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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Farewell but Not Goodbye
as I Ride Off into the
Sunset!**

By C.J. Quitoriano



Hello for the last time as President! It's been a great year and hopefully ideas formed this year will become reality in years to come! The last 5 years have been an education, and I would recommend to anyone to run for office in CFMS; you really will learn a lot about what CFMS does for us, and pass that on to your clubs. I will continue to do my best as a Past President and as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. Ray has also asked me to Co-Chair the Endowment Fund Committee with him. We have lots of ideas for future fundraisers, and plan to raise tons of money for your Federation!

I want to thank everyone involved in helping me through the past years: Marion Roberts for asking me to serve in the first place; Cal Clason for twisting my arm to say yes and giving advice and guidance when needed; Susan Chaisson-Walblom for being a wonderful friend and not killing me for getting her involved, as well; Terry and Bud McMillin for their support, advice, and help in just about everything I did this year; and mostly my dear Hubby, Ray, for putting up with everything, driving to meetings, supporting me in my decision to run, and being my go-fer, pack mule and listening to my whining and moaning! Thanks also to Jim and Fred for support and help throughout the years.

I guess that's it, as President anyway...I will be talking to you all in my other capacities over the next year, and I wish all of the other officers good luck and have fun over the next year!! See you all at the show in La Habra!

- CJ

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2009/2010 CFMS Calendar

December 10 - all entries for 2010 CFMS Bulletin Contest must be postmarked as of this date; send entries to Doug Arnold.

Dec. 12-13 - N. Cady Mtns. Field Trip via Field Trips-South; Shep Koss & Adam Dean, primary contacts.

Jan. 1 - Member Club/Society Officer Change Form due to Pat LaRue.

Jan. 1 - Dues and Insurance due from all local societies. Send to Pat LaRue using forms distributed in packets at the Fall Directors Meeting. Clubs not paying are considered delinquent as of March 1.

Jan. 15 - Tent. due date for applications/reports, All American Club contest; confirm with Dot Beachler

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Thank You - It's Been Fun!

As my term as 2nd VP/Newsletter Editor comes to an end, I can only relate how much fun it's been! Not having edited a newsletter any time recently, I began with trepidation, but my predecessor, Fred Ott, offered excellent advice, and the many prompt contributions by CFMS officers and committee members made each issue so easy to assemble and the entire experience such a pleasure that I now find I'm actually going to miss this monthly "chore." My sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Far from a chore, it's been a true pleasure, even if it has taken slightly more than the "one hour, no sweat!" that Fred had said it would...

Please remember to send articles for future issues of the CFMS Newsletter to Susan Chaisson-Walblom at SLChaisson@yahoo.com and to provide Susan with the same great assistance and support you've provided me in 2009. Thank you, one and all!

- Jim



ALL AMERICAN REPORT
Preparing Your Entry for
2010

By Dot Beachler

As part of my continuing series to help you prepare your All American Report, we now turn to **Section 5 of the All American form.**

Let's review the previous Sections we've covered in our step-by-step process: 1 - Club Information; 2 - Service to Members and Guests; 3 - Publications and Publicity; and 4 - Support for the Federation and Other Clubs. Sections 1 through 4 have all dealt with the club activities with and for club members. It is now time to remember that your club is part of a larger community and should be involved with community activities. Section 5 concentrates on this.

Community Relations. Did your club:

- give talks or demonstrations at schools or youth groups?
- display at the library or other public places?
- have a booth at the local county fair or other community events?
- support other community activities?
- donate materials to schools, nursing homes or other groups?

Again, material to support the above info could include pictures, certificates of appreciation, or thank-you notes. With Section 5 completed, there is just one more section to go, and your club book will be completed!

- Dot



BYLAWS
COMMITTEE
Revised Bylaws
& OR Pages



By Ruth Bailey & Theresa Kokinos

At the back of this issue of the newsletter, we're providing a new section of VI (Article VI Section

9) to be included in the By-Laws Manual. This section contains information on procedures to be followed in the event of natural disasters or war. Such contingencies have been written into AFMS By-Laws but for some reason were never included within ours. We're also providing an updated section of Administration, President and First Vice President (President Elect) in the Operating Regulations Manual. This section clarifies duties relating to AFMS functions and responsibilities. Both of these By-Laws and Operating Regulations additions were approved at the November 2009 Board of Directors meeting in Visalia. Please replace these pages in your club's copies of the CFMS Bylaws and Operating Regulations Manuals.

- Ruth & Theresa



CFMS REPRESENTATIVE
TO AFMS
Goodbye & Hello

By Colleen McGann

I have enjoyed being the CFMS Representative to AFMS this year. CFMS was the AFMS 5th Vice President at the AFMS meeting in Billings, Montana, hosted by the Northwest Federation of Mineral Societies. It is always fun to travel to a different state and talk with other regional officers and committee chairs. Your 2010 CFMS Representative to AFMS 4th Vice President will be **Marion Roberts.**

I am still representing CFMS with the AFMS Endowment Fund and have **raffle tickets** now for sale **for the June 2010 show.** This a combined AFMS/CFMS show in La Habra, June 18 to 20, 2010. Please contact me for tickets to sell at your clubs. **Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.** I'm also requesting **donations for the raffle of carvings, jewelry, minerals, faceted stones, and lapidary items.** The better the quality, the more we'll entice folks to enter the raffle.

If you can help, either by requesting tickets to sell to your club members or to donate items to raffle, contact me at email address **colleen.mcgann@hds.com**, phone **(831) 212-1951**, or by mail, **P.O. Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0224.** See y'all in La Habra!

- Colleen



EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES
Zzyzx Spaces for RV'ers & Camp Paradise

By Marion F. Roberts

As of this issue of the CFMS Newsletter and on the web site, you will find the **application for Camp Paradise**, which will consist of two weeks of programs for 2010. For Week One, we will register on Sun. afternoon, May 16, 2010, with classes starting **Monday, May 17 and ending Friday, May 21**; then depart on Saturday, May 22. Week Two starts with check-in on **Sunday afternoon, May 23, and ends on Friday, May 28**, with departure on Saturday, May 29.

Dinners will be served on Sunday evenings and a continental breakfast on Saturday mornings. For anyone staying for two weeks, meals can be had in the cafeteria for \$10.00 per person for the weekend between the two weeks.

I plan a work session for any RVers that can and want to come up any time between Wednesday, May 12 through May 14. No food or rooms will be available until Sunday night, though.

Because both Anna and I will be in Quartzsite the whole month of January, **please send applications to arrive after February 1, 2010**. This will help us insure that there will no lost application or checks.

- Marion



MEMBER RECOGNITION
or EDUCATION THROUGH
SHARING

By Loretta Ogden

I thank everyone who sent in club members for the honor of Rockhound of the Year. I would bet we have some proud people out there. You can still get your member in for 2009 by sending a write-up to me before Dec. 1. It is such an easy and practical way to tell someone how much you care. It even costs less than a Hallmark card. It is free if you e-mail me your

write-up. 100 words or less is all it takes. That, of course, is the hard part because most people have more than 1000 words to say about their honoree. So condense it and get it on the way right away. While you are at it, you can send me your choice for 2010, too. I am sure the editor would love to have a year's supply by January! Let me hear from you soon. Meanwhile, here are our latest honorees...

On behalf of the **Reno Gem & Mineral Society**, Jennifer Rhodes nominates **Pat and Jim Seifert** as the RGMS 2009 Rockhounds of the Year. Pat and Jim have been active members since 1971, working tirelessly at our local show, Jackpot of Gems, with the Board and as Committee Directors.



Jim has taught Lapidary, hosted Open House, led field trips, was 1976 Show Chairman, Dealer Chairman (7 years) and Board Member (4 years). He set up our current system of skirting tables at our local show and the storage of the skirting materials for future use, a show position he has coordinated for many years. Jim does research for our club when questions arise and has often provided our General Meetings with excellent speakers. Pat is our Sunshine Director again this year despite a desire to retire. She has organized and directed our Jackpot of Gems Grand Raffle for 6 years, helped Jim with the show skirting and has been a member of the Board for 9 years. They are invaluable. They care about our club, and it shows in their continued participation. It gives me great pleasure to present our 2009 nominations.

On behalf of the **Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society**, Kay Hara is pleased to submit **Norbert (Norb) Kinsler** as OGMS Rockhound of the Year.



Norb has been a great asset to OGMS for a number of years. He has held many responsible offices, especially when others were not able or willing to do so. He held the office of President two times in a row, Show Chairman at least four times, once while he was President, and also Field Trips Vice President. He is currently on his fourth term as Show Chairman. In addition, he has displayed at our show every year and has taken care of getting food for our members and dealers at the show.

During his terms of office as President, Norb regularly stressed the importance of the American flag and the deeper meanings of the Pledge of Allegiance. At our regular meetings, he always helps with our refreshments, coming in early to bring fresh bottled water for our coffee and punch. His thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! Therefore, please allow me to do the honor of submitting Norb for our Rockhound of the Year.

- Loretta



**FIELD TRIPS-
SOUTH**

**Cady Mountains &
Potential Closures**



By Shep Koss & Adam Dean

Hi, fellow Rocknuts! Hopefully, you remember the **Dec. 12-13 CFMS field trip to the Cadys** for an overnighiter Adam Dean will be leading to his favorite spots in his "backyard." Details are in the November CFMS newsletter and on the web site.

With no trips planned for January due to potential changeable weather and post-holiday recovery, this will be an opinion article. For those of you who aren't aware, these trips must be planned 2-3 months in advance for timely publication. That being said, assaults on our prolific and public sites haven't abated. The latest that I am aware of that is under consideration is turning a stretch of old Route 66 between Barstow and Needles into a National Landmark. A worthy designation, in my humble opinion, due to its historical significance, but the huge downside for us is adding 10 miles on either side of this stretch as a designated National Landmark, as well. Is this aspect necessary? The Cady Mountains area may also move from Wilderness designation to National Park designation. For us, that just means from bad to worse. We must continue to voice our opinions to our congressional representatives.

And, as yet, our state hasn't followed the examples of numerous other states in setting aside sites as official rockhounding areas. Many states have such areas set aside. Why do we allow this state to move in the opposite direction?

On another note, anyone have sites of interest you'd like to visit? Please let Adam and me know. Any clubs wish to host a trip? Again, let us know. Were you on a specific trip this past year you'd like to return to? You guessed it, let us know.

Happy Hunting and Collect Responsibly.

- Shep & Adam

**ENDOWMENT FUND -
CFMS**

**Congratulations Raffle
Winners & a Thank You!**

By Ray Quitariano



Hello everyone! With \$2,345.00 worth of tickets sold, the Camp Paradise fund-raising raffle for the Endowment Fund was a rousing success! Because there were so many tickets sold, it was decided that we would draw three tickets instead of two! Four clubs sold over \$250 worth of tickets: Tehachapi Valley, Yucaipa, Calaveras, and El Dorado. The big winner for the clubs was **El Dorado!** Congratulations!!! I will send a voucher to your club that you can give to your recipient, who can then send it in with their application to Ana.

Now big congratulations to the two big winners....**Gail Lack**, and **Merryan O'Neill!** Both will be sent a voucher to send to Ana with their applications.

CJ & I plan to have this raffle again next year, and we fully expect to DOUBLE the tickets sold! The more tickets sold, the more spots we can give away, so the more you buy, the better your chances to win. Now that everyone knows how the raffle works, we hope more clubs will participate; that's the plan, anyway.

Finally, I would like to thank all clubs that donated throughout the year: El Dorado, \$200; Santa Clara Valley, In Memory of John Surrell, \$25, and Sylvia Palmieri, \$25; Fossils for Fun, \$50; Mother Lode, \$100; Reno GMS, \$100; and Palmdale GMS, \$100.

- Ray



**AFMS INTER-REGIONAL
FIELD TRIPS**
Wyoming's Blue Forest
**By Doug True, NFSM-
Fieldtrips**

The Inter-regional Rockhound Rendezvous for 2010 is scheduled for **Memorial Day weekend in Wyoming's Blue Forest**. The dates to remember are May 29-31. This is a well-known petrified wood collecting location with a large area to collect in. Some great material is found here every year and lots of room to dig. We will plan to dry camp in the collecting area, indulge in a potluck one evening, and follow that with a swap session.

As this plan develops, more information will be posted. If you have some input or suggestions please e-mail NFMS Fieldtrip Chairman Doug True at: dtruefossils@yahoo.com.

A few notes of interest: elevation in this area is 6-7000 feet, the nights can get cold, and the wind can BLOOOOW. One of the best ways to find the petrified wood in this area is by probing with a steel rod. So if you do not have one, you have time to make one now. This process will save a lot of digging. I will be in contact with the BLM and will update all rules and restrictions in the next few months. *Mark your calendar and make your plans now!*

- Doug



CFMS INSURANCE
Insurance Q & A Session
at Visalia Directors
Meeting

By Bud McMillen

A big CFMS *THANK YOU* to Patt McDaniel for taking time out of her schedule to drive to Visalia and spend time with us on Nov. 7. We had great questions from everyone, and in the next couple months, we'll review the topics discussed. We'll be covering cost of coverage for land claims as it differs from land that is owned or leased for a building or clubhouse, the need to add "additional insured's" for meeting halls rented or for society members who let you use their homes for meetings, coverage for

small trailers owned by societies used for hauling society property and coverage for that property in transit, and the "medical expense" coverage in our policy and how it applies to our society members. If you would like to print a copy of the CFMS liability policy, go online to www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com/CFMSI. Enter user name **CFMSI** and password: **rocks** (user name and password are case sensitive) and print the entire policy. All insurance forms can be found by going to www.cfmsinc.org and clicking on the insurance link.

- Bud



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
What Have You Been Doing
for Kids Activities at Your
Local Show?

By Jim Brace-Thompson

One of my goals this year has been to assemble a **menu of suggested kids activities** that have been tried and "kid-tested" at our rock and gem shows. When this list is completed, it will be posted to the CFMS web site for access by all local clubs and societies and I hope to link it to the AFMS web site, as well.

The goal is to have a list of ideas all in one convenient location that might spur us all to consider adding new kids activities to our local shows. I have quite a long list already in hand that I'm attempting to organize according to different categories, but before I finish and post it to the CFMS web site, I'd like to solicit your help and input. What sorts of kids activities have proven popular at *your* local show? Please send your suggestions to me by January 5, 2010. Here's thanking you in advance for your helping in making all of our shows fun for kids!

- Jim



PLAC/ALAA
Joint Meeting at
Directors Meeting
in Visalia



By Norvie Enns & Dick Pankey

A joint meeting of the CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) and the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) was held following the Directors' meeting in Visalia on

Nov. 7. The meeting was open to everyone who is interested in and uses our public lands. We had very good attendance: 23 people, including 6 officers and directors of ALAA.

Norvie Enns (PLAC chair, ALAA director, and member of the Northeastern California RAC committee) gave an update of RAC and BLM activities affecting Nevada and northern California. Not much is happening at this time except discussion of feral horse problems. Dick Pankey, ALAA President, presented and led discussion on ALAA activities and proposed legislation, including 1) more **Wilderness** (some examples: California – adding over 400,000 acres; Montana – adding 677,000 acres; Utah – 9.1 million acres; America's Red Rock Wilderness); 2) **Hard Rock Mining & Reclamation Act** (introduced in House and Senate; eliminates patenting; increases fees; royalties imposed; requires permit for any mineral activity except casual collecting); and 3) the proposed **Desert Conservation & Recreation Act** (affects several areas, for example, the Mojave National Monument, a 20-mile wide corridor along Old Route 66 from Needles to Barstow, affecting 1.6 million acres).

A proposed **Rock & Mineral Specimen Collection Act**, drafted by ALAA Past-Pres. Jon Spunaugle, was presented and discussed. This is a proactive approach to legislation. The purpose of this Act is to secure, for the present and future benefit of the people of the United States, the opportunity for educational and recreational rock and mineral specimen collection on the public lands of the United States. Jon would like people to review this bill and send him their comments and suggestions. Anyone wishing to help with this project and/or wishing to see a copy of this bill, please e-mail me. I will glad to e-mail you a copy.

Effects of the **Omnibus Public Lands Bill** will not be determined until each BLM District office, each Forest Service District office, each of the other affected governmental agencies *interprets* these laws and incorporates them into their specific Management Plan. This is where we can still have a say. This is where we can still have a voice and affect the final implementation. How? By becoming involved in the process. By talking with the managers of our Public Lands; by participating in the meetings called for public input; by providing our ideas and wishes with letters, e-mails and telephone calls. By being involved in the process.

How do we, how do **YOU** get started? All of us live less than 100 miles from a BLM, FS, or other agency office. Better yet go to the office that manages the land where your favorite collecting site is. The first step is to get acquainted with the office and the personnel. Get signed up to receive notices of public meetings and/or get on their general mailing list. Next get involved – attend meetings, learn how that office implements the current laws and how they propose to implement the Omnibus laws, provide comments, and get others involved with your efforts.

ALAA's membership currently was 44 societies and about 95 individuals. At the close of the meeting 11 more applications were submitted to ALAA Treasurer Ruth Bailey. I extend my personal invitation to all CFMS societies and members to join ALAA and participate in saving access to our public lands. ALAA will hold its next annual meeting at the AFMS/CFMS convention next June in La Habra. We hope you will attend.

- Dick



SCHOLARSHIP - CFMS **A Note on One of Our Student Honorees**

By Jennifer Haley

Our committee would like to thank all the clubs who graciously gave to the CFMS Scholarship Fund. We want to introduce you to another student who received a scholarship this year. **Amy Hamai** attends **San Diego State University**.

Amy is using her Japanese background to develop a style she refers to as a cool style using the clean look of metal with organic elements, such as pearls, to give her work warmth. She chose to study jewelry over other arts because she feels that jewelry is a very intimate piece of artwork. Using technical skills, precision, craftsmanship and design, she is exploring the many different possibilities of metals in combination with her talent. After getting her Bachelors in Art, she plans to further her education in metal/jewelry through workshops and exhibitions.

- Jennifer



UNIFORM RULES
UNIFORM RULES MEETING
IN BILLINGS GETS THE JOB
DONE

By Dee Holland, URC
Committee Member

The recent AFMS Uniform Rules Committee meeting, held in Billings, Montana in July/August produced some very important changes and additions.

First, after many years of talking about a Beading Section of the AFMS Uniform Rules, it actually took place. Thanks to Phyllis George of Houston, TX, and her "beading ladies" and finally Cheri George of Palmdale, CA, who defined and wrote the new rules. These were adopted by the committee and regional rules chairmen. The Beading section, "I" will take effect on January 1, 2010, and can be used at any Regional Federation show after that date, and most importantly at the CFMS/AFMS combined show in La Habra in June, 2010. Look for the Beading Rules on the amfed.org website on January 1, 2010.

There were four proposals concerning Division C – Lapidary, CC-7, Creative Cabochons. Each of the proposals were discussed and the consensus came down to: delete the creative class definition and the CC-7 class. And change the Modern definition to Modern and Creative, allowing Creative cabs in all classes that allow Modern cabs. CC-1 through CC-4.

A motion to rewrite the first part of the Rule Book to eliminate duplications was passed. Jay Bowman will be the chair of the committee.

The Fossil List had editorial and spelling corrections made, with a big thanks to Jim Brace-Thompson of California for doing this.

A motion was made to put the required mineral list to be made out by the mineral exhibitors, along with the formula used for determining the quality of minerals in the mineral class on the amfed.org web site. Thanks to Anne Cook for the formula. This should be up on the amfed.org web site soon. There were also additions to the Mineral List that will be coming out January 1, 2010.

- Dee



NOTES FROM JOHN
By John Martin, AFMS
Conservation & Legislation
Committee

Identifying Rockhounding
Sites for Preservation

Rockhounds need help to preserve their collecting areas. With all the environmental activists lobbying government officials to create more closed areas, all rockhounds need to make known where they are collecting. Keeping collecting sites private will certainly lead to them being absorbed by new closed areas. Please let your Federation representative know where and what you are collecting so they can bring it to the attention of the Federation and the Federation's PLAC Committees. The Federation can collect information on areas and, with help from other groups such as ALAA, can support a united front for trying to keep these areas open and preserved for collecting for future generations. The Hauser Geode Beds are a good example of what can be accomplished when there is a united effort to preserve our collecting areas. These beds have been identified through the BLM as a Rock Collecting Area and are being managed as such. Other areas can follow this route of preservation **if** the collecting areas are known and made public; if not, they will be lost forever. Please use your Federation representative and the Federation to help keep our hobby and collecting areas open for all to enjoy.

Mother Road National Monument
Proposal Threatens Classic Mojave
Collecting Sites

A recent report notes a proposal for the "Mother Road National Monument" to make the section of historic Route 66 between Needles and Barstow a National Monument. The proposal is being pushed by the Sierra Club, Nevada Desert Committee, CWC, Wildlands Conservancy, and Route 66 preservationists, including the Needles Downtown Business Alliance, which meets twice monthly, on the first and third Thursday, at 11:30 AM in the Wagon Wheel restaurant along Needles Highway. Senator Diane Feinstein is proposing to make this a national monument (Mojave National Monument) and to be 70 miles long and 20 miles wide (10 miles on both sides of US Route 66). That pretty much ends any collecting at Lavic Siding, Cady Mountains,

Bristol Mountains, Marble Mountains, Clipper Mountains, Piute Mountains, Sacramento Mountains, Providence Mountains, Granite Mountains, and all valleys in between. So be aware and be prepared to lose more ground, again, unless we jump in the fire feet first and identify the collecting areas and get them and their roads identified and preserved as national collecting sites for future generations and educational purposes. If this turns your stomach, become proactive now!

Legislative Actions Affecting Rockhounds across the West

With the political climate in Washington today, environmental activists are having a field day introducing new wilderness legislation, and it is working. Here are just a few of the attempts currently taking place.

California – Sen. Diane Feinstein is introducing the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act which, if enacted, will restrict usage of almost 2 million acres of California's Public Desert Land with the creation of 2 new national monuments, 7 new wilderness areas, and the expansion of Death Valley National Park. Two million acres is almost the size of the state of Connecticut. Can you imagine restricting the state of Connecticut to no roads, no rock, fossil, seashell, or mineral collecting?

Colorado - We've been told that a well-financed, pro-environmental wilderness bill is coming to Colorado. It's called the "Hidden Gems Wilderness." This will encompass 600,000 acres and close them to all. Congressman Jared Polis is being pressured to introduce the bill. Please have your members contact Congressman Polis and express your opinion.

Montana - A huge wilderness bill is coming to Montana disguised as a Forest Job & Recreation Act. Its true motive is to put Montana land into Wilderness. Jon Tester, Senator from Montana, is being urged to sponsor this bill. The proposed amount of land is 677,000 acres. You might want to alert the clubs in Montana and research this information. Contact Senator Tester's office locally and ask about the proposed bill. They may tell you it's about forests and jobs. NOT SO! According to Brian Hawthorne, Blue Ribbon Coalition, the bill is strong on wilderness but doesn't add any new recreation areas. This has a lot to do with forest management and timber logging, but what is already in place, if

put into use would take care of the problems, according to former Forest Service Planner, Fred Hodgeboom and now president of Montanans for Multiple Use organization. As the new bill is written, it creates area for new environmental lawsuits to stop logging on land that has been left susceptible to forest fires, disease and insect devastation. Most of the lands are on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. This bill eliminates a lot of existing recreational opportunities.

Oregon – House Bill 3609 Oregon Marine Reserves. "Marine Reserve" is an area within Oregon's Territorial Sea or adjacent rocky intertidal area that is protected from all extractive activities, including the removal or disturbance of living and non-living marine resources, except as necessary for monitoring or research to evaluate reserve condition, effectiveness, or impact of stressors. This bill will create reserves all along the public coast of Oregon where it will be unlawful to collect, pick, cut, mutilate or remove living or non-living natural products or dig up or remove any soil, rock, or fossil materials from the ocean shore. "Natural product" means living or non-living natural products on the ocean shore, including marine plants, minerals, shells, rocks, and sand. The Oregon Coastline is famous as a heavy hunting ground for agate, jasper, fossils and pyrite cubes. The proposed Marine Reserve will eliminate rock hunting that Oregonians have historically done for over a century along the rocky shores of Oregon's coast.

Utah - America's Red Rock Wilderness Act S. 799 & HR 1925. The American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009 will designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah. This bill, if enacted, would designate 9.4 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah as Wilderness. The areas considered for closure are: Great Basin Areas (2,240,827 acres), Zion/Mojave Desert Areas (160,000 acres), Grand Staircase-Escalante Areas (1,771,717), Moab-LaSal Canyons Areas (256,815 acres), Henry Mountains Areas (444,204 acres), Glen Canyon Areas (906,446 acres), San Juan-Anasazi Areas (520,606 acres), Canyonlands Basin Areas (689,884 acres), San Rafael Swell Areas (1,098,773 acres), and Book Cliffs/Uinta Basin Areas (1,015,821 acres). There is no question

that access to rockhounding sites would be severely curtailed, if not totally destroyed, by these bills.

On the national front is the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009, S. 787. This Act will treat, as 'waters of the United States,' those features that were treated as such pursuant to the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers in existence before the dates of the decisions referred to in paragraph, including (A) All waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide; (B) All interstate waters, including interstate wetlands; (C) all other waters, such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds; (D) all impoundments of waters of the United States; (E) tributaries of the aforementioned waters; (F) the territorial seas; and (G) wetlands adjacent to the aforementioned waters. If enacted, this will basically put all ponds, streams, and seasonal mud holes on public and private land under the control of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and not the private property owner.

Also of interest to Rockhounds is the 'Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009,' H. R. 699, which was introduced to the House of Representatives on January 27, 2009. This bill will modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes. It will impose limitation on patents (Claims), require a royalty be paid for the removal of minerals, add or increase hardrock mining claim maintenance fees, effect of payments for use and occupancy of claims. All of these actions may have negative effects on rock clubs or societies that currently hold or may be trying to file claims on BLM, Forest, or other public lands.

What can we as rockhounds do? Use the internet, email, Fax, or the US Postal Service to contact both your state and federal elected officials and let them know what your concerns are regarding the closure and withdrawing of public land from public usage. Support and join organizations like the Blue Ribbon Coalition, www.sharetrails.org, American Land Rights Association, www.landrights.org, AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (A.L.A.A) www.amlands.org. These groups are fighting to keep our Public Lands Open to all Public Users.

Please support and use the American Federation of Mineralogical Society and your regional federation; they have information and resources that can help in all aspects of rockhounding. If anyone hears of new or pending legislation in your state or Regional Federation please feel free to contact me with the pertinent information and I will attempt to investigate and disseminate the information to those who may be affected. I can be contacted at webmaster@amlands.org or through the AFMS web site.

- John



AFMS NEWS
AFMS 2010 Web Site Contest

By Phyllis George, AFMS Web Site Contest Chair

Web Site Contest committee members are busy working on their second year of running the Web Site Contest for their regional federations. Dale Watts is the only new member on the committee, heading up the Rocky Mountain Federation. Committee members receive the entries, forward them to judges for that region, receive completed score sheets, rank the results, and award the 1st-place plaque and certificates (places 1-10 and Honorable Mention) at the Editors' Breakfast at their regional federation's annual show. 1st-place entries are forwarded to the AFMS level for further judging. Currently, committee members are notifying webmasters, editors, club presidents, and regional newsletter editors about details of the contest, due date, and the schedule for regional contests. Regional members of the Webmasters Contest Committee are:

CFMS: Merryan O'Neill, mvoneill@comcast.net
EFMLS: Dan Imel, lapidry@aol.com
MWF: Cindy Root, d-root@sbcglobal.net
NFMS: Cheri George, lizardwoman3@yahoo.com
RMFS: Dale Watts, d.watts@oksoccer.com
SCFMS: Don Shurtz, don.shurtz@gmail.com
SFMS: Jim Flora, jimflora@alltel.net

Contact the committee member for your region for info about the contest and deadlines. This info varies according to when regional shows are scheduled. Webmasters wishing to enter web sites should download from the AFMS web site (or from regional web sites) contest **Guidelines, Entry Form, and Score Sheet.**

These are in PDF format and can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader. Contest info is available on the AFMS web site at: www.amfed.org/web/website_contest.htm.

To enter the contest, the webmaster needs to fill out the Entry Form and the info requested in the top part of the Score Sheet. These forms can be filled in on your computer and saved to your hard drive. **Important:** *You need Acrobat Reader version 9 to be able to save the filled-in forms to your hard drive and to modify them later if necessary.* Send the two completed forms as email attachments to your regional committee member before the due date.

My plan is to have 2 judges for each regional competition (scores for each contestant will be averaged) and 1 judge for the AFMS level. Judges probably will be judging 2-3 regions but, for objectivity, will not be judging their own region. I have a total of 3 judges for sure, and possibly another 2. I must have **at least 4 more judges**, and preferably 11. If I can get a total of 14 judges, each pair will judge the entrants from only one regional federation.

If you are a current (or former) webmaster or are very web-site savvy, please help make the contest a success by volunteering to act as a judge. Read the guidelines to see what judges will be looking for on sites they judge and contact me at pgeorge4@comcast.net to help the contest be a bigger success in its 2nd year.

Now I have a plea. Someone volunteering to be a judge sent me an email in late August/early September. I was in the hospital and didn't have an Internet connection to respond (my son had copied my unread emails to a laptop and brought it to the hospital so I could at least see them). Since returning home, I have searched for that email, and I cannot find it. Would whoever sent it PLEASE contact me again? It sounded like you would be an excellent judge, and I would like to add you to our team.

- Phyllis



2010 AFMS/CFMS SHOW
NOCGMS Welcomes You to
Hidden Treasures!

By Mike Beaumont, Show
Chair

Every seven years, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the CFMS join forces

with a local host society to provide the general public with an opportunity to participate in a gem show that transcends the ordinary and to facilitate several meetings that allow these groups to socialize and to conduct business.

For those who may not be aware, this show was The Show That Almost Never Was. The Orange Belt Mineralogical Society was originally scheduled to host a show in Riverside. Because of circumstances beyond its control, OBMS was forced to give it up. In February 2009, the **North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society** began discussions with CFMS. At the 2009 CFMS Show, NOCGMS was officially recognized as the new 2010 show host.

As a little background, several years ago rockhounds residing in 6 cities gathered together and decided to form a club. They chose the name North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society. Club meetings and other events have been held in various cities, but recently, La Habra has become headquarters. Over the years, NOCGMS members have served on various CFMS Committees and hosted some shows. When we were asked to help the CFMS by hosting the joint 2010 AFMS/CFMS Show & Convention, NOCGMS voted to take on the job.

With limited time for show development, NOCGMS responded quickly and decisively to organize a team of volunteers, obtain a location and develop the details. The theme of "**Hidden Treasures**" is a multi-faceted concept that engenders the quality, variety, talent, tenacity and responsiveness of not just the members of NOCGMS, but also the local community that has made this event possible.

Our members began by finding a place to host this great event. We checked Orange County cities for a place to hold the show, but no location seemed to meet our needs. We even checked into putting up tents in a local park. Finally, we found that the **Southern California University of Health Sciences** had a nice facility. Even though it was not in Orange County, we liked the location so much we went about 5 blocks across the county line to this place in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The show will be held at the University on **June 18-20, 2010**. The AFMS Meetings and Editor's Breakfast will be at the Anaheim Park Hotel at 222 W Houston Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832. The CFMS Director's Meeting and Banquet will be held at the La Habra Community Center.

This show will have much to offer. Southern California is one of the tourist capitals of the world. Here, you can find Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Hollywood and Universal Studios. The geologic variety available surpasses almost any other region. There are beaches, mountains, deserts, rivers, dry lakebeds and numerous exposed outcrops. La Habra is a small city in a large metropolis. We have leveraged the talents, skills and efforts of many volunteers to bring you special speakers, dealers, kid's room, display cases, silent auction and much more.

NOCGMS distributed registration forms for this event at this year's Fall meeting in Visalia. We ask the Directors of all local clubs and societies to copy and distribute these forms to their members and to encourage your members to get more info at: www.nocgms.com/show/.

On behalf of NOCGMS, the City of La Habra and La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce, Southern California University of Health Sciences, the AFMS, CFMS, and many community volunteers, I welcome you to Orange County's Northern Star, the City of La Habra. Once you visit Southern California and the 2010 AFMS/CFMS Show & Convention, you will truly understand and appreciate these "Hidden Treasures."

- Mike



**AFMS/CFMS
Gem Show 2010**



- Gems
- Fossils
- Jewelry
- Supplies
- Grab Bags
- Kid's Room
- Silent Auction
- Display Cases
- Raffle Prizes
- Field Trips
- & more

HIDDEN TREASURES



**June 18-20, 2010
Fri-Sun 10am-5pm**

So. CA Univ. of Health Sciences Campus
16200 E Amber Valley Rd., Whittier, CA 90604

Host: North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chairman: Mike Beaumont (714-510-6037)
Email: diamond.crest@yahoo.com
Website: NetworkingWave.com/AFMS2010/

**IN MEMORIAM
Omer Goeden**

By Toy Sato

Last month, we reported the sad news of the passing of Omer Goeden. This month, Toy Sato sends us the following.

Omer Casper Goeden, beloved husband of Kay, and CFMS Membership Chairman, passed away on October 4, 2009. He served as Federation Director for the Centinela Gem & Mineral Club for many years. He Co-Chaired the LaPacifica Group show, which hosted the CFMS at the Long Beach Convention Center. He joined the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society in 1986 and became its Federation Director from 2001 to 2009. Omer chaired the club's annual show in 2003, 2004, and 2005.



Omer and Kay drove the long distance from Sepulveda to Torrance for the monthly meetings and special activities.

When you saw and spoke to Omer, you naturally smiled because of his warmth and sense of humor. He was a loyal friend and an asset to our hobby. He will be greatly missed by the countless number of people who were fortunate in knowing him.

- Toy

CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events
sponsored by
CFMS Clubs & Societies!

Please submit your
Show or Event information
as soon as you have a date.
Email or mail to:

SHOW DATES
Susan Chaisson-Walblom
42122 52nd St. West,
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

2009

November 21 & 22: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
Show_info@oxnardgem.com
www.oxnardgem.com

November 21 & 22: LIVERMORE, CA

Livermore Vallet Lithophiles
At The Barn
Pacific Ave. at So. Livermore Ave.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
info@lithophiles.com
www.lithophiles.com

December 5 & 6: BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Gem & Mineral Society
Community Center
841 Barstow Road
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
janetwentz@earthlink.net
mdgms.org

2010

January 16 & 17: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Bldg.
324 N. Kaweah (Hwy 65)
Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
Don Viera (559) 732-7739
Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842

February 12-21: INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & Date Festival
Gem & Mineral Bldg., Bldg. #1
46-350 Arabia Street
Hours: 10 am – 10 pm daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
bert67@verizon.net

February 26 & 27: NORTHRIDGE

Del Air Rockhounds Club
United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior Street)
Fri. 3 pm-9:30 pm & Sat. 10 am-5 pm
Julie Marin (818) 886-7190
<http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

March 5, 6 & 7: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
showchair@mgscv.org
www.mgscv.org

March 6 & 7: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043
vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
www.vgms.org

March 6 & 7: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
LA Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 Baldwin Avenue
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 4:30 pm
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
www.Moroks.com

March 13 & 14: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
900 N. Broadway, Turlock
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
www.turlockgemshow.com

March 13 & 14: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Society
Spreckels Vet's Hall
5th & Llano Street
Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily
Ernie de Fever (831) 422-3422
minimad64@comcast.net

March 20 & 21; VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Vallejo Elks Lodge
2850 Redwood Parkway
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily
Phylis Malacki (707) 745-3255
Vgms01@yahoo.com
www.iwired.org

March 20 & 21; ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
Army National Guard Armory
304 Park Avenue
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Van Lynch (760) 749-4164
michelleandvan@hotmail.com
www.palomargem.org

March 20 & 21: BAKERSFIELD, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society
Kern County Shrine Club
700 South P. Street (P & Bell Terrace)
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily
Lewis Helfrich Home (661) 323-2663
Cell (661) 378-4450
E-mail: lewsrocks@netzero.net

March 27 & 28: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Lemoore Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: 10 am – 6 pm daily
Judy Pereira (559) 924-4052
lemooregemshow@yahoo.com
www.lemooregems.org

March 27 & 28: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds
800 All America City Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
www.rockrollers.com

April 10 & 11: PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge
6309 Clark Road
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324
mmpg@earthlink.net

April 16, 17 & 18: SAN JOSE, CA

Santa Clara Valley G & M Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: Fri. 9-5; Saturday & Sunday 10-5
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422
info@scvgms.org
www.scvgms.org

May 8 & 9: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Sparks Livestock Event Center
1350 N. Wells Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Ann Johnson (775) 544-4937
ann.johnson.e@gmail.com
www.renorockhounds.com

May 14, 15 & 16: ANDERSON, CA

Superior-Cal Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta Fairgrounds
1890 Briggs Street
Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Bob Davis (530) 824-6214
mcdavis@hughes.net

June 4, 5 & 6: WOODLAND HILLS, CA

Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society
Pierce College
6201 Winnetka Avenue
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm daily
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802
Show@Rockatomics.org
Rockatomics.org

June 5 & 6: GLENDORA, CA

Glendora GEMS
Goddard Middle School
859 East Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 4638
Ybidwell2@aol.com

June 18-20: LA HABRA, CA

**AFMS-CFMS
SHOW & CONVENTION**
No. Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society
So. CA University of Health Science
Hours: 1-5 daily
Mike Beaumont (714) 510-6037
diamond.crest@yahoo.com
NetworkingWave.com/AFMS2010
www.amfed.org/cfms

August 6, 7 & 8: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
St. Joseph's Church
298 S. Thompson Avenue
Hours: 9-5 daily
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
Rocks4u@prodigy.net
http://www.omsinc.org

October 9 & 10: TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building
13337 Main Street
Sat. 7:30am-5pm; Sun. 7:30am-4pm
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
sigms@iwvisp.com
http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/

November 6 & 7: LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14
Hours: 9am – 5pm daily
SusanChaisson-Walblom(661) 406-0143
slchaisson@yahoo.com
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

***IS YOUR CLUB/SOCIETY HOSTING A SHOW
IN 2010? IS YOUR SHOW LISTED HERE?
IF NOT, PLEASE TURN IN YOUR
INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!***

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Earth Science Studies – Camp Paradise 12725 Laporte, Clipper Mill, CA 95930

Emergency Phone Number for Camp Paradise: (530) 675-2689

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING.

- 1. Any cancellation *prior* to April 25 will incur a \$25.00 Administration fee.**
- 2. No refunds or cancellations after this date unless a substitute is provided.**

Make Checks Payable to: CFMS Earth Sciences

**Send to: John and Anna Christiansen
245 N. 6th Ave
Oakdale, CA 95361 209-847-1173**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marion Roberts or Anna Christiansen
1505 Plumas
Modesto, CA 209-538-0197**

Camp Paradise is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville, CA on Hi-way E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville) Elevation is approx. 3500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms with double beds and/or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby. RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available.. Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room assignments will be made by staff.

Classes –Beg. Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax & Silver Casting, Beginning thru Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making and Beading, PMC3 Clay & Glass Fusion (Dichroic) and Intarsia

Please note - There will be some classes with limited space, preference will be given to first time students.

*****CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY*****

A list of items that you might want to bring with you will be sent and a list of supplies the instructors would like you to bring.

Please cut along line- Send in lower section- Keep the upper portion so you can refer to it.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please circle which week or both

Week 1 May 16 – 22, 2010 \$350 A PERSON PER WEEK

Week 2 May 23 – 29, 2010

PRINT CLEARLY

NAME1 _____ NAME2 _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

CLUB (CFMS) _____

Accommodations **(CIRCLE ONE)** Couples Dorm Dorm Cabin RV Area
Would like to room with _____ (if possible)

Special needs: (Explain Briefly) (Food) ___ Diabetic ___ Vegetarian ___ Other _____

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you.

Animals will be allowed in the R. V. area only and must be on a leash and picked up after. Any violation could result in adherence to their no pets rule.

Section 7: Proxies

The use of proxies is not authorized.

Section 8: Voting by Mail

Voting by mail may be used when directed by the Executive Committee, except for the election of officers. Matters to be voted upon shall be submitted by the Secretary to the Member Societies at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for counting such votes. Mail votes shall be signed by the Federation Director and Member Society President. A majority affirmative vote of the votes cast shall pass any action except for amendments to the Bylaws.

Section 9: Natural Disasters or War

If the semiannual meetings of the CFMS cannot be held at the designated physical facilities, the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct the business by whatever means are available, including electronic mail. If the annual convention and show cannot be held at the designated location, the Executive Committee is authorized to either obtain a new location or postpone the convention and show. In the event the meetings will be conducted other than by physical presence, the Executive Committee will publish, for approval of the Directors, the agenda, the methods for proposing and voting on motions and any other business requiring Director's approval. Minutes of the meetings and committee reports will be sent to all Directors and Chairpersons.

If events occur requiring this section to become necessary, any other section of Article VI conflicting with Section 9 is inoperative for that meeting. New 11/09.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS:

Section 1: Designation

(a) Officers

The Officers of the Federation shall consist of a President, a First Vice President (President Elect), a Second Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who is the Chief Financial Officer.

(b) Executive Committee

The duly elected officers of the Federation shall constitute the Executive Committee of this Federation.

The Executive Committee shall have interim power to conduct the necessary and normal business of the Federation, subject to the approval by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 2: Nominating Committee

(a) At the Fall Business Meeting, four (4) members of a Nominating Committee and an alternate member shall be elected by the Directors. The person receiving the fifth (5th) highest number of votes shall be the alternate number. A fifth member, the chairman, shall be appointed by the President at that meeting or at any time within thirty (30) days thereafter. The committee thus formed shall function for the ensuing year. Current Federation Officers are ineligible to serve on this committee.

The elected alternate shall receive all information concerning proposed nominees. The alternate shall attend any meetings of the Nominating Committee and shall receive standard reimbursement for such attendance. The alternate shall not have the right to vote on a nominee unless a regular committee member is absent (or is called away) from the meeting at any time.

- (b) At any time prior to thirty (30) days before the Convention Meeting, Member Societies may send to the Nominating Committee the names and qualifications of any candidates they wish to propose for nomination for any Federation office.
- (c) Candidates for Federation office shall be selected by the Nominating Committee. The names and qualification descriptions of the candidates shall be submitted by this committee to all Member Societies and to each Federation Officer at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Fall Business Meeting.
- (d) Nominations may be made from the floor at the Fall Business Meeting.

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.
OPERATING REGULATIONS

ADMINISTRATION

A. THE PRESIDENT

1. The President shall:

- a. With the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint committee chairmen and committee members as needed of all committees, except as otherwise provided in the bylaws or Operating Regulations. These appointments include all permanent and special committees. Revised 6/99.
- b. Appoint a show consultant upon request by a member society that is seeking to become a future convention and show host (Op. Reg. L.1.).
- c. Appoint or remove, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, a Convention Coordinator (Op. Reg. M.1.& M.3.).
- d. Appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, CFMS's representatives to serve on AFMS Committees.
- e. Appoint a contact person for the purpose of assisting formation of prospective member societies.
- f. Serve on the Long Range Planning Committee (Op. Reg. G.6.a.), on the Golden Bear Award Committee (Op. Reg. G.10.d.), on the CFMS Jury of Awards for AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree (Op. Reg. G.12.a.). Serve as CFMS Director on the AFMS Board of Directors (Op. Reg. U.1.) and CFMS Director on the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (Op. Reg. V.2.). Revised 4/09.

Attend the annual AFMS meeting and the AFMS Scholarship meeting and send a report on the CFMS Progress 60 days prior to the AFMS meeting to the AFMS Secretary with a file copy to the CFMS Historian. Added 11/09.

Appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, CFMS members to serve on the AFMS committees that require CFMS participation. Added 11/09.

Work closely with the CFMS Representative on the CFMS Executive Committee to see that the interests of the CFMS are presented to the AFMS. Added 11/09.

- g. Prepare an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting.
- h. Sign the Convention Agreement with the Host Society, on behalf of the CFMS.
- i. Sign or authorize signing all other contracts as approved by the Executive Committee.
- j. President's Special Fund
Be allotted a fund of \$100 per year on which to draw for additional expenses which may be incurred on CFMS business; this \$100 to be accounted for by the President to the Treasurer before each Fall business meeting.

B. THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT (PRESIDENT ELECT)

1. The First Vice President shall:

- a. Serve on the Financial Advisory Committee (Op. Reg. G.2.b.), Long Range Planning Committee (Op. Reg. G.6.a.), on the CFMS Endowment Fund Committee (Op. Reg. G.13.c.) and on the Rules Committee (Op. Reg. G.3.a.). Serve as CFMS Director on the AFMS Board of Directors (Op. Reg. U.1.) and CFMS Director on the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (Op. Reg. V.2.). Revised 4/09.

Attend the annual AFMS meeting and the AFMS Scholarship meeting. Added 11/09.

- b. Serve as contact chairman and coordinator for all CFMS workshops (Op. Reg. Y.1.).
- c. Be a coequal working member of the Rules Committee, and assist as requested by the Rules Chairman (Op. Reg. G.3.a.).
- d. Share responsibility with the President for the Installation Banquet (Op. Reg. A.1.m.).

C. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

1. The Second Vice President shall:

- a. Serve on the Earth Science Seminars Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee (Op. Reg. G.6.a.) as chairman of the CFMS Jury of Awards for AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree (Op. Reg. G.12.a). Revised 11/10/01.
- b. Edit the CFMS Newsletter.