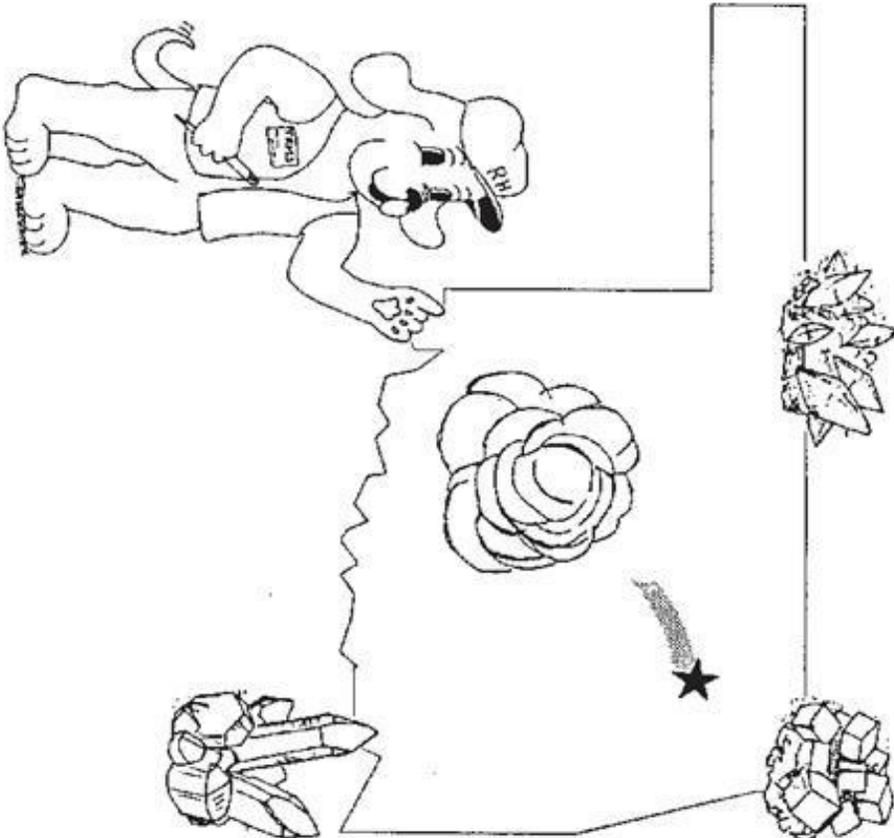


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TULSA ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY

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2017 Officers were elected by club members in November

These are the 2016 officers and committee chairs. New positions will be posted in January.

President	Tony Rongey	918-230-1094
Vice President (Program Chairman)	Eric Hamshar	918-284-3503
2nd Vice President (Field Trip Chairman)	Ken Siler	918-770-5609
Secretary	Julia Allande	918-633-9822
Treasurer	Linda Jaeger	918-481-0249
Historian	Roberta Wagle	918-695-4291
Librarian	Martha Rongey	918-230-1094
Editor	Kay Waterman	918-521-4386
Shop Foreman	Billy McBay	918-407-6066
Past-President	Ryan Brown	918-884-8882
Directors	Virgil Richards, Sharon Richards, Sharon Trogdon	

2017 committee chairs are appointed by the new President

Chatpile Editor, Hospitality	Wayne Mouser	918-582-8700
Webmaster	Martha Rongey	918-230-1094
Show Co-Chair	Finis Riggs	918-232-8534
Show Co-Chair	Eric Hamshar	918-284-3503
Club Rock Donations	Larry Wagle	918-695-1527
Club Scholarship, Federation Representative	Richard Jaeger	918-481-0249
AFMS-RMFMS Uniform Rules	Leon Reeder	918-346-7299
Finance	Richard Jaeger, Roxanna Chamberlin, John Ravenscroft	
TRMS By-Laws	Scott Robb, Bob Hicks, Nancy Hicks	

NEED VOLUNTEERS—EDUCATION, PUBLICITY

The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc. was organized in April 1958 to promote interest and provide education in the earth sciences, in historical artifacts, in jewelry-making and all forms of the lapidary arts. Field trips, the club workshop, monthly meetings and other activities provide opportunities for life-long learning.

Meetings: the second Monday of each month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th and Columbia Street, Tulsa, OK. Refreshments and coffee begin at 6 p.m. Pebble Pups meet at 6:15 and the membership business meeting and program commence at 7 p.m. **ALL WELCOME!**

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Come celebrate the season with your rockhound friends!



Monday, December 12 will be the annual holiday gathering for Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society. Everyone (from A to Z) please bring a side dish, an appetizer, salad or dessert for the meal. Turkey and ham will be provided by the club. If you would like to be included in a Dirty Santa gift exchange, bring a wrapped, rockhound-related gift valued at \$10 or less for each family member participant. Let's all wear those Christmas sweaters—come on, I know I have one stashed in my closet! With eats on tap, there will not be the usual snacks prior to the meeting. Come early to visit, anyways! Coffee and water will be available. Social hour, 6 p.m.; Pebble Pups meet 6:15, and membership meeting 7 p.m. at College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th Street and Columbia.,

FROM ERIC HAMSHAR, TRMS VICE-PRESIDENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: *The annual club auction went great this year! Over one hundred items were donated by club members, raising more than \$1300! The club voted to have this money go into the general fund, a portion of which shall be set aside for educational outreach. Many thanks to all of those who donated items for the auction!*

Remember, we will be having a pot luck dinner at our December meeting. Anyone who is able, is encouraged to bring a dish to go along with the turkey and ham being provided by the club. Also, we will be doing a "dirty Santa" gift exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift of approximately \$10 value. Due to term limits, it has been determined that one of the three club Directors elected during the November meeting is ineligible to serve. Therefore, we will be looking to fill that position at the December meeting. Julia Allande has been nominated by the nominating committee, but the position will be open for floor nominations if other club members are interested in serving.



OLD 2016 AND NEW 2017 Board members: December 6th will be the monthly TRMS board meeting. Although 2017 new board members will not become official until after the first of the new year, I am requesting that you all attend this board meeting. This can provide insight as to how the board functions. The board of directors meet at the College Hill Presbyterian Church at 7 pm on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of each month.

We as a new board will then begin our meetings on January 3. Thank you for stepping up and taking on these jobs. I am sure we can all work well together and make this a great club. I am looking forward in working with each one of you.

Donna Loffer, Incoming TRMS President

It will be on us before we know it! SHOW 2017!

It is the time of year that we need to start looking ahead to the TRMS show July 8-9, 2017. It may seem early but it creeps up on us very quickly. I plan on having a short organizational show committee meeting after the club Christmas dinner at the church Dec.12. There is always something every one of us can do. Please contact me if you have your eye on a position, or would like to continue in a certain position. I will be gone in January and February but Eric Hamshar does a great job as my co-chairman. If you have any questions or comments please text or call me at 918-232-8514 or Eric at 918-266-3612 or 918-284-3503.

TRMS Show Co-chair, Finis Riggs



PEBBLE PUPS

We continued our study of crystals by comparing our paper models against some known specimens. Some were easy and looked just like the models; but some were more challenging and in fact downright difficult to see the agreement between the model and the real McCoy. We will need to get a crystallogist in to assist with the more difficult ones. In some specimens the crystals were not large enough and/or independent enough to visualize the crystal structure. We just had to take the experts word for it! All in all, though, it was fun to see the crystals in real life.

December is the Christmas celebration, a time of glitz and glitter, so we will take a look at gold. Each Pup needs to bring an object that is gold or has gold as part of it. And remember, if you want to participate in the “Dirty Santa” exchange, bring a rock (something nice) or rock-related object (like a book), wrapped (brown paper bag, funny papers, gift wrap—your choice!), to put into the pile.

--Julia Allande

Display Case December 2016

As anyone who attended November’s meeting was aware, Julia and Paulino Allande filled the display case with some magnificent agates. There is an infinite array of possibilities of stuff to exhibit, and agates are one of the largest subgroups in existence. But that is not to say that other subgroups are any less awesome and fascinating. I challenge you to go through your stuff and come up with a display for January. Look wide, look deep – I know you have it-- you just have to step up and put it in!

Julia Allande



The Conglomerate



News from the Chatpile

Wayne Mouser, okyrocks@cox.net



Donna Loffer wrote: Those that attended the Oct 25th Rockhound Luncheon were: Barry Parks, Mike Loffer, Steve and Donna Loffer, Ben and Liz Thomas, Peter Grice, Trinitie Hurd, Elaine and Chester Lee, Leon Reeder, Jerry Nagel, Bob and Nancy Hicks, Finis Lana Riggs, Julia and Paulino Allande, Roxanna Chamberlin, Harvey Shell, Richard and Linda Jaeger, and Scott Robb. Hope I did not forget anyone.

Finis and Lana Riggs have a new great-granddaughter. Her name is Hudsyn Noel, born August 4, 2016. Weighed in at *lbs even and 21 inches long. Her and her folks live in Edmond, Okla.

Wayne Mouser wrote: I rode with Dayna & Gene Cockrell to the OMGS Show last month. I brought home 3 small pieces of Ethiopian black opal. Gene got a couple rounds of colorful petrified wood. Dayna brought home a good size piece of polished labradorite. This is the first year in several years that I didn't take a working exhibit there. Ken & Mark Siler, Paulino & Julia Allande and Leon Reeder were working in the working exhibits with OMGS members.

Liz Thomas wrote: Ben, myself, Chris and Jessi went on the Saturday of the OMGS show.. Had a great time and only brought one opal home. Ben just did not feel like working in the demo area this year. My back has been hurting and it really was no good on Saturday so we only stayed a short time. Sure hope Donna gets over whatever she has. Also Roberta hurt her back working in her yard and is not doing well. It is so hard getting old and having all this problems. I say we go back to being 20.

The Tulsa Geoscience Center (610 S. Main) would like to invite Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society members and their families to visit the geoscience center some Saturday morning. There is no cost. We would just like to show you what we have. –Norm Hyne. Liz Thomas made the comment “I think this would make a great field trip to put together a group to go over one Saturday morning. If anyone would like to take charge of this and put this together that would be awesome”

David Hogate & Wayne Mouser rode with Billy McBay to the General Materials field trip in OKC. According to Cecilia Evans, more than 50 rockhounds attended. Lots of rocks to be collected. Several pieces of petrified wood were found Billy found a good size piece of petrified wood buried in the roadway. Wayne found a large piece of bone. He thinks it's still bone, others thought it was mineralized. Later we drove to the Boley Agate area and hunted for agate. It was dark when we left for the field trip and it was dark when we got back home. It was a great day for a field trip weatherwise.

Our long time member and friend, Gene Cockrell, spent several days in St John's hospital. He is having problems with his breathing and his ability to get around. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I worked at the shop Nov. 12th and sliced some Owasso horn coral to make into string ties. Cut some small thundereggs from the Turtle Mountain area in southern Arizona. When I first got to the shop, Mari Mikkelsen was telling a couple with a small child how to make a cabochon. The couple were just visitors that happened in on their way to the museum. Also working were David Hogate and Billy McBay.

Vi Holmes of the Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society died November 3. Vi used to work at our show working exhibits. Her late husband Garland had been the head jeweler at B. C. Clark Jewelers in Oklahoma City. Both she and her husband were real workers and long-time members of OMGS.



Compiled by Wayne Mouser from past TRMS newsletters

H HISTORY

Knight.

5 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 2011: Christmas party. There was food and belly dancing, and dirty Santa. Library display was from new members; Amy West, Kimberly Lay and Sally

15 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 2001: Kay opened the meeting with “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa,” and Santa appeared and gave out candy to all. Penny Meyer presented a letter from the El Dorado, CA G&M Club thanking TRMS members who had sent them specimens. The program was Show and Tell. Leon Reeder, knapping, Wayne Mouser, marbles, Clyde Mikel on Mayes County rocks. Richard Jaeger (for Linda) on sand. After the program, everyone enjoyed food. The field trip was to the Richard Dodrill Museum. Cretaceous Bob Shaha, Education Committee, wrote an article on Education and in it he wrote “So long as we reach out in the community, our club should remain strong. It does a service for the Tulsa area, but it also publicizes the Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society” Richard Jaeger wrote about two members who have donated to the club library. Mary Vaughn donated several books. D.r Nathan Meleen of ORU donated a video on Willard Elsing Museum and a book “Minerals of the Willard Elsing Museum.”

25 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1991: Meeting was called to order by President Pete Douglas. Rick Farrell introduced the Glenpool Singers who entertained us with Christmas Carols. Santa arrived and passed out candy. An enjoyable was had by all munching on the delicious refreshments.

46 YEARS AGO DECEMBER, 1970: The meeting was called to order by Scotty West, President. 97 members and guests were present. The door prizes, presented by Kathy Buchanan were 8 copies of the “Rockhound Magazine” donated by Wally Fort. Dudley Murphy presented Bill Proctor with the “Smoky Award” for 1971. The meeting was turned over to Percy Fly, program chairman. Bill and Arlene Proctor showed pictures taken in 1971 titled “Rockhounding the American Way”. After the Christmas gift exchange, there was a social hour with refreshments furnished by the losing team in our Scholarship Fund Contest. Joe Welsh, Tulsa Fossil Observer wrote an article about the Owasso Quarry.

THANK YOU! Connie Cassity has volunteered to provide the condensed summary from the Rocky Mountain Federation and American Federation monthly newsletters. Here is a short biography Connie wrote and her first contributions!

I joined TRMS at the 2014 TRMS Show because I was interested in knowing more about the stones I used in jewelry that I made through my hobby as a silversmith/metalsmith. I have really enjoyed going to the lab to learn how to polish stones so that I can create a variety of shapes and sizes for designing jewelry. Another big aspect of the club, for me, is learning about rocks, minerals, and fossils and tapping into all the knowledge of club members. My husband and I live in south Broken Arrow. I retired from teaching at Northeastern State University—Broken Arrow in 2012. I taught Technology in Education to undergraduate and graduate students and graduate research classes. Basically teaching teachers. Now I have fun with rocks and the club members.

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.amfed.org

November 2016 Newsletter

Having Fun: Junior Activities

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Program Chair

Announcement: ***Fourth Edition of our AFMS/FRA Badge Manual Now Posted!***

"... we began offering our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program entirely free to affiliated clubs and societies nationwide in 2004. At the time I indicated if the program proved successful, my goal was to update and expand it every 4 years. With well over 11,000 badges now awarded to kids nationwide, I'm happy to report we have proven successful! This 4th Edition offers 20 badges and 130 activities.

If you have suggestions for enhancing visual appeal and/or links to video or other multimedia elements, I welcome hearing from you! Meanwhile, my sincere thanks to all who responded to my calls for ideas to add to our 4th Edition. I've incorporated every suggestion I've received. Most of all, I wish to thank local youth leaders who have embraced the program, devoted time and effort, and who found creative ways to implement it so that their juniors members have been encouraged not only to learn about our hobby and passion, but also to have fun!"

Show off Your Club's Bulletin!

By Mark Nelson, BEAC Chair

"Society officers, work with your bulletin editor to submit your article, bulletin, poetry, drawn illustrations or publication to your federation's BEAC for judging. And don't forget to enter the All American Club contest while you are putting things together!"

This article gives the dates and location of guidelines and suggestions for improving your bulletin.

Other information in the RMFMS includes:

1. **Upcoming Regional Federation Conventions** including the date for the RMFMS: 2017 March 18-19 Albuquerque, NM
2. **A Word from the President by Ron Carman President** introducing himself and with a message of his plans for the organization.
3. **AFMS Committees: 2016 - 17** listing of the people who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs for 2016 - 17. One from TRMS is Richard Jaeger in charge of the Ways and Means Committee.
4. **AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year** listing honorees from the Eastern Division and the California Division.

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.rmfmts.org

November 2016 Newsletter

ACROY

By RMFMS Members Liz Thomas and Richard Jaeger

The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society would like to designate Kenneth Siler as our Club Rockhound of the Year. Ken has been a member of our club for almost twenty years and is now serving as our Field Trip Chairman for the fourth time. Despite having some health problems Ken does an excellent job of scouting out collecting locations. He always pays attention to details and gives excellent advice on what to expect and what to bring to make the trip successful. He often brings extra equipment and supplies himself, always keeping in mind that women as well as men will be on the trip. Ken is a great asset in the working exhibits at our shows and other functions. He brings his rock saw and shows kids (and adults) how to cut rocks and shape stones. He has a way with kids and the parents are always busy taking pictures. He is very safety conscious and makes sure the procedures are done in the right way. He brings things specimens for kids to the club meetings; he gives from the heart. Ken is very deserving of being our **AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year**.

RMFMS outgoing newsletter editor Alice LaBonte said her farewells as editor. She is moving from Arizona to Oregon.

Treasurer's Report: RMFMS Treasurer Gene Maggard stated "It looks like we will finish fiscal year 2015-16 with income exceeding expenses by about \$3,000. The major items accounting for the surplus are: Dues income exceeded budget by \$1,800; Insurance premium income exceeded expense by \$1,000, and State director travel expense was under budget by \$900."

2017 RMFMS Officers, Executive Committee, and Committee Chairpersons: An annual directory provides club affiliation and contact information for each person. NOTE: One directory is provided free of charge to each registered RMFMS club and others are available for nominal cost from the RMFMS supplies chair.

Officers & State Directors are elected by the House of Delegates. Executive Committee consists of Officers, State Directors, and two immediate Past Presidents. Committee Chairs are appointed by the President. The Rocky Mountain Federation has clubs in these states: Arizona (17), Arkansas (1), Colorado (20), Kansas (7), Nebraska (western portion of state) (1), New Mexico (7), Nevada (1), North Dakota (western portion of state) (1), Oklahoma (10), South Dakota (western portion of state) (1), Texas (1), Utah (7) and Wyoming (6).

TRMS is represented by:

VICE PRESIDENT: Liz Thomas

PAST PRESIDENTS on executive committee: Richard Jaeger (2016)

STATE DIRECTORS: Oklahoma/Arkansas: Virgil Richards

SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Directory: Kay Waterman; Long Range Planning: Richard Jaeger – Chair;

Name Badges: Richard Jaeger; Scholarship: Richard Jaeger; Supplies: Finis Riggs.

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Federation is to bring a closer association of all clubs in the Society, and to promote the study of earth sciences, including the lapidary arts, the study of fossils and paleontology, and related crafts.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION - by RMFMS scholarship committee chairman Richard Jaeger

The Rocky Mountain Federation and member clubs donated \$4,057 to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation during the 2015/2016 fiscal year. The donations received are as follows: Chaparral Rockhounds - \$241.50 ; Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society - \$300 (The contribution credited to this club was from Muriel Frink. \$250 was a memorial for Fred Schaefermeyer, and \$50 was a memorial for Ed Romack.) Fred Schaefermeyer - \$75 as a memorial to John Spanaugle. Hutchinson Gem & Mineral Society - \$488.67. This club disbanded and contributed this amount. RMFMS - \$1,740.93 investment interest. Shawnee Gem and Mineral Club - \$100; Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society - \$25 memorial for Evelyn Hirsch and \$25 memorial for Jack Bivens; Topeka Gem and Mineral Society - \$528.39-- \$50 was donated by Dr. Matthew Brueseke, a speaker from Kansas State University at one of their meetings, \$50 memorial donation for Iona Faulk. Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society - \$324 including \$70 donation from Richard Jaeger as Fine for the improper wearing of the RMFMS President's Hat; Wichita Gem & Mineral Society - \$450 including three memorial contributions \$50 each for Fred Bower, Terry Davis, and Claude Matney.

I wish to thank all of above for their contributions to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. I hope that a number of your clubs will make donations during our 2016/2017 fiscal year. Remember that \$48,000 in scholarships is provided each year to graduate students in the GeoSciences through the AFMS Foundation. The total amount of scholarships given out since the inception of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation is now over \$1.75 million.



Long-time Fossil Collector, TRMS Member John Alf Passes

By Richard Jaeger

John Alf, long time TRMS member, passed away last March at the age of 93. He served as Rocky Mountain Federation President in 1985-86. His wife Dixie Lee, who passed away several years ago, had also served as RMFMS President. John was a long time member of the Osage Hills Gem and Mineral Society in Bartlesville before joining our Tulsa Club.

His main interest was fossils; he and Dixie entered many fossil exhibits in competition and also served as fossil judges at local, regional, and national shows. John served twice as our TRMS Show Chairman and was in charge of Special Exhibits before that. He was very interested in preserving field collecting opportunities and served for many years as the Rocky Mountain Federation PLAC representative for Oklahoma. I understand that he was also responsible for the writing of the initial RMFMS President's Hat Operating Procedure. The Alfs were very generous people. They often brought enough material to give away, fossils, minerals, etc., to our meetings in Tulsa so that everyone in attendance would have something to add to their collection.

RMFMS President Beth Simmons State of the Federation Address

Beth Simmons, Ph.D., Lakewood, CO: cloverknoll@comcast.net

Howdy! I'm Beth Simmons from Lakewood, Colorado. Previously (many, many moons ago) from Erie, Pennsylvania, I belonged to the Gem City Gem and Mineral Society and was active in the Eastern Federation. Since moving to Denver twenty-three years ago, I've belonged to the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild. Although most of the clubs in the Denver Metro Region belong to the Rocky Mountain Federation there has been little interaction between the clubs and the federation for about twenty years, apparently stemming from what the Denver clubs felt was a bad deal at the last Federation show they sponsored in the mid-1990s.

I aim to bring the almost thousand Metro-area members "back into the fold." To that end, I've filled a lot of the committee chairmanships with members from Colorado clubs. All positions except the Utah PLAC rep are committed! AND THE EDITORSHIP OF THE RMFMS NEWSLETTER! Read the list in the newsletter of all the WONDERFUL FOLKS WHO STEPPED TO THE PLATE and are ready to kick rocks in 2017!

Because we are all part of a TEAM trying to promote our hobby, this year the overriding theme will be **RMFMS T.E.A.M.S.**

T is for TEACH – at every meeting TEACH something, in every newsletter TEACH something. You then achieve the most valuable goal of your club's mission statement! It doesn't have to be a Ph.D. dissertation – just something the members didn't know before.

E is for ENCOURAGE – At every meeting and gathering encourage folks to learn something new, to attain some personal goal, to do something beneficial for the club. Then you have achieved the personal goals of your members in a positive way.

A is for ACCOMMODATE – At every instance, you and your club should accommodate the youth, the elderly, the handicapped and infirmed, the uninformed. Welcome members from all walks of life, from all the corners of the world. Simply because EVERYONE LOVES ROCKS!

M is for MENTOR – your club should have a nurturing program in place where each officer has an assistant who is mentored in the job. Every experienced member should train another to take their place in the regime. Certainly succession results in change, but mentoring will make the transition smooth and non-disruptive to the club's over-all program.

S is for SUPPORT – Club members should feel buoyed and ecstatic by all the support they receive from club officers and members. After all, this is a hobby group and members perform their "tasks" simply for enjoyment. When the support falters, members will drift away. In many regions there aren't eight other clubs where rock hounds can find a new home! So today, take the time to tell someone they are doing a great job, before they walk away down an arroyo!

As the year goes on, we will give examples of each of these goals, plus incorporate advice about them on the RMFMS webpage.

AGAIN MY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO STEPPED UP TO HELP OUT! Let's KICK ROCKS!



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SUNSHINE REPORT

Visitors who signed in November 14 were: David "Mike" Lacer, Dru Meadows, Spencer Meadows, Charles Bell, Sara Taylor, Katy Parker. From Hospitality chair, Wayne Mouser.

Please make welcome these new TRMS members: Dru Meadows & Charles Bell. From TRMS treasurer and membership chair Linda Jaeger.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Claude Bolze
Roxanna Chamberlin
Don Draeger
Lynn Farmer
Anna Gates
Lyli Holcomb
Christie Kuhn
John Lankford
JoAnn Mounce
Kenneth Mounce
John Scamardo
Marc Siler
Roberta Wagle
Don Whittaker
David Wilson



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Nancy Hicks Chris & Tracy Hobson Fred & Judy White

Malcolm & Barbara Joyce Ernie & Jeanie Spradlin Ben & Liz Thomas

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	TRMS INCOME & EXPENSES, GENERAL ACCOUNT -- November, 2016		
	Provided by TRMS Treasurer Linda Jaeger		
	Balance as of 10/21/2016		\$5,174.81
date	Income:		
11/19/16	deposit: auction, donations, equip sales, badges, dues	\$2,167.50	
	total income:	\$2,167.50	
	Expenses:		
10/23/16	Ink Images, print Oct bulletin, ck#1585	\$122.30	
10/28/16	US Sign, badge for R Paluckis, ck#1587	\$5.43	
11/2/16	Ink Images, Sept bulletin, ck#1588	\$108.63	
11/7/16	Ink Images, Nov bulletin, ck#1589	\$127.62	
11/7/16	RMFMS dues & insurance (\$408 + \$166.20), ck#1590	\$574.20	
11/19/16	Bob Hicks, reimburse for shop equipment, ck#1591	\$2,746.59	
	total expenses:	\$3,684.77	
	Balance as of 11/19/2016		\$3,657.54

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society

**By-Laws Change Proposals for Consideration by the Membership
on January 09, 2017**

The following proposals have been approved by the Board for submission to a General Membership vote on January 09, 2017. **These proposals cover Articles IX and X** and complete a review that has gone on since 2014. The first set of proposals from this review was approved in July, 2015. At this point, all Articles of the 2011 version of the By-Laws have been addressed. Given that the following proposals are approved on **January 09, 2017**, a new version of the By-Laws will be published for all members shortly afterwards.

There is a companion document to the By-Laws that is not an included part of them, called **Current Practices**. It describes how the Society is accomplishing and wishes to conduct activities necessary to its functioning. This is still in a draft stage but expected to be submitted for General Member review and comment early in 2017.

While there will be future proposals for By-Laws change, the present review seems to be about over and the number and frequency of proposals submitted for approval should decline drastically.

As in previously submitted proposals, changes to the current By-Laws are **printed in red** and **highlighted in yellow**. One comment has been highlighted in **blue**.

The By-Laws Committee wants to say "Thank You" to all members for their support and patience during the review.

Bob & Nancy Hicks and Scott Robb

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society

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on January 09, 2017**

ARTICLE IX -- ALLOTING OF SOCIETY CLUB FUNDS

1. General Operating Fund

- A. A checking account of \$2,000.00 will be established on January 1 of each year. (got rid of "expected revenue ...")
- B. General operating expenses and Society club equipment costs will come from the General Operating Fund. The Sponsored Show Chair (Article X) may be granted funds for the production of a Sponsored Show (Article X), such amounts to be repaid out of income from the show. Any transfer of funds will be in accordance with the By-Laws (Article VIII.2, Article IX.1.C, 2.and 3).
- C. Any amount from the General Operating Fund account above \$2,000.00 at the end of each calendar year will, as soon as possible, be transferred as follows: First, to the Sponsored Show Contingency Fund Account (Article X), as necessary, to bring it to the amount existing at the time a show loss occurred specified (Article IX.2), second, to the Trust Fund account (Article IX.3).

2. Sponsored Show Contingency Fund Account - See all of Article X.

- A. To insure Society members against an assessment due to losses occurring from shows, a separate Sponsored Show Account, shall be established or maintained in the amount of \$6,000.00 per show, on or before March 1 in the calendar year following any the annual show and used to fund any show sponsored by the Society, after approval as specified in Article X.1.
- B. After allowing for any pending bills the remaining show proceeds realized from any Society Sponsored Show's activities will be disbursed as soon as possible following the Show Chair's report, see Article X.2.D., in the following manner:
 - 1. If necessary, to bring the General Operating Fund up to the amount specified, in accordance with Articles VIII and IX.1.C.
 - 2. Added to the Trust Fund certificate of deposit accounts, in accordance with Articles VIII and IX.1.C, as soon as it is possible to do so.

3. Trust Fund

- A. All remaining Society club funds will be placed in designated certificate(s) of deposit or if approved by the Board of Directors, some other conservative interest bearing account(s), with prior approval by the Board of Directors, and reported in the Board Meeting Minutes to the General Membership. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, this money will be disposed of in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.
- B. With prior approval of the Board and reported in the Board Meeting Minutes to the General Membership, interest from the Trust Fund will be withdrawn each year and disposed of in agreement with the aims and purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and in accordance with the By-Laws concerning authority for expenditures, Article VIII and Article IX.1.C.
- C. In the event of a deficit in the General Operating Fund (Article IX.1.) or a Sponsored Show loss, the funds necessary to bring the General Operating Fund (Article IX.1.) up to the specified amount and the Sponsored Show Contingency Fund Account (Article IX.2) up to their specified amounts existing at the time the show loss occurred will be removed transferred from the Trust Fund by the Society Treasurer, with approval by the Board of Directors and reported in the Board Meeting Minutes to the General Membership or by vote of the Society Club Membership in accordance with the By-Laws (Article VIII and Article IX.1.C).

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Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society

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ARTICLE IX -- ALLOTING OF **SOCIETY CLUB** FUNDS(continued)

4. Scholarship

- A. Earnings from **an conservative** interest bearing account(s) and/or certificate(s) of deposit **specifically designated for this purpose** will be used to fully or partly fund an annual scholarship(s). **Additional annual funding shall be approved by the Board and a majority vote by Society members in accordance with Article VIII.**
- B. Principal for this fund will be obtained from gifts or donations, **show proceeds, auction proceeds or sale of property.**
- C. Criteria for selecting a recipient(s), amount of the stipend(s), and procedures for administering the scholarship(s) will be adopted by the Board of Directors.
- D. If this fund is terminated for any reason, the Board of Directors will propose a method of disbursement of the principal at a regular meeting of the Society. A simple majority of the voting membership will be required for adoption.

5. Proceeds Distribution

- A. **Non-monetary Donations will be distributed as follows - first in honor of any donor instructions, then as determined by the Donations Committee, reported to the Board and submitted for approval by the Society membership.**
- B. **Auction proceeds distribution will be determined by Society member club vote at the auction.**
- C. **Monetary donations will be distributed as follows, first in honor of any donor instructions, then to the Scholarship Fund. All transactions will be made in accordance with Articles VIII and IX.**
- D. **Property Sale proceeds and distribution will be stated and approved by vote as specified in Article VIII.3.**

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ARTICLE X – **SPONSORED** SHOW PROCEDURES AND EXPENDITURES

1. **A majority of the votes cast at a General Meeting shall be required to approve a Sponsored Show. A separate General Membership vote of 60% approval will also be required to schedule a show less than five months or more than two years prior to its proposed event date.**
2. The Show Chair, **Show Co-Chair and Show Treasurer** will be appointed, **not later than the last day of March**, by the President who holds office at the time the decision to hold a show is **determined proposed**, with the approval of the Board of Directors. **The appointments is are to be made prior to the show approval vote and be part of the information presented to the members prior to the vote.** The duties of the Show Chair will include:
 - A. Responsibility for the overall coordination of the show.
 - B. Appointment of as many committee chairs as Show Chair deems necessary. Sub-committee Chair will be appointed by the committee Chair with the approval of the Show Chair.
 - C. The Show Chair shall present to the Board of Directors a budget outline of the anticipated income and expenditures of the show, and set a top limit of show expenditures.
 - D. Within four months after the conclusion of the show for which responsible, the Show Chair shall submit to the Board of Directors a statement of receipts, disbursements, and amounts receivable and due, together with **his** comments regarding problems encountered, and any suggestions for future shows.
 - E. The Show Chair shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
3. **If any profit is realized from any of our shows (big or all? Society Sponsored Show activity— should this be in Article IX?), it will be disbursed in the following order:**
 - A. **If necessary, to bring the General Operating Fund up to the amount specified, in accordance with Article VIII and IX.1.C.**
 - B. **Added to the Trust Fund certificate of deposit accounts (this allows for other types of accounts), in accordance with Article VIII and IX1.C, as soon as it is possible to do so. ~~Moved to IX.2.B.~~**
3. **The Society may not be obligated for an expenditure larger than the balance of funds designated to the Sponsored Show Account at the time of the obligation. The Show Chair or in absence of the Show Chair, the Show-CoChair can obligate the Society for purposes of conducting a sponsored show.**
4. This section sets the rules for use of a Sponsored Show Account (see Article IX.2). A checking account will be initiated and maintained as needed by the **Society Treasurer** to control Sponsored Show funds. Withdrawals **will be made by check** and will require the signature of: the **Show Treasurer** (or in the absence of the Show Treasurer, the Society Treasurer or the Society President or one of the Society Officers whose name is on the bank account signature card). Transactions will be reported at each Show Committee meeting.



TRMS WORKSHOP—A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CLUB MEMBERS!

TRMS members are welcome to use the **club workshop** during the scheduled sessions. You will be asked to sign a waiver if you work at the shop. Young people must be accompanied by an adult. Material for cutting and polishing is available at the shop for \$1 a slab. There is a charge for cutting a piece on the big saw. Please, contact the shop foreman or the charge person 24-hours in advance.

TRMS WORKSHOP HOURS, ATTENDANTS

First Saturday-- 1 p.m - 5 p.m	Wayne Mouser	(918-582-8700)
Third Tuesday-- 5:30 - 9 p.m.	David Hogate	(918-630-4702)
Fourth Thursday-- 5:30 - 9 p.m.	Billy McBay	(918-407-6066)
Third Saturday -- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m	Leon Reeder	(918-346-7299)

The workshop is located next to Elsing Museum in the lower level of the Learning Resource Center at Oral Roberts University. At the Lewis/81 St. parking lot stop light, take the first right turn, just after the guard shack. Across from the baseball stadium, drive into the parking lot of the Learning Resource Center and follow the path to the LRC north entrance. Go down on the handicapped ramp on the right of the steps, or use the lower set of stairs and hit the Handicapped Entry button for access. Inside, follow signs to Elsing Museum which will be one more flight down stairs. At Elsing Museum, turn left, go down the hallway to the workshop which will be the second door on the right.



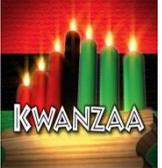
*Merry Christmas to All, and to All
A Good Night!*



TRMS DECEMBER 2016

The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th and Columbia near the TU tennis courts. Hospitality hour precedes each meeting, with coffee and snacks. Visitors are always welcome. Pebble Pups meet at 6:15 preceding the general membership meeting.

For Workshop sessions contact the name listed or foreman Billy McBay at 918-407-6066 24 hours in advance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Workshop 1 pm - 5 pm Call Wayne Mouser 918-582-8700
4	5	6 TRMS board meeting 7 pm College Hill	7	8	9	10
11	12 TRMS meets 7 pm College Hill. 6 pm Social hour 6:15 Pebble Pups CHRISTMAS MEAL!	13	14 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	15	16	17 Workshop 1 pm - 5 pm Call Leon Reeder 918-346-7299
18	19	20 WORKSHOP 5:30 pm – 9 pm Call Billy McBay 918-407-6066	21 <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22 WORKSHOP 5:30 pm – 9 pm Call David Hogate 918-630-4702	23	24  First Night
 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	 KWANZAA	27 Lunch Golden Corral 21 st /Memorial 11:30 am	28	29	30	31  Happy New Year!



Minutes of Board Meeting 8 November 2016

Present:

Tony Rongey, President
Scott Robb, Bob Hicks, Nancy Hicks, By-laws Committee
Julia Allande, Secretary
Eric Hamshar, 1st VP/Programs
Paulino Allande
Billy McBay, Shop Foreman
Kenneth Siler, 2nd VP/ Field Trips
Virgil Richards, Director
Sharon Richards, Director
Richard Jaeger

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by president Tony Rongey.
Minutes of last board meeting approved as printed in the newsletter.
The treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Billy McBay reported on available equipment for the shop, and with modifications to them the quote on the units is about \$1500 each. Bob Hicks would like to look into the possibility of getting them cheaper with his dealer discount. Sharon Richards moved to authorize up to \$3052 to purchase 2 new arbor units and supplies. Ken Siler 2nd. Motion carried. Will go to vote of general membership at next meeting.

Audit Committee still has not met. President Rongey appointed Sharon Richards to replace Ryan Brown on the committee.

Chair of the nomination committee, Eric Hamshar, reported he is still finding candidates for Secretary, Treasurer, President, and 2nd VP/Field Trips. Website report: President Rongey reported Roberta Wagle and Martha Rongey are investigating web site producers and costs.

New Business: Richard Jaeger reported former member John Alf, of Bartlesville, passed away in March of this year. Ken Siler moved to donate \$35 to OSCMS Scholarship fund. Virgil Richards 2nd. Motion carried. Julia Allande moved to donate \$1/registered member to the scholarship funds of AFMS and RMFMS. Virgil Richards 2nd. Motion carried.

By general consensus the decision was made to wait until after the audit is completed to recommend donations to the church, ORU (Elsing Museum?), and Tulsa Public Library. Virgil Richards moved to pay TRMS dues to RMFMS and also pay the insurance through them. Ken Siler 2nd. Motion carried.

Scott Robb presented the current recommended changes to the by-laws as ready to be printed for the general membership to approve. These were the changes discussed in the October Board meeting. Virgil Richards moved to accept the changes as written and to publish; Julia Allande 2nd. Motion carried. These changes will be published in The December newsletter for general vote at the January meeting. Motion to publish the entire By-laws as soon as practical following the final approval vote. Motion carried. Scott Robb asked for input concerning certain officer duties, examples, Historian, Librarian, Secretary, and any other. Does Historian warrant a Board position?

Programs Chair Eric Hamshar reported on the plan for the December meeting/Christmas party. He asked if we wanted to have pot-luck and Dirty Santa gift exchange . Consensus was "yes".

Happy Birthday, Ken Siler.

Nothing further, meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Allande, Secretary 2016.



Minutes of General Meeting 14 November 2016

Meeting was called to order at the Church at 7:00 PM by President Tony Rongey. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as printed in the bulletin. Treasurer's report as written in the newsletter was approved as printed. Count-off revealed 71 people present. Six door prizes were handed out by the Door Prize Controller, Paulino Allande. Hospitality Chair Wayne Mouser introduced guests and new members. Pebble Pups were each given a piece of blue sapphire from Africa.

Program Chair Eric Hamshar advised that the December meeting would be a Christmas gathering with pot-luck foods and Dirty Santa for all who wish to play. Donna Loffer moved and Roxanna Chamberlin 2nd to have the club purchase the meat for the meeting. Almost no discussion; motion carried.

Field Trip Chair Ken Siler being absent no field trip was announced. A group tour of the downtown library was suggested, in order to hold an informed vote whether to return to Library for meetings.

Shop Chair Billy McBay presented his findings for two new arbors for the shop to supplement existing equipment. Expenditure put to general vote. Carried.

Larry Wagle announced that the last remaining piece of equipment from the donation earlier this year was refurbished and then sold for \$650.

Nominations Committee Chair Eric Hamshar presented the slate of officers for 2017. There were no nominations from the floor. The uncontested positions were elected by acclamation:

1 st Vice President/Programs	Eric Hamshar
2 nd Vice President/Field Trips	Amy Puls
Secretary	Carlos Reyes
Treasurer	Julia Cross
Historian	Roberta Wagle
Editor	Kay Waterman
Librarian	Martha Rongey
Shop	Billy McBay
Directors	Sharon Richards
	Trinity Hurst
	Katy Parker

The position of President had two candidates: Virgil Richards and Donna Loffer. By written vote Donna Loffer was elected as president.

By-Laws Committee Chair Scott Robb reviewed the changes to the by-laws approved by the Board and ready for vote by the general membership. These changes were printed in the November newsletter. All changes noted were approved.

Show Chair Finis Riggs announced he should have the contract for the 2017 show shortly.

Donna Loffer and Liz Thomas will be preparing ham and turkey for the December meeting. At \$.99/lb, two hams and three turkeys should run between \$150 and \$200, Donna said.

Wayne Mouser moved to dedicate the proceeds from the Club Auction to the general fund. Sharon Richards 2nd. Motion carried.

Julia Allande announced that, having been the Pebble Pup specimen presenter for 5 years, she was now stepping down from that role. She will continue as Junior Rockhounds of America coordinator.

Program for the evening: Annual Auction.

Nothing further, meeting adjourned 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Allande, Secretary 2016