~;~~ ~~or...~~” *the clubs Secretary*;

Suggested change:

Remove the “...i.e., signed by a Delegate or Alternate who would be eligible to vote; or....”.

Rationale:

The Proxy Form is not usually signed by someone who does not know they are the Delegate or Alternate. Usually a Proxy is needed when no one in a club is going to the Convention. It should be signed by the President, who is the person in the club who appoints the Federation Representative to go to the Convention. And the “or” is not needed at the end of the sentence. Simply use a semi-colon.

These proposed changes will all be discussed and voted on at the House of Delegates Meeting.

Liz Thomas

Membership Directory

Let me tell you this was no easy task, but it was not that hard, either. Now that I have it on my computer it will be much easier to do next year - if they allow me to do it.

The hardest part was reading the reports that came in. Some clubs do not fill them out in total and add some items that I do not need. Weeding through this was just time consuming.

If anyone has Spell Check on their computers they know that it is not genuinely nice at times and if you do not double check, it will look not so good. I make mistakes. Some are tiny, and a couple are big. But I am the first to say I am human, and I do make a mistake from time to time. But please be understanding and I will get it right next time.

I do ask that all clubs, please get your report back to the Treasurer ASAP and make sure it is all filled out with correct information...address, email, phone number and all. That would be greatly appreciated.

Liz Thomas

Name Badges Committee

Two orders for Name Badges and Job Bars have been made since last year's RMFMS Convention and Show in Big Piney, Wyoming.

Six Name Badges and twelve Bars were ordered on July 16, 2020. The total cost of these items, including sales tax, was \$110.69. Postage was an additional \$30.70, and a purchase of a package of ten padded mailing envelopes was \$5.27, bringing the overall expense to \$146.66.

One Name Badge and two Bars were ordered on March 22, 2021. The total cost of these items was \$18.45. Postage was an additional \$4.65, bringing the overall expense to \$23.10.

Thus the total expense was \$169.76. I do expect to be making another order after our Convention in Big Piney, Wyoming, this year.

If anyone needs to have a Badge or Bar ordered for them, please let me know during the Convention.

Richard D. Jaeger

Nominations Committee

The Nominating Committee for the Rocky Mountain Federation consists of Richard Jaeger, Chair, Judy Beck, and Liz Thomas. The following individuals have been nominated for positions on the Executive Committee:

Executive Officers - 1 year term

President: Sheri Johnson

Vice President: Jodi Brewster

State Directors: - 2 year terms

Arizona/Nevada: Steve Kaminski

Kansas: Brad Davenport

North Dakota: Tom Tupa

South Dakota/Nebraska: Lori Green

Richard D. Jaeger

Program Library

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Gene Maggard

Publications Contest

Materials for the RMFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest were emailed to editors and/or club presidents listed in the latest RMFMS Directory on November 29, 2020 and January 1, 2021 (reminder follow-up). Complete rules and fillable score sheets (which now act as the application form) are posted on the AFMS web site. 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.

Guidelines for the Bulletin Editors Contest are still missing from the RMFMS website. Contest

materials are also difficult to find on the RMFMS website, especially if an editor is new to the contest and does not know exactly what to look for.

Having given up on being able to use the RMFMS website as access to contest materials for editors, I send an email to the list of editors I have with attachments for all contest materials and guidelines they will need.

Because of the difficulties in conducting club business & publishing a bulletin during a pandemic (covid), contest rules were relaxed slightly to encourage entries. For 2021 first place winners from the 2019 & 2020 contests were allowed to be entered in the same category they placed first in the previous 2 years.

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 34 RMFMS entries, 27 will receive placement ribbons, and 10 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 Sunday, June 20, in Big Piney, WY. AFMS BEAC Mark Nelson will also be presenting the AFMS awards for the AFMS contest at the breakfast.

Each year the regional federation hosting the AFMS Show & Convention is given the opportunity to nominate outstanding editors to the AFMS Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame. Shirley Leeson, the AFMS Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame chair (and creator) contacted me in December 2020 requesting nominees. Here are the names of RMFMS editors who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year:

- Amber Brenzikofer, Colorado Mineral Society, *CMS Mineral Minutes*
- Chris Whitney-Smith, Mineralogical Society of Arizona, *The Rockhound Record*
- Dennis Gertenbach, Flatirons Mineral Club, *Flatirons Facets*
- Millie Mowry, Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, *The Glacial Drifter*
- Pete Modreski, Friends of Mineralogy, Colorado Chapter, *Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter (FMCC)*
- Sandy Whiting, Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, *Quarry Quips*

Since publication of the RMFMS Newsletter has been sporadic, I was asked to email time sensitive information to RMFMS local clubs & editors regarding scholarships and the AFMS Endowment Fund. Emails were sent on February 24, 2021.

Linda Jaeger

Addendum: Editors were notified of Top Five placements in the Bulletin Editors Contest by email on Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Public Relations Committee

This has been a difficult year for all of us, but especially for Public Relations Committee. With clubs not meeting, it is difficult to get information out to everyone.

I do not know a single club that has continued to meet through the Pandemic, and that is a good thing. But it makes it hard to keep Club Members actively participating in rockhounding activities. One of my Newsletter articles encouraged our clubs to be sure to keep in touch with their members, using Zoom meetings, their monthly newsletters, personal calls, Facebook information...any way they possibly could. Keeping in touch means keeping members.

Hopefully, in the next year we can see more activities from the clubs, getting old members back into the clubs and new members, especially our young members, learning more about gems and minerals.

DeLane Cox

Ribbons

Since we are being hosted by the Sublette County Rock Hounds, the Ribbons for the Convention will be White with Red writing, which are their club colors. The price for the ribbons and rosettes needed to complete the awards is \$286.36, which is under budget.

I just want to say that I have enjoyed making up these award ribbons, especially after I figured out how to do it. I found out that it was important to make sure that the category ribbons have blank space above and below the writing so that you can do your creative designing.

We will be attending the Show and Convention so we will be transporting the ribbons to the show with us.

Peggy Sue Moore

Scholarship Committee

Thus far, three Rocky Mountain Federation clubs and the RMFMS itself have contributed to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation for the fiscal year November 1, 2020, through October 31, 2021. I sincerely wish to thank each of the clubs that have contributed to the Scholarship Foundation and, of course, the RMFMS. 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 per member for 25 years.

Judy Beck*	\$ 50.00	
RMFMS	4,139.65	
Topeka Gem & Mineral Society**	45.00	15200%
Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society**	421.00	4800%
Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society	100.00	2500%
Wichita Gem & Mineral Society**	150.00	5800%
Total Donations	\$4,905.65	

*The donation from Judy Beck was made in memory of Emerson Tucker.

**Some of the donation from the Topeka Club was made in memory of Betty White. Some from the Tulsa club was made in memory of Claudine Ruth Elmore, Bob Hicks, Jack Hill, and Billie Marie Need. The donation from the Wichita club was made in memory of Steven Hardin and Ralph & Arleta Seery.

I hope that 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 members who have passed

away.

Our Honorary RMFMS Scholarship Awardee this year is Dr. Paul D. Brooks, a professor in the Department of Geology/Geophysics at the University of Utah. He was nominated by the Wasatch Gem & Mineral Society of Riverton/Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Brooks has selected two outstanding Geoscience Graduate students to receive the \$4000 scholarships awarded to the RMFMS through the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. One student is Margaret (Meg) A. Wolf, a graduate student at the University of Utah. The other student is Connor Frederickson, a student at Utah State University. Dennis L. Newell, an Associate Professor of Geosciences at that University, helped in the selection of Connor.

I am attaching a short bio on each of the students. (*ed*: These are located at the end of the Annual Report, following the last PLAC report.)

Richard Jaeger

Supplies

I have received the RMFMS 2021 Membership Directories, but at this time have not had any request to send one out. I will have plenty of the RMFMS patches and lapel pins to sell as well. I also have a supply of AFMS lapel pins coming for the June show in Wyoming. We have not had these pins available for several years. The price will be considerably higher due to the rise in cost of manufacturing and shipping. I am expecting it to be somewhere in the \$6 - \$7 range by time they get to me.

During the 2020 RMFMS meeting in Wyoming, we sold 12 pins, six patches, 15 directories and a \$3 donation for a total of \$109.00. A big thank you to Jodi Brewster for all of her help with the sales.

The 2019 RMFMS Prescott meeting supplies monies were also turned in at the same time. We sold 19 pins and 10 patches for a total of \$58.00. I was instructed the night of the Awards Banquet to give the Directories away, not to sell them since they were out of date.

I look forward to seeing everyone in June.

Roberta Wagle

Trophies/Stationary Committee

There are eleven Editor's Trophies and one Webmaster Trophy that will be presented in Big Piney. The number of Competitive Trophies is not known at this time. Stationary is available upon request.

Dr. Bob Carlson

Uniform Rules Committee

The year has gone by with little happening. A couple of rules clarifications will be talked over with the intention to forward suggestions to the AFMS rules committee prior to the AFMS show/meeting.

Paul Otto

Webmasters Report

Even in 2020, Officers and Committee Chairs are still slowly reviewing the website and finding issues that need to be fixed. When reported, these are fixed within a reasonable period of time. If you have requested something to be posted, please review it after posting to make sure it is what you wanted, especially if I have to create an announcement to go along with it.

Officers and Committee Chairs - **PLEASE**, if possible and appropriate, convert your documents into Adobe PDF format before sending them for posting on the web. If you cannot convert your documents use standard fonts of Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier New in your documents. Do not use Cambria or Calibri fonts. These fonts will cause Adobe to abort the conversion process. I can create fillable forms from PDF documents, which are very useful for those of us with terrible handwriting and no typewriters any more, that people still have to print out for signature and mailing.

Website Updates:

2021 RMFMS Club List:

This year I cut and pasted the information from the Annual Directory, created by Liz Thomas, then created the club listing for the web. Originally posted on 3/12/2021, there have been two updates to the listing as of the writing of this report.

Events and Club Shows:

Final 2021 RMFMS Conference packet was published February 27, 2021. In January, 2021, the registration packet for the 2020 Conference was archived and placed on the Conference Planning page.

Newsletters:

2020 Newsletters posted;

January-February posted 3/15/20

April posted 4/27/20

July-August posted 8/2/20

September posted 11/11/20

2021 Newsletters posted:

February-March posted 3/8/21

Other Documents:

2021 RMFMS Annual Directory was posted on 3/12/21. Before it could be converted to PDF format unsupported fonts (cambria & calibri) had to be changed to Times New Roman. This changed the formatting of the Directory in a number of places. Working with Liz Thomas, these were fixed and the Directory was converted for the web. My thanks to Liz for her multiple reviews of the converted results.

Website contest forms were posted on 11/1/20

2020-2021 Annual Membership Report forms posted 11/11/20

New Kansas State Director announcement of Brad Davenport, was posted 1/14/21

2021 Credentials and Proxy forms posted 2/19/21

Announcement about the AFMS Junior Program table at the 2021 RMFMS Conference was posted 3/18/21

I would also like to thank DeLane Cox for working with me to get the 2021 Credentials and Proxy forms correctly formatted for conversion into a PDF form for the web.

Joel Johnstone

Website Contest

2021 Results: This year the RMFMS Website Contest had three entries. The entries have been judged, and the winners will be announced at the RMFMS Convention Awards Banquet.

Procedures: The RMFMS Website contest chair coordinates the website contest for the RMFMS Federation. 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 chair to tally, which determines their ranking. The chair then sends the First and Second place winners to the AFMS Website contest chair for the AFMS judging. AFMS Awards are also presented at the Awards Banquet.

A First Place trophy and ribbon are ordered through RMFMS, and the chair makes certificates for the first, second, third and honorable mention place winners. The winners will be announced at the RMFMS Awards Banquet. After the Convention, the chair emails score sheets to website winners for their knowledge.

Jennifer Gerring

Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC)

Management of public lands is often a contentious issue. The information supplied below is my personal opinion and report as a committee/state chair. It does not necessarily represent the opinion of CSMS nor the RMFMS.

There may or may not be a chair of the PLAC! If so, I am “it” (appointed several years ago by Richard Jaeger) but now without a charge. If not, I am the State Chair of Colorado and by default, North Dakota and Nebraska) - no recent volunteers. The RMFMS Operating Procedures state that PLAC does not have a formal Chair. However, each state has a Public Lands person and I encourage interested rockhounds to contact these knowledgeable collectors for specific information---see the RMFMS web site.

This has been an interesting year, to say the least. All rockhounds have probably suffered from the effects of the pandemic, perhaps not being ill but suffering due to cancellation of club meetings, shows, other monthly events. I suspect club memberships have declined and certainly the lack of shows has hurt the budgets. However, clubs have become quite innovative in trying to keep the members together. CSMS dropped the membership fees for returning members in 2021, as have several other clubs. Then amazingly a computer program called Zoom suddenly appeared on the market and not only were companies signing in to Zoom in lieu of business travel, but rock and mineral clubs found a way to hold monthly meetings and symposia. My first attended symposium was in October, 2020, when I Zoomed into the annual Desautels Micromount Symposium held in Baltimore, Maryland; one Hall of Fame awardee gave his talk from a computer in Italy. I also listened, via cell phone when traveling, to the 2020 AFMS meeting. Now “Zooming” seems a standard mode of operation.

However, trying to interpret what is going on in the public land arena is much more difficult than Zooming to a club meeting! This difficulty is more due to a change in administration on the national level than the pandemic. In 2020 it appeared that the energy industry was in charge of public lands while rockhounds and small claim owners were drawing the short straw. One never really knew who had authority over parcels of Federal land! Was it being “claimed” by the energy industry or could rockhounds actually get on the land and collect? It was really tough to locate the truth and fully understand what was going on with USFS and the BLM. In addition, the hard working local and federal employees simply were not getting appropriate information coming down the line.

Currently, land managers are waiting to learn how a new administration handles public lands. In my humble opinion there will be less emphasis on opening lands to mineral and energy exploration, and more emphasis on preserving public lands for the people. Now the big question: what is the place of public recreation on federally managed, and to a lesser extent, state lands? I view the glass as half full while some of my colleagues view it as half empty and note that rockhounding on federal lands will disappear. As an optimist I believe rockhounds now have a great opportunity to convince land managers that we are the “good persons” and will be thrilled to work on developing land use policies with a conservation ethos. Instead of declaring rockhounding on the verge of extinction, I have written the Secretary of Interior, and some of her ranking subordinates, explaining what rock-

hounds really do when collecting on federal lands. We are not the persons destroying landscapes, knocking down fences, leaving tire tracks in the mountain tundra, and digging unfilled holes. Yes, those sorts of things occur with renegade rock and mineral collectors, those looking for a quick profit in the selling of minerals. However, most destruction is caused by persons who have little regard for public lands and view such lands as their personal playground to desecrate in whatever manner they chose. I have fixed broken fences, and our local club (and most others) are constantly filling holes dug by claim jumpers. Most clubs have a rule---fill a hole left behind before prospecting. Shirley Leeson (CA) was a leader in working with BLM to clear trash near Quartzite. And importantly, rockhounds must stay on approved BLM and USFS roads. Write your congressional members and local federal land managers. Volunteer to help with decision making about the appropriate land usage.

Two years ago, then President Trump signed into law the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (S.47, the Dingell Act). The Act was heralded as 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.

I had great hopes that the Act would at least rank rockhounding up there with recreational shooting; however, rockhounding did not even get a mention anywhere in the Act (we do not have a strong congressional lobby). In addition, Interior found ways to skirt certain portions of the Act to benefit persons/companies other than rockhounds.

But there may be a ray of light in the Act---it noted that the Secretary shall administer [certain Federal areas] in accordance with the laws generally applicable to the National Forest System. I believe, at last count, that the USFS allows collecting of rocks and minerals with a free use permit, or sometimes without a permit. The big problem is that the USFS (in my opinion) has not formalized any sort of National Forest collecting regulations. The National and Regional offices, as best I can determine, have left regulations to individual Forests and that has left a state of confusion among collectors. So, it is critical that rockhounds contact individual Forests for information about collecting. Rockhounds first need to examine Forest websites and if they disagree with regulations, have this information in hand before a personal visit to the office.

Collecting fossils is another area of confusion. Collecting of vertebrate fossils on any Federal land is not allowed without a formal permit (essentially you work for a museum and will deposit such collected fossils in a federally approved repository). Collecting invertebrate fossils on USFS land is, as my mother used to say, a bag of worms. I have written several articles on collecting of invertebrate fossils and I don't need to repeat such words in this report. A fossil collector really needs to visit with the USFS local office to understand what they consider critical fossils or common fossils, and ground disturbance, and shovel size, and the need for a permit, etc. Formalized regulations of collecting invertebrates on BLM land is essentially "on hold." However, make certain to visit BLM websites since many/most offices have decided to construct their own rules but most are not as onerous as the USFS regulations. Just be nice to the local offices since most workers are as confused as the collectors. But, you should know details about federal laws and be able to present such if questioned by personnel.

Last year I spent much time trying to decipher the Dingell Act (try reading the Federal Register before bedtime!!!). This year I am still trying to understand The National Defense Authorization Act that was passed in December,

2020, over a then-President Trump's veto (this bill was mostly in the news due to renaming of military bases). At first glance I was interested in the section on money laundering and antiquities but then decided that the government's definition of antiquities does not include fossils. The bill originally included some important proposals regarding public lands. One of these land priorities was found in Senate 823, the "Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act," which would guarantee the state about 73,000 acres in newly designated wilderness and around 80,000 acres of new recreation and conservation management areas. This section failed to pass due to concerns about the bill's prohibition on new oil and gas development on Colorado's Thompson Divide.

Another conservation priority, the "Protecting America's Wilderness Act," was also not included in the NDAA final bill. The legislation, House Resolution 2546, was a package of six individual bills crafted to protect nearly 1.3 million acres of wilderness and designate more than 1,000 miles of rivers across Colorado, California and Washington state. Negotiators also did not approve a House provision that would have permanently banned new mining claims around Grand Canyon National Park. However, President Biden has endorsed the continued ban on the mining (uranium).

Then there is the continued confusion about Grand Staircase Escalante and the Bears Ears National Monuments. Most remember that former President Trump greatly reduced the size of both monuments and created a firestorm. Currently, President Biden has commissioned a committee to examine the issue, and in my opinion, will probably restore the monuments to near the original size. About a year ago a new BLM management plan restored the public's right to collect rocks, minerals and common non-vertebrate fossils in the land removed from the Grand Staircase monument (essentially what collecting is normal for BLM land). If the monument is restored to original size, will these collecting rights disappear? I suspect they will fall by the wayside. Collecting has never been allowed on Bears Ears National Monument.

In my personal opinion, the collecting of rocks and minerals in this area of the country, call it Four Corners Region, (mostly varieties of silica) has been confused with collecting of Native American artifacts---everything has been lumped together. If a rockhound was out collecting jasper would they pick up an "arrowhead"? I can't answer that question; therefore, it is much easier to simply ban all collecting. Rockhounds are also often lumped with renegade OHV riders and get blamed for creating new trails. Rockhounds do not have any sort of a congressional/land manager lobby and therefore, very few decisionmakers know much about our hobby, nor do they really care.

I certainly don't have answers to my many questions. But again I suggest rockhounds continue to contact land managers and congressional delegations.

Mike Nelson

PLAC - UTAH

Contacted 8 Rock Hound Clubs, 3 Senators and 3 Congressmen, Contacted 1 County PLC, 4 Four wheel drive clubs, 2 BLM offices and 12 individuals.

The bad part is only received replies from 3 clubs, 1 Senator, 1 Congressmen, 1 PLC, 2 4x4 clubs, 2 BLM offices, and 12 individuals. Made 22 phone calls and sent about 30 emails. Received four phone calls and seven emails from all of the above referenced groups and people.

Unable to attend any meetings, field trips, or offices this year.

My emphasis has been on making clubs aware of what is happening in the state and keeping agencies aware of RMFMS and our goals which quite frankly has not been very good when you consider the response I have received.

Anti-access and the Supreme Court... In a unanimous decision June 14, 2004, the Supreme Court upheld a Utah District Court ruling dismissing claims brought in 1999 by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) and

other anti-access groups against the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The suit targeted BLM's alleged inaction in managing off-highway vehicle ("OHV") access.

Rainer Huck and John Anderson filed Case 2:19-cv-00536-CMR Document 1 Filed 07/29/19

This action concerns the rampant elimination of public access to, and travel upon, the public lands of the United States. Plaintiffs maintain that all Americans, regardless of religion, age, race, health, strength, economic standing, and especially those who are handicapped or disabled, have Constitutional and other legal rights to access public lands held under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management («BLM») on a basis equal to those who have the strength and ability to travel by muscle power, and also to access areas which have historically had public roadways or otherwise had been accessible to persons with physical disabilities traveling by mechanized means.

Update; Judge Ted Stewart dismissed the lawsuit questioning the Standing of Huck and Anderson. The lawsuit has been rewritten and re-submitted. Since the passage of FLPMA in 1976 access for motor vehicle assisted people has declined from over 95% of BLM lands to less than 5% today and at the same time access for the young, the strong, the healthy, and the fit was 100% then and is still 100%. There is no equal access.

Manganese road Melinda Moffit, Thank you for returning my call. This email confirms what I believe we discussed.

Do not rely on any information received from SUWA as they misled their members requesting « Reject the State of Utah's Recordable Disclaimer of Interest Application for the Manganese Road (UTU-94260)» claiming it was illegal when it is not illegal.

Please accept Utah's Recordable Disclaimer of Interest Application for the Manganese Road (UTU-94260 and being an RS-2477 road as it has been used before and after 1976. If not accepted it could deny use to the young, old, handicapped, and disabled by restricting motorized use.

Emery County states in 9.10 RECREATION;

Influxes of tourists and recreational visitors come to enjoy off-road vehicles (OHVs) including snowmobiles and to ski, snowboard, hike, ride horses and bikes, rock climb, ice climb, rock-hounding, bouldering, fish, hunt, camp, watch birds and wildlife, raft, canoe and kayak rivers, water ski and wake board, and take part in other outdoor sports and local and western cultural events (i.e. The Castle Valley Pageant, mountain bike and equestrian trail rides, and rodeos). So Emery County should convince BLM to emphasize Recreational Rock-hounding and Recreational Four Wheeling and refer to them like they do in California.

San Rafael Swell, Labyrinth Canyon, and Desolation Canyon

How can it be called wilderness by putting a sign in the middle of a two track road.

Reference roads around Bottle neck Peak N39.09462° W110.62594

John A. (Jack) Johnston

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Biographies of Scholarship Recipients

Margaret Wolf

Meg Wolf is a third-year graduate student at the University of Utah, studying the interactions between geological structure, climate groundwater interactions, and snowmelt-derived water resources. Her research focuses on the hydrologic understanding of how water is stored in soils and groundwater, and released over a multi-year time period in snowpack-dominated headwater streams. Her work is specifically relevant to Salt Lake City public utilities and water suppliers in the west who rely on snowpack and headwater catchment as their primary water supply.

Meg is working on developing statistical models to improve streamflow predictions using simple metrics related to catchment storage, annual precipitation, and seasonal snowmelt. In addition to building statistical models for predicting streamflow, Meg is excited to start building on the current knowledge base of catchment hydrology and advancing the understanding of how winter snow packs are partitioned into catchment storage, streamflow, or atmospheric demands. Meg plans to expand on her current work by evaluating the transferability of her statistical streamflow models to other regional snowpack-dominated catchments, as well as collecting local snowpack and streamflow chemistry and isotopic data which can be used to quantify water rock interactions, residence time, flow paths and routing of melt water into streams.

In addition to her research, Meg is an avid backcountry skier, mountain biker, and enjoys spending as much of her time as possible on rivers and lakes of the West.

Connor Frederickson

My name is Connor Fredrickson. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in geology from California State University, Fullerton. During my undergraduate studies I explored the geochemical processes involved with mineralization of calcite in salt dome associated rocks from the Gulf Coast region, USA. Using stable isotopes of carbon, I constrained the carbon sources associated with calcite precipitation and characterized hydrocarbon-reducing chemical reactions with in salt dome environments.

I continued my studies in the low-temperature isotope geochemistry at Utah State University, where I am pursuing a Master of Science in geology. My current research centers on the development and applications of a refined pyrolysis method for measurement of oxygen isotopes in iron oxide materials. Using a combination of iron an oxygen isotope data, I aim to identify paleo-fluid sources and compare various hypothesized models for precipitation of iron oxide concretions near Moab, Utah. Following completion of my degree, I intend to pursue a career in environmental geology where I can apply my knowledge of geochemistry to the characterization and remediation of contaminated sites.

RMFMS 2019-20 Financial Report 10/31/20

Beginning Balances 11/1/19

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	<u>91,003.71</u>
Beginning Cash and Investment Balance	<u><u>184,433.35</u></u>

<u>Category</u>	Fiscal Year							
	2018-19 Financial Summary				2019-20 Proposed Budget			
	Expense		Income		Expense		Income	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
All America Club - D. Cox	100.00	15.83			100.00	0.00		
AFMS Travel - Regner	1,500.00	850.97			1,500.00	0.00		
Competitions - Exhibits - Carlson	300.00	245.29			300.00	11.89		
Competitions,Newsletter - L. Jaeg	150.00	74.95			150.00	0.00		
Convention Exp- Maggard	700.00	625.00			700.00	482.00		
Convention-Exec. Board Travel	679.00	844.61			800.00	437.00		
Directory -	1,000.00	741.84			1,000.00	1,214.01		
Donations-AFMS Sch. Found.	3,474.00	3,474.40			4,374.00	4,374.00		
Dues/Memberships-AFMS	7,000.00	7,260.00	14,500.00	15,128.10	7,600.00	7,599.75	15,000.00	16,220.00
Insurance Prem. Club	6,200.00	6,482.00	6,200.00	6,209.83	6,300.00	6,581.00	6,300.00	7,281.65
Interest/Dividends			3,500.00	4,374.12			4,000.00	4,139.65
Library - Maggard	50.00	26.62	50.00	24.00	50.00	4.39	50.00	7.00
Name Badges - Jaeger	200.00	58.98			100.00	146.66		
Newsletter - Woods						0.00		
Ribbons - Moore	300.00	226.06			250.00	217.70		
Secretary - Wayne Cox	200.00	89.41			100.00	0.00		
State Director Travel	1,000.00				1,000.00	0.00		
Subscriptions								
Supplies - Riggs	75.00		75.00		75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
Treasurer	200.00	132.00			150.00	120.25		
Trademark								
Website - Liz	500.00	443.64						
TOTAL	23,528.00	21,591.60	24,325.00	25,736.05	24,549.00	21,188.65	25,425.00	27,648.30

Vanguard Fund Unrealized Capital Gain or Loss (-) 1,892.29

Ending Balances 10/31/20

Checking Balance	10,959.19
CNB CD 181 (was SF 1206)(matures 7/27/2022)	31,448.77
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	55,162.53
Vanguard Bond Fund	<u>95,214.80</u>
Ending Cash and Investment Balance	<u><u>192,785.29</u></u>



Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PROXY FORM

Society Name _____

City _____, State _____

does hereby appoint

(Please print name) _____

as Proxy Delegate with full power to represent this Society at the annual House of Delegates Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, to be held at Big Piney, Wyoming, on June 19, 2021.

Secretary _____

Date _____

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, 2021, mail to:

DeLane Cox

Credentials Chair

8152 Spanker Ridge Drive

Bentonville, AR. 72712

After June 1, 2021, please bring this

signed form with you and give it to the

Credential Chair at the Credentials

Check-in location.



Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Credentials for Delegates and Alternate

Society Name _____

City _____ State _____

Delegate (Please print name) _____

Delegate _____

(Please print name)

Alternate _____

(Please print name)

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

Big Piney, Wyoming, on June 19, 2021.

Society Secretary _____

Date _____

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

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Addendum #1

Colorado State Director

Change her telephone number to 303-315-7749

Change her email address to include the missing “u” from “UCDenver”

For the year:

Emails 100

In person meetings-4

Field trips-One

One club has changed its name to “Friends of the Mines Museum”

The “Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds” changed its officers from elected officers to a tribune of Board Leaders.

The Weld County Rock and Mineral has dropped its membership in RMFMS.

We have four clubs that have unfilled secretary positions. For the Proxy signature, I ask that any officer be able to sign the Proxy.

The coronavirus has affected most in-person meetings and field trips. Either there were no meetings or they were replaced by Zoom club meetings. Most clubs maintained the stay at home, safe distancing and facemasks for 2020. And the beginning of 2021. Hopefully the clubs will return to the former normal, able to enjoying member companionship and digging in dirt and rock.

Katherine Honda

Addendum # 2

Historian

Not much to report--Coved-19 got in the way of many of us in 2020. I, like many of you, was not able to attend the 2020 Convention in Big Piney, Wyoming. I am looking forward to going in 2021.

I hope to bring photos and other memorabilia for everyone to see. Most of my time over the last year and a half was spent finally getting the family home empty out and giving it a new life with a new family. It was a long seven year journey, and a treasure hunt for rocks through the yard and everywhere in between. Mom’s favorite saying was, “Old rockhounds never die, they just slowly petrified.” I am always amazed at how many rocks I find in my own house when cleaning out a box or a room. I have lots to add to my rock gardens around the yard. Can’t wait to find more. See you all at the AFMS-RMFMS Convention in June.

Cinda Kunkler
