



EFMLS NEWS

Information for members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies

AFMS APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO STUDY CONTESTS & COMPETITIONS

by Mary Bateman, 1st Vice President

The American Federation has set up an ad hoc committee to study all AFMS-sponsored contests and competitions and to solicit ideas and thoughts as to whether any or all of these contests/competitions should be continued as they currently exist. The idea of forming a committee to examine the contests/competitions came about when it was realized that there wasn't all that much interest in some of the contests/competitions. At the same time, the costs of maintaining the contests/competitions continue to grow.

The Committee consists of seven members, including the chairman -- one from each federation. The Committee is empowered for two years to do a study with an interim report due at the AFMS convention in September 2008 and the final report at the AFMS Convention in 2009. Contests/competitions being studied (but not limited to) are club publications, program competitions, uniform rules and competitive exhibiting, newsletter articles and bulletins, AFMS Rockhound of the Year, and Education--All American.

Your thoughts and recommendations are needed. As the Eastern representative on the committee, I'd like to hear your thoughts or recommendations to continue/modify/remove a particular contest/competition, or comments on how they can be improved or how participation in the contests/competitions can be improved in either AFMS or EFMLS. An example might be -- Because of lack of interest, there have been suggestions that EFMLS do away with the All American Yearbook contest. Any ideas, thoughts or comments you might have on any and all

contests/competitions will be greatly appreciated. Also, if there is an area you feel we should be having a competition/contest in, please let me know what it is and why you feel it is important. Results will be shared with you.

The current AFMS programs under study are:

- All American Yearbook
- Bulletin Editors' Contest
- Club Rockhound of the Year
- Program Competition
- Uniform Rules

Please feel free to either call me (703-521-4614), mail me (2700 South 9th Street, #203, Arlington, VA 22204-2328), or e-mail me (temporary e-mail--<mbateman@sifma.org>. I look forward to your input whether you are a chairman, committee member, officer, club, or club member. The deadline for submissions to me for inclusion in the interim September report is June 15th. Thank you in advance for your input.

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THERE'S STILL TIME

from Steve Weinberger

It's not too late to register for the September 8 - 14 EFMLS Wildacres Workshop. An application along with information about the classes being offered can be found on the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls> or via the November - March EFMLS Newsletters (also available on the website).

Like the folks pictured here, you'll leave with a new friends and a lot of newly acquired skills.



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THE FUTURE!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS President

Greetings! I have seen the future! To answer the question that may be forming in your mind - no, I am not clairvoyant and no, I am not privy to tomorrow's newspaper. What I've seen is, however, even better. In fact it is something that you too may have seen... perhaps I should explain.



We recently held our Annual EFMLS Meeting and Convention in Jackson, Mississippi, where the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (MG&MS) was our host club. One of the many delightful activities of the Convention is the Award's Banquet where we have a great dinner together and honor the folks who contribute so very much to the success of our hobby. The special guest of honor at this year's Award's Banquet was Mrs. Martha Johnson. Fifty years ago Mrs. Johnson was one of the founders of the MG&MS. During the dinner I had the honor and privilege of sitting beside Mrs. Johnson and listening to some of her stories of the founding of the host club. It was made eminently clear that all the effort made by Mrs. Johnson and the other founding members in those early years paid off handsomely in the formation of a club with a strong foundation and guiding principals.

At the same table with Mrs. Johnson and me sat Ms Betty James (our EFMLS Region VII Vice President and member of the MG&MS) and her young guest Karlie (age 10) who was also a member of the MG&MS. During our conversations that evening I learned that Karlie had attended the MG&MS show that Saturday and participated in some gem tree making going on at the Junior's table. In short order Karlie had completed her project and said that she could do that. By "that" Karlie meant that she could teach other kids what she had just learned to do... and that's just what she did! The next day Karlie was indeed teaching what she had learned to other juniors visiting the show.

It was during those conversations that it dawned on me that I was seeing the future. What I was seeing was the optimism and promise exhibited during the founding of the club as well as the potential of what the club can and will continue to do. The club was founded on the principals of learning, teaching and sharing. It was clear that those principals were just as strong as ever because there, right at this one dinner table, was the strength of the past and the promise of the future. Mrs. Johnson was just as vibrant and dedicated as Karlie, this newest of members. I had seen the future.

I must confess that I had help seeing this future. By listening to Mrs. Johnson regale us with the stories of the early years of the club it made clear the notion that we must keep our past in mind when we look toward the juniors... toward our future. With a nod to our founders and the likes of junior members like Karlie in our clubs - I see bright things ahead.

With the many activities competing for the attention of our juniors, we must keep in mind the strengths we have within our clubs. Video games and the internet cannot offer field trips, one on one attention of juniors teaching other juniors, the interaction of club members with the public at a show and the many other areas in which our strengths as a club are demonstrated. As long as engage and interact with other club members with learning, teaching, and sharing - I will continue to see bright things ahead.

I look forward hearing about your club's activities through the many bulletins I receive each month. I read each and every bulletin. Thank you for sharing them and the good ideas within with me. Keep those great ideas coming.

Ellery

ROCKHOUDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Conservation & Legislation Chair <cwbourne@epix.net>

All seems to be quiet on the legislative front concerning the Paleontological Resources bills, as far as I can tell, meaning they are still locked up in committee. However, this doesn't mean we can relax our efforts to keep our lawmakers aware of how bad these bills are, as they stand now.

As you probably know by now, these bills, S.320 and H.R. 554, direct either the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to manage and protect paleontological resources on federal land. And also, to develop plans for inventorying, monitoring and making the best use for scientific and educational purposes, of these resources. While casual collecting of a reasonable amount of common invertebrate and plant resources without a permit may be allowed on certain Federal lands all others would require permits as authorized by the Secretary. Any materials collected must be deposited in an approved depository. The Secretary may revoke any permit for violations. Selling or purchasing paleo-

resources is prohibited. The Secretary is to establish civil penalties for violations. Information as to the nature and location of paleo-resources is required. Persons acting as "whistle blowers" or reporting supposed violators may be rewarded, with funds from imposed penalties.

Undoubtedly these bills were well intentioned but, as is often the case, there can be unintended consequences. All of us will be victimized, not just us rockhounds, but everyone. Roads are already being closed. Just the fact that we rockhounds, indeed whole families, can be denied access to federal lands, or as I prefer to think of them, "our public lands" for any pursuit that might interest us. We might just want to breathe fresh air or enjoy the greenery.

I encourage you to contact your representatives in Congress now to prepare them to reject either of these bills, should they be released from their committees.

Meanwhile, Happy Hunting.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley

I've heard stories about club members who are going to their local libraries, reading to young people. I think that they are reading stories about various subjects, but at the time they might be wearing some sort of mineral jewelry. You all know how inquisitive kids can be. What's that? can be heard. So, the story starts. Could be a necklace of garnets or a belt buckle of agate. Where did you get it? Wow! You made that yourself?

So goes the story over and over. This is just one way a club member can teach. Doesn't have to be faceting lessons. And we all talk. (Some more than others. That's how I got this job!) Do you have such a club member? Why not nominate that person for the honor of the recipient of the Each One Teach One Award.

No word yet about a convention date, so, you have some time to stop, look and listen to your fellow members to find out who is doing what.

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG A LEAK!

by Pat Pitkin

We have a bit of rain lately so this is a good time to organize your files for the next "All American Notebook for 2008." Find a photographer who likes to take pictures of your Club activities and assign topics to cover. Check the website to cover all bases when you gather your material. Have a central collection area and sort as you go so it is not such a big job at the end. Make sure you have a photographer for your field trips or events for the public, Junior activities, and Shows. Label everything so you will remember who is in the photo and where it was taken. We all know you are compulsive collectors if you are in a Rock Group, so now we want proof of what you collected. "Show me"! I'll be waiting for your entry.



**A COPY OF THE COMPLETE PACKET
OF REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING
MAY BE OBTAINED
BY CONTACTING SECRETARY CATHY PATTERSON
AND GIVING YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND CLUB AFFILIATION.
ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY MAY 1, 2008.**

SAFETY FIRST AND LAST!

by Jim Doran, EFMLS Safety Chair

Everyone is a Safety Chairman!

You probably have never thought of this but when your club is on a field trip or in the lapidary shop, every person there is a safety chairman. Each person in attendance at these club activities is responsible for not only their own safety, but the safety of everyone else there.

What do I mean? I mean that each person has to make sure that they are wearing their hard hats, safety glasses, steel toed boots, and gloves, when in a quarry, and that everyone else along on the trip has, and uses, their safety equipment correctly.

Each person should be aware of where everyone else is and keep an eye on them. Someone may notice a fellow club member too close to a high wall. Another person may notice someone not wearing safety glasses when breaking a rock. It's everyone's job to be safe and make sure everyone else is too.

When in the lapidary shop, it would be a similar situation. Make sure you have and use the the correct safety gear. Is everyone wearing safety glasses when using the grinding wheels? Does everyone use safety glasses and mask when using a trim saw?

My point in this article is to make you think a little more, be aware of yourself, your fellow club members, and your surroundings. Remember, we are all safety chairman!

(Does your club have a first aid kit at all field trips? At your lapidary shop? Do you and your club members know how to use it? Do you or anyone else know simple first aid techniques? This is something else clubs need to think about and implement.)

Let's be safe! Have fun!

(Please feel free to e-mail me with any suggestions, ideas, criticisms, etc. for this column at <jpdoran1@verizon.net>.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES - LEARN BY HELPING YOUR CLUB

by Betsy Oberheim, Jr. Activities Chair

Giving your youth an important job can also teach them the value of helping others. The other advantage of this job is to help the club make money at the next annual show. I'm talking about making rock and mineral ID charts for sale at the show. After they've helped paste dozens of bits of coal or calcite or pyrite on a chart, the pebble pups can readily identify these rocks, this will also help the student who buys the chart to learn, too. There are charts you can buy that are informative but rather dull. Use your imagination! Make a background sheet to glue the rocks to, that is colorful: maybe bright stripes of colors to differentiate the origins of the rocks. Or just do the rocks and minerals of your state (in the outline of the state, of course) Or arrange some arrows to show the metamorphic rocks, such as an arrow with mica pointing to the schist. I'm sure you have some generous rock hounds who will donate small pieces of their latest finds (especially if you approach them after a field trip when they are trying to find room for their booty!) Hot glue, Tacky, or airplane or household glue will work to hold them in place and the pieces can be rather small. It does take some preparation but the charts can be put together assembly-line style quickly. You'll need to organize the boxes of samples,, prepare the background on cardboard, matt board, or flat boxes, and buying the glue (or ask the artsy members to bring their glue guns. Putting them together can be done at a meeting. Learning, having fun, and making money for the club-can't beat that! Maybe you could even bring one to the next conference and show others your idea! (this idea came from Maxine Nichols..thanks!)

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Fran Sick, EFF Chair

Even though the time was short between the Eastern Federation conventions in October, 2007, and February, 2008, there were three club awards given at the Jackson, Mississippi, convention in recognition of additional accumulated contributions. The Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Inc., Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc. and The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. each increased their clubs' contribution level by 100% and received certificates at the 2008 awards banquet with kudos for their generosity. Many thanks to Joy Bourne who graciously agreed to present the certificates since I was unable to attend.

With the 2008 convention now behind us I am happy to report we are already well on our way toward 2009 with five additional contributions to the EFF.

Cathy Gaber has been remembered with two gifts from The Water Oak Gem and Mineral Society and from EFMLS President, Ellery Borow.

Contributions have been received from Jennie R. Smith and from the Northeast Georgia Mineral Society in memory of Eugene "E.T." Pike.

Jennie also remembered with her gift Hale Sweeney.

The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc. also sent their most generous annual gift.

Thank you all for your support of the Eastern Foundation Fund and for your thoughtful remembrance of those special friends we have lost.

I look forward to hearing from many more of our clubs and members soon. Please send all contributions to me at PO Box 5, Dushore, PA 18614.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

from the EFMLS Nominating Committee

The nomination process has begun and you are a part of it! Your nominating committee has begun the process of selecting an acceptable slate of officers for the 2009-2010 term. Your part in the process is to make suggestions to the nominating committee. If you are interested, or know of someone active in the Federation and Federation clubs whom you feel would be interested and would accept a position as an officer or nominating committee member, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

Positions to be filled for the 2009-2010 term are:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Treasurer
Editor
Nominating Committee (2 people)

Those currently serving as Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Editor could "move up" to another position or could be nominated for the same position again.

The full Committee for this year is as follows: (contact information is included on page ____ of this issue).

Esther Dunn Barbara Fenstermacher
K.C. Foster Bill Klose
Sue MacInnis Maxine Nicholas
Ellery Borow

Please do your part in keeping this Federation strong by making your important suggestions to the Committee! (Please be sure to include the name, address, phone number and club membership for each person you suggest.) We want to hear from you. Thank you!

[Ed Note: Being involved with the EFMLS at the officer or committee level does not involve a lot of work for most positions and is a lot of fun. You'll meet wonderful people, and join a dedicated team of individuals willing to help and share ideas.]

THE CHAIR

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS President

Contrary to what may be a popular belief, sitting in the chair of the President of the EFMLS does not fill ones head with a sense of power or grandiose ideas. What sitting in this chair does however offer is a unique perspective on the goals and ideals of the EFMLS. The chair offers a chance to use this great perspective to seek ways to stay on and even improve the path to our future.



I'd like, if I may, to speak with you, one on one. I'd like to address my comments to you as a member of the EFMLS team, to you as club president, to you as club bulletin editor, and to you as club EFMLS liaison. Each of you knows what I'm talking about when I mention this great perspective of "the chair". As club presidents, editors, and liaisons you are the ones selected by your club to lead the way, to muster ideas on how to reach club goals, and how to make clubs grow and prosper in these busy times. You are the ones the club look toward for opinion, ideas, inspiration and let's face it... a fair amount of organizing skills as well.

The EFMLS is made up of folks just like you - folks who are dedicated to the betterment of the hobby. The EFMLS officers, advisors, and committee chairpersons are all members of the clubs that make up the membership of the Federation... our Federation. It is with this sense of belonging and dedication that I'd like to make a few comments and a request. We have within the Federation and its member clubs a pool of talented and dedicated individuals, individuals who are like-minded in desiring the very best for the future of our hobby. Every year, at our annual meeting, the delegates from EFMLS member clubs elect the new officers to head the Federation. We just had our annual election in Jackson and some time in 2009 there will be another election. What I'd like to request is that each and every one of you give some serious thought to your dedication to the hobby and to the opportunity to sit in one of the chairs of the Federation. By your very position in the club it is apparent that you are dedicated to the greater rock and mineral hobby. I'd like to encourage you to think about taking that dedication one step further and consider a position in the Federation... where your ideas, opinions and leadership can be shared with other clubs.

Consider if you will the perspective from the chair of the EFMLS president. The perspective is one of many more great ideas to consider, many more interesting opinions to hear, and the opportunity of work will a really incredible team of dedicated individuals.

Please, if you... or anyone you know, would be interested in considering a position within the Federation, please let me or anyone on the nominating committee know of your interest. We like the idea of sharing the many grand perspectives of the chairs in the EFMLS.

SHOW LISTING POLICY

from Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Asst. Editor

The New York Times masthead says "All the News That's Fit to Print". The EFMLS Show Calendar motto is "All the Shows that Fit - we Print!"

From time to time, this issue being no exception, the number of show listings received is far greater than the amount of space

allotted to the calendar. To make things "fit", we list as many shows as possible, but do have to omit a few that occur several months later than our publication date. This month one show occurring in November was omitted, but will be included next month.

Please continue to send your show listings to Matt Charsky as early as possible to ensure inclusion in the calendar for at least two issues. (Remember, there is no newsletter in July or August.)

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

by Carolyn Weinberger

Unfortunately the Directory Gremlins struck again in the 2008 EFMLS Directory. Thanks to all who were kind enough to send me the errors they've found and I encourage everyone to continue to do the same. Those gremlins lurk everywhere!

Please update your copy of the Directory so it can remain a viable source of information for you and your club members. Updates for clubs sending their information after the document went to press is included in the next column of this page.

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Page 8: Natalie Darling
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Page 9: Safety Chair Jim Doran
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Page 13: Regional Past Pres.
Advisor for Region III
is Wayne Sukow. (not Carl Miller)
Wayne's address information
is on page 20.

Page 77: Aiken Gem, Min. & Fossil Society
Barbara Headrick's phone
number is 706-855-1928.

Page 81: Tidewater Gem & Min. Society
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DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Officers Elected: November Take Office: January
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EDITOR: Mary-Elizabeth Molon
BULLETIN: *The Garnet*
MEETINGS: Mondays or Wednesdays at 7 P.M. Depending on availability of meeting place.
North Branch Library, 3455 Madison Av; Bridgeport, CT

TAR HEEL GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Club Address: 10609 Chelsea Dr; Raleigh, NC 27603.
Club Website: <www.tarheelclub.org>
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Officers Elected: November Take Office: November
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BULLETIN: *Tar Heel Tailings*
MEETINGS: 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:30 P.M. Craft Center, NC State University, Raleigh, NC.
SHOW/SWAP: April 4 - 6, 2008. NC State Fairgrounds, Kenn Scott Building.

SMOKEY MOUNTAIN MINERAL SOCIETY

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48 Adults 2 Juniors Organized: 1986 Joined EFMLS: 1987
Officers Elected: November Installed: December Take Office: January
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BULLETIN: *Rockhound Roundup*
MEETINGS: 1st Thursday of month at 7:00 P.M. Newport Utilities Bldg.; Newport, TN

NORTHERN VIRGINIA MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Club Address: 2121 Marlboro Dr; Alexandria, VA 22304.
Club Website: <www.mineralclub.org>
108 Adults 0 Juniors Organized: 1954 Joined EFMLS: 1955
Officers Elected: December Take Office: January
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BULLETIN: *The Mineral Newsletter*
MEETINGS: 4th Monday except May. December 3rd Monday- at 7:45 P.M.
Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Spring Rd; Arlington, VA.
SHOW: November, 2008. George Mason Univ., Johnson Center, Fairfax, VA.



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Minutes of the 58th Annual Board of Directors Meeting
February 22, 2008
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Clubs Represented:

Region I

Water Oak Mineral Society
Bristol Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Lapidary and Mineral Society of Central CT
Manchester Mineral and Gem Club

Region III

Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc.
Pennsylvania Earth Science Association
Philadelphia mineralogical Society
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.

Region IV

Gem and Mineral Society of Washington, DC
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Inc.
Baltimore Mineral Society
Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society
Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area

Region VII

Dothan Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

1. Call to Order President Ellery Borow called the meeting to order.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – The Pledge was led by President Ellery Borow
 3. Memorial Moment A moment of silence was observed in memory of those club members who had died during the past year – Bob Cohen, Cathy Gaber, L.J. Percival, and Marcy Walton.
 4. Greetings by EFMLS President: Ellery Borow welcomed all to the 58th annual Board of Directors Meeting
 5. Welcome from 2008 Show Committee:
Horace Pezant of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society Jackson, Mississippi welcomed everyone to this year's show.
 6. Introductions: President Ellery Borow introduced AFMS President, Shirley Leeson and Past AFMS Presidents; Dee Holland, and Steve Weinberger, President Elect, Joy Bourne, all EFMLS officers and Regional Vice Presidents who were present.
 7. Quorum Confirmation: Secretary, Cathy Patterson verified that there was a quorum.
 8. Adoption of Convention Procedures: A motion was made by Barbara Sky, seconded by Roger Warren, and carried to adopt the convention procedures.
 9. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Merrill Dickinson, seconded by Roger Warren, and carried to adopt the agenda.
 10. Approval of Minutes of 2007 meeting: A motion was made by Roger Warren and seconded by Barbara Sky to approve the minutes of the October 2007 Annual Meeting.
- II. Officers' Reports
- a. President: Ellery Borow: Ellery announced with great sadness the passing of Cathy Gaber in December 2007. Thanks were given to current slide and video librarian Ken Tudor for his effort in relocating the extensive library to its new location. Additional thanks went to Rick Harrison for serving as previous EFMLS librarian. Professor Emeritus Arthur M. Hussey of Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine was this year's AFMS Scholarship Honoree. Elections will be held for the even numbered Regional Vice Presidents, preparation for awarding the "M" Membership awards will continue, monthly President's Messages and articles will be written in the EFMLS News as well as attending the September 2008 AFMS Annual Meeting in Humble, TX. Finally the Proposed Annual Budget for 2007-2008 was given.
 - b. First Vice President: Mary Bateman, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, has included 2 versions of the drafted budget one of which will be selected after the dues increase is voted on. Mary visited eight clubs since the last board meeting and will continue to visit others in 2008. She will attend the AFMS Convention in Humble, TX with Ellery.
 - c. Second Vice President: Loren Patterson assisted Region II in signing on a new club and e-mailed officers regarding the "M" Awards and trophies.
 - d. Secretary: Cathy Patterson sent e-mails and made calls to all officers, Regional Vice Presidents, and Committee Chairmen regarding reports and created a by region listing of all clubs under their respective Regional Vice Presidents which she e-mailed to the VPs.

- e. Treasurer: Lou Budell included a copy of the letter he has sent to all EFMLS Member Clubs regarding 2008 dues payment. He also submitted a statement of receipts and disbursements from November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 for EFMLS general funds, EFMLS Supplies, and Wildacres Financial Report for 2007.
 - f. Assistant Treasurer: LaReene Heath – No Report
 - g. Editor: Carolyn Weinberger reported there will be no March issue of the EFMLS Newsletter. The April 2008 EFMLS News will contain all information about this meeting. She also encouraged all club editors to reprint various items from the newsletter using “cut and paste” for their clubs.
 - h. Immediate Past President: Fran Sick called a meeting of the Nominating Committee for 2008-2009 after the Annual Meeting in Newark, NY. Reivan Zeleznik was elected Chairman and began his duties. She has also been in touch with EFMLS member clubs, Current President, Ellery Borow, and with other Officers and Regional Vice Presidents answering questions and resolving any issues when asked. She also chairs the Eastern Foundation Fund Committee and was elected to the Wildacres Functioning Committee.
 - i. Past Presidents’ Advisory Council: Carl Miller– No Report
 - j. Regional Vice Presidents:
 - 1) Region I: Kathleen Collins attended 4 local shows in her region and assisted one club with names of speakers several clubs can share. She has 31 clubs in a concentrated geographic area. Three central Connecticut clubs had a joint summer picnic and are exploring sharing field trips for the 2008 collecting season as well as sharing other resources such as mailing lists.
 - 2) Region II: Michael Kessler says it has been a successful year in Region II. He has been attending many shows in his region and has been sending boxes of specimens to help clubs in his region raise finances via their club auctions. He wishes more clubs would send him their newsletters to keep him informed of their activities. His Federation Box Trade is going well with 28 participating clubs from 21 states. He is handing out literature on the Federation Box Trading Program and hopes more clubs will participate within the Federation.
 - 3) Region III: Hazel Remaley is looking at adding area representatives who will be able to help with visitations in her very large region and great number of clubs to oversee.
 - 4) Region IV: Dee Tinsley, who has taken over for Bill Gilbert now in Spain, will be compiling a Region IV newsletter, ready for March distribution, to send to all her clubs in Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and Virginia including sharing information, collecting sites and getting EFMLS AFMS news out to all clubs. Dee has started a Kid’s Korner column in her club newsletter that is popular and hopes all will contact her for more information. Also included was a list of shows in her region.
 - 5) Region V: Judy Budnick – No Report
 - 6) Region VI: Doug Dover – No Report
 - 7) Region VII: Betty James – No Report. Betty announced she is tendering her resignation as Region VII Vice President of EFMLS.
 - 8) Region VIII: Barbara Ringhiser reports she stays in touch with most of her clubs, some of which have increased their membership. New club officers in her region have increased interaction with other local clubs by having members with dual memberships report what is happening in their clubs at business meetings. Networking between clubs should help everyone achieve positive results and increased publicity between groups should improve awareness among the local population of club events. She gave details of their first “corporate affiliate” working with a local hobby club. Reports on each of the clubs in Region VII were included with the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club having an ever growing number of members. Success is attributed to excellent programs over the past two years offering group studies of rocks, crystals, and minerals. The importance of promoting educational studies for better understanding of the hobby cannot be over stressed.
12. Committee Reports:
- a. AFMS All American Club Award: Pat Pitkin has been writing monthly articles for the EFMLS Newsletter. She has shared the 2006 Club Yearbook at Wildacres in hopes of encouraging attendees to bring information back to their club to create their own yearbook. It is a labor intensive effort but well worth it to be enjoyed by all club members. Pat suggested making a PowerPoint of yearly club history in the form of a scrapbook to be used at club meetings
 - b. AFMS Boundaries: Carl Miller – No report
 - c. AFMS Conservation and Legislation: Clyfton Bourne – No Report
 - d. AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year: Mary Fraser – No Report
 - e. AFMS Junior Activities: Betsy Oberheim wrote a monthly column in each EFMLS Newsletter.
 - f. AFMS Safety: Jim Doran wrote a monthly column in the EFMLS Newsletter on safety. He wishes to make all clubs aware of the importance of safety and hopes his ideas are shared at club meetings and that someone in every club is designated as their club safety person.
 - g. AFMS Scholarship Foundation Coordinator: Bob Livingston reports that total donations received and passed on to the AFMS Scholarship Fund amounted to \$1248.49 for the period August 15, 2007 – January 16, 2008. Donors have been reported in issues of the EFMLS News together with acknowledgement of persons honored by memorial donations. Letters were sent to donors and Next of Kin in the cases of persons being remembered with a memorial donation.
 - h. AFMS Ways and Means: open – No Report

- i. Audit Committee: Donald Pitkin – No Report
- j. Budget and Finance: Mary Bateman included a proposed budget November 1, 2008–October 31, 2009
- k. Bulletin Editors' Advisory: Natalie Darling reported that 123 entries were submitted for judging in the 2008 BEAC Competition. There were 20 clubs participating this year with 14 judges evaluating the articles and newsletters.
- l. By-Laws: Steve Weinberger and the ByLaws Committee recommended four changes to the EFMLS bylaws this year. First Article XVI Section 2 Dues and Fees annual dues will be increased from \$1.25 per member to \$1.75 as per the vote passed by the Board. Second, Article XII Committees Section 2 (second paragraph) the time constraint for the Nominating Committee to determine and present a slate of officers to the Board has been eliminated from “no later than the sixth month prior to the next annual meeting” to no time constraint. Third, Article XII Section 4 Expenditures from the fund shall be limited to the previous year's accumulated interest and must be approved by the Executive Board. Rationale – by using the previous year's interest amount, we have a definite figure. Finally, Article XV: Affiliations Section I this Federation ~~is affiliated with~~ shall be changed to; a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. We are a member of the AFMS.
- m. Convention Advisory: Matt Charsky does not have any firm invitations to host the EFMLS Convention in 2009 and beyond at this time, but has 3 possible clubs as potentials. He will continue to work with Carolyn Weinberger publishing notices of future Federation shows in the EFMLS Newsletter.
- n. Directory: Carolyn Weinberger says the 2008 EFMLS Directory should be ready for mailing in March at a cost of about \$1.00 each (via the Federation mailing permit). Because of a delay in clubs responding by the January 15th deadline with their club information and dues payment, publication and posting of the Directory is delayed. It is hoped that this problem can be rectified in the future. A pdf version of the Directory on CD-Rom is available to those interested and will probably cost about \$1.75 per copy. Only club members can receive this version. Carolyn does not recommend a “members only” page on the website because of possibly compromising personal data and having the information available to many who should not receive it.
- o. Each One Teach One: Hazel Remaley thanks all members of the EOTO Committee for a job well done. There were 3 entries and news articles were written in the EFMLS Newsletter to promote participation.
- p. Eastern Foundation Fund: Fran Sick accepted the chairmanship of the EFF in December 2007. She has received six generous contributions to the fund, four of which have been memorial contributions. All donations were acknowledged with a letter of appreciation to the contributor and relatives have been notified of memorial contributions in honor of their loved ones. Clubs contributing will be recognized monthly in the EFMLS Newsletter.
- q. EFMLS Annual Auction: Bruce Gaber – No Report
- r. Historian: Susanna MacInnis requests that Past Presidents, especially the last five, send their photos to her for the Historian's files if they have not already done so. She also requests that any information you wish to preserve in the Historian's files be sent to Susanna MacInnis 1245 Whitehall Ave. Allentown, PA 18104-2941 or contact her at <sumacndeb@aol.com>.
- s. Insurance Coordinator: Carl Miller No Report
- t. Operating Procedures: Steve Weinberger is not recommending any changes to the OP's at this time.
- u. Parliamentarian: Steve Weinberger – No Report
- v. Show Coordinator: Matt Charsky – No Report
- w. Slide and Video Program Librarian/AFMS Competition: Ken Tudor No Report
- x. Supplies: Merrill Dickinson has included his supplies debit/credit sheet in the packet.
- y. Uniform Rules: Susanna MacInnis reports that there have been no changes to the last report and there have been no meetings since October 2007 meeting.
- z. Ways and Means: open – No Report
- aa. Webmaster: Dan Imel – No Report
- bb. Wildacres Workshop Functioning Committee: Steve Weinberger thanks the teaching staff, support personnel and especially Wayne Sukow, Director, and Debbie Bard, Registrrr, for their efforts. Both sessions were financially sound thanks to successful auctions. Steve is concerned that the word is not getting out among our many members about Wildacres even though many avenues of advertising for WA is available. Regional Vice Presidents and Newsletter editors can promote Wildacres more. The Director, Registrar, and Steve are in regular contact throughout the year to make sure sessions run smoothly.
- cc. Nominating Committee: Reivan Zeleznik and the Nominating Committee presented at the Jackson, MS Convention the following slate of officers:

President – Mary Bateman	Secretary – Cathy Patterson
First Vice President – Loren Patterson	Assistant Treasurer – LaReene Heath
Second Vice President – John Milligan	Nominating Committee - Bill Klose, Maxine Nicholas

Reivan encouraged clubs to submit names of potential candidates for office to broaden the pool of people who want to become involved in Federation leadership.

13. Old Business - None
14. New Business
 - a. Bylaws revisions - The ByLaws change (12 l.) will reflect a raise in EFMLS dues from \$1.25 to \$1.75 determined by a vote to accept. This is necessary because it is almost certain the AFMS will raise its dues by \$.25 at the September 2008 Meeting. Rising costs to do business necessitate an increase in EFMLS dues. Barbara Sky made a motion to accept the increase of dues from \$1.25 per member to \$1.75. Seconded by Roger Warren. The vote to accept was unanimous and the motion was carried.
 - b. Budget 2009 - A motion was made to accept the amended budget by Merrill Dickinson and seconded by Roger Warren. Motion was carried.
 - c. Election of 2009 officers: Barbara Sky made a motion to accept the 2008-2009 slate of officers, Merrill Dickinson seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept.
 - d. Announcements (none of these items needed action by the group)
 1. Carolyn Weinberger suggested that beginning in 2009 the Secretary e-mail pdf files of the Delegate Registration Forms to all clubs, officers, and committee chairs. If this is done, can all open the files? Also, starting in 2009, two weeks prior to the annual meeting if the packet is sent by email to all delegates, officers and committee chairs the contents can be read before the meeting thus familiarizing everyone of the officers' reports.
 2. Shirley Leeson, President of AFMS reminded all of Wendell Mohr's project to get US gemstones and birthstones on postage stamps. She asked that clubs around the country write letters to get this adopted.
 3. Shirley Leeson reminded all of the AFMS show in Humble, Texas in September 25-28, 2008. Joy Bourne will be installed as the new AFMS president at that time.
15. Call for "Vote of Thanks to Host Club" A motion was made and seconded thanking the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society for hosting this year's convention.
16. Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made by Merrill Dickinson and seconded by Roger Warren to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Officers and Visitors in Attendance

February 22, 2008
Jackson, Mississippi

Officers:

Lou Budell, Treasurer
Mary Bateman, First Vice President
Loren Patterson, Second Vice President
Cathy Patterson, Secretary
LaReene Heath, Assistant Treasurer
Carolyn Weinberger, Editor
Kathleen Collins, Region I Vice President
Betty James, Region VII Vice President

Committee Chairmen:

Clyf Bourne – Conservation and Legislation
Carolyn Weinberger, Directory Editor
Steve Weinberger – ByLaws, OP's Wildacres Functioning

EFMLS Past Presidents:

Joy Bourne, 2000-01
Matt Charsky, 2003-04
Steve Weinberger, 1993-94

AFMS

Shirley Leeson, AFMS President
Dee Holland AFMS Scholarship President;
AFMS Past President, 1997-98
Joy Bourne AFMS President-Elect, Endowment Fund Chairman
Steve Weinberger AFMS Past President, 2001-02
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Carolyn Weinberger, Editor

Visitors

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<www.amfed.org.efmls>

VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

April:

26: 4th Annual Rock, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club. Dover Veterans Community Center, Dover, NH.

26-27: 36th Annual New Jersey Earth Science Association Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, NJ Earth Science Assoc. & Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School/Washington Av; Franklin, NJ.

May:

3: 2008 Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Bergen County Mineralogy & Paleontology Society and The New Jersey Paleontological Society. Bergen County Courthouse Parking Lot, River & Court Streets Hackensack, NJ.

3 – 4: 5th Annual Treasures of the Earth Show & Sale sponsored by the Mineralogical Society of NE Pennsylvania. Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston, PA.

17-18: 40th Annual World of Gems & Minerals sponsored by the Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farmers Market Banquet Hall, Leesport, PA.

24: Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. **NEW LOCATION:** Ruhl Armory, 1035 York Rd (MD 45 just off I-695); Towson, MD.

June:

7 – 8: Orange County Mineral Society Annual Swap & Sell sponsored by the Orange County Mineral Society. Museum Village, Monroe, NY

7-8: 35th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, Birmingham, AL More info: <rk2273@att.com>

July:

12-13: 42nd Annual GemWorld sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. New York State Fairgrounds (Verizon Center of Progress Bldg.), Syracuse, NY

19-20: 30th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Gem city Rock & Mineral Society. JMC Ice Arena, Erie, PA.

26-27: 29th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, So. Burlington, VT.

August:

2 – 3: 38th Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society. Mt. Merici School, Waterville, ME

2 – 3: 59th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC. Stone Ridge School, Bethesda, MD

September:

13-14: 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jew-

elry Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club **NEW LOCATION:** Eagle View Middle School, Mechanicsburg, PA

27-28: 43rd Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters' Guild of Baltimore. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, MD 32 at I-70; West Friendship, MD

27-28: 52nd Annual Franklin-Sterling Hill Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin Mineral Museum. Franklin School, Washington Av; Franklin, NJ..

October:

18-19: 36th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral club. Beals Community Center, Bristol, CT.

18-19: Mineral-Fossil-Jewelry-Gem-Gift Show & Sale sponsored by the Fulton County Mineral Club. Johnstown Moose Lodge, Rt 30A and Rt 67, Johnstown, NY.

25: Ultraviolation 2008 Fluorescent Mineral Show sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co. First United Methodist Church, Fairless Hills, PA.

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Matt Charsky, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 2430 N Glebe Rd; Arlington, VA 22207 or e-mail at <Charsky.Matthew@epa.gov>.