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President's Message
Toby Seim

None submitted.

Editor's Plea

Please, we need your articles and mineral photos to make this the newsletter what it should be.

**Please email articles and photos to
heesacker@coho.net**

**The next deadline will be in March
(exact date TBD).**

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PNWFM Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2019

President, Toby Seim, opened the meeting with 28 members present. Minutes from the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Bruce Kelley gave the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$25,137. This does not include 2019 symposium expenses or earnings. Bruce reported that a check for \$15 from Canada was not processed because the bank app would not recognize the Canadian check. It was discussed that we may need to ask our Canadian members to use credit cards instead of checks. The silent and live auctions brought in approximately \$2700.

Old Business: Gary Hinderman, Vice President, reported that there are 6 cases in storage with varying repairs needed. He reported that repairs needed include a broken fan, fixtures, and others that are unknown. Bruce reported that he knows where to order parts from. A decision was not made as to when the repairs would occur but that they need to occur before our next symposium.

New Business: A report was given on the display at Whatcom Museum in Bellingham. Words used to describe the display included "world class" and "superb." Toby reported that the display includes informational panels, monitors playing videos, and world class mineral specimens. Toby also reported that the museum is doing an excellent job of promoting the display. Our chapter name is prominent in the display which is great for our own visibility. All members are encouraged to make the trip to Bellingham before February 2, 2020, when the display will be taken down. On November 3rd, Randy Becker will be giving a presentation at the museum. MSP to have Toby explore hiring a videographer to capture the display. It was suggested that Toby reach out to Brian Szobodo as a possible videographer. We would then have a showing of the video on Friday evening at next year's symposium.

Julian Gray proposed that all or most of the display be moved to the Rice Museum continuing as an "on loan" display for another 6 months to a year. Julian and Toby will reach out to those loaning specimens for the display to see if this is a possibility. If this doesn't work out, Julian would like for PNWFM to put a display in at the museum, and to continue collaborating with the museum providing displays.

Theme for 2020 symposium was discussed and voted on. Suggestions included: Mineral Photography/Photographers, Minerals of Madagascar, Colors in Minerals, Mineral Aesthetics, and Crystal Habits. Theme for the 2020 symposium will be "how colors and crystallography contribute to the aesthetics of minerals."

A discussion about capturing the symposium presentations by using a new technology that Brian Szobodo has created that includes a "device" that would capture the power point presentation and the audio was discussed. Julian will contact Brian to learn more about his new technology.

Next year's symposium committee was discussed:

Show Chair –

Speaker Chair – Bruce Kelley and Allan Young

Dealer Chair – Brittany Burkhardt

Setup/Tear Down Team – Gary Hinderman, Tom Menzel, Roger Beck

Silent Auction and Storage – Gary Hinderman

Live Auction and Hotel Liaison/Insurance – Karen Hinderman

Registration – Bruce Kelley and Doug Merson

Case Chair –

As you can see, we have two openings. We need a show chair to oversee the entire symposium. The Case Chair contacts members about putting in a showcase and writes an article for the newsletter describing the showcases as a follow-up. Please consider contacting a board member about volunteering. Also, next year will be Allan Young's last year as a speaker chair. We need another member to consider working with Allan and Bruce this coming year as an apprentice and then stepping in to the role of speaker chair for the 2021 symposium.

Use of the square for registrations is working well overall with a few glitches. It would help if all individuals read the directions and followed them! Using the square does not include a physical address, so please be sure we have your correct email address. Otherwise, you won't receive newsletters and information about upcoming events. We still need to provide printed registration forms for members who don't want to use a credit card.

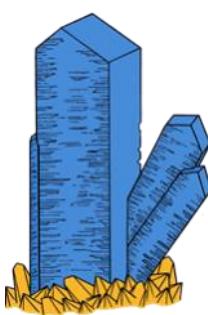
It was suggested that the times for open bar, dinner, and chapter meeting be included on the schedule. It was also suggested that information about the contests be sent out sooner.

MSP to continue our Group Membership with the Rice Museum. Bruce will write a check for \$500 to cover this cost.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Karen Hinderman, Secretary



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MINERAL MEETING CALENDAR

2020:

SCMA Micro-Mineral Symposium

Jan 31-Feb 1

Fallbrook Mineral Museum

123 W Alvarado St B,

Fallbrook, CA

Micro Mineral Study Group,

May 2, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Camas-Washougal Fire Station #42

4321 NW Parker Street

Camas, Washington

Seattle Mineral Market (PNWFM Meeting)

May 16-17, 2020

The Lake City Community Center

12531 28th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98125

NCMA Micro-Mineral Symposium

May-June

Washington Pass Cleanup

August-September

46th annual PNWFM Symposium

Theme - How Colors and Crystallography Contribute to the
Aesthetics of Minerals

October

Micro Mineral Study Group,

November 7, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

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