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The WSMGS conducts meetings quarterly and as special events require.

## RMFMS Convention Highlights

By Jim and Leane Gray

The annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in the Wyndham Grand Hotel October 24-27, 2024. The convention and annual gem & mineral show were hosted by The Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society at the Oklahoma State Fair Park in Oklahoma City. The convention and the show were well attended.

WSMGS President, Jim Gray, was elected to serve the RMFMS as President for a term beginning November 1, 2024.

WSMGS Secretary, Leane Gray, was elected to serve the RMFMS as Wyoming Director for a two-year term also beginning November 1, 2024.



Jim Gray, photo taken by Linda Jaeger at the 2024 RMFMS Convention Banquet in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

To get more information about the RMFMS convention be sure to read the November RMF News at <https://www.rmfmns.org/newsletter>

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# Message from the President

By Jim Gray  
President, WSMGS  
President, RMFMS

I am amazed that the year has passed so fast and that we are now thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas already! The year 2024 has been both exciting and challenging for the members of the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society clubs with annual shows, the addition of new clubs, growth in many of the clubs' memberships, and the passing of some of our long-time members.

Most pressing on my mind today, as I write this letter to the clubs, is the resignation of our Jade State News editor, Ilene Olson. She has served the WSMGS as the appointed editor for several years. I appreciated her contribution, will miss her as the editor, and wish her well as she focuses on other projects and obligations! Leane and I are acting as Interim Editors with Nella Flurkey continuing as the Editor's Assistant until a new editor can be appointed.

For your information the Jade State News is a quarterly publication with the purpose of "promoting the activities and purposes of the Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society and its affiliated member clubs," as stated in the WSMGS By-Laws. The editor is appointed by the WSMGS President and gathers articles and pictures from clubs and outside sources, edits those submissions, prepares the newsletter using the Adobe InDesign program provided by the WSMGS, and publishes the final document after its review by the President. There is a more detailed description of the Editor's duties in the WSMGS By-Laws on the [wsmgs.org](http://wsmgs.org) website.

I was able to attend the annual convention of the RMFMS in October and was elected to be their President beginning November 1st, 2024. There is a lot to learn, and I look forward to the challenge. Speaking of the RMFMS, remember to submit your annual dues reports to the RMFMS as soon as possible to ensure your most



Jim Gray sits at his lapidary unit during a cabbing class he was teaching at a senior center. Photo by Leane Gray

current information is included in the RMFMS Directory that is typically published the first of each year. At the same time, please prepare the annual dues report and the election of officer reports for the WSMGS! Timely submission of these forms is very helpful!

I wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving and merry Christmas!

Until next time,

Jim





## Stromatolites - A Piece of Ancient Life

Researched and Written by Trena Rule, a member of the Sublette County Rock Hounds

When I first joined the Sublette County Rock Hounds club I had never even heard of a Stromatolite let alone know what they were or how to identify them. I soon learned Stromatolites are everywhere! In the beginning, it seemed every time I went rock hunting I found something that I assumed was a different type of rock, but I was soon informed it was stromatolite. This became a running joke and I was nicknamed the Stromatolite Queen. My uncanny luck in always seeming to find Stromatolites has since led me to a desire to learn more about them.

What are Stromatolites? They are a single-celled cyanobacteria that lived in colonies millions of years ago. Contrary to popular opinion, stromatolites are not algae. They are the oldest fossils on earth and are still living in areas today, such as Australia, the Black Sea, Yellowstone, the Great Salt Lake, and Canada. Stromatolites contribute to the creation of oxygen on earth through photosynthesis. They use the sun's energy to break the chemical bonds in the salty water surrounding the living stromatolites, increasing the oxygen in the air 1% to 20% (Adapted from Awramik, Stanley M. "Precambrian Columnar Stromatolite Diversity: Reflection of Metazoan Appearance." *Science*, vol. 174, no. 4011, 1971, pp 825- 827.)

Stromatolites are sedimentary formations created as the cyanobacteria trap the mineral

sediments in water creating the layers that form the growing organism. Unlike algae they do not use organic material to grow. These geological wonders are the result of microbial mats binding sediments and minerals together creating layered structures over millions of years. The fossilization of stromatolites occurred as mineral-rich water soaked into the bacteria-sediment layers replacing the living organism with solid minerals. These layers are a chronological archive of ancient life, revealing the dynamics of Earth's early biosphere. Each ancient microbial layer showcases the communities' environmental interaction as they morphed into stone.

I have become a great fan of the diversity I find in the formation of each Stromatolite. Every piece I have found is an amazing fossilized structure of different shades of colors from the minerals stromatolites used to grow and live on Earth. Stromatolites' aesthetic appeal characterized with each unique layer and texture from Earth's primordial history of life's dawn continue to draw me into each individual formation. Next time you're rockhounding and pick up a rock it may just be a piece of ancient life in stromatolite fossil form!

Stromatolite pictures: top & middle photos are two views of a specimen from near Worldand, Wyoming, and the bottom photo is a specimen from near Wamsutter, Wyoming. Specimens are from the collection of Jim Gray. Pictures by Leane Gray.



# CLUB NEWS

## NE Wyoming Rock Hounds' Annual Show

Dennis Brown, club President and Show Chairman led the NE Wyoming Club in the production of their 7th annual gem and mineral show October 19 - 20, 2024, at the Complex event center in Gillette, Wyoming.

The people who came to the show were not disappointed as they were met by nine vendors displaying a range of rock-related items including petrified wood, jewelry, specimens, fossils, and kid's activities. Other show highlights were hourly silent auctions, door prizes, and a grand prize raffle of a Salt Lamp.

Dennis Brown reported that the show "was a huge club effort including Jeff and Tina Bennet, Tracy and Clint Matthews, and the iron man, Bill Kocher. A special thanks to Jim and Leane Gray, officers of the WSMGS, who helped out with the auction, attendance table and inside signage."

Article information provided by Dennis Brown, President of NE Wyoming Rock Hounds, edited by Leane Gray.

## Sublette County Rock Hounds' Christmas Party

Saturday, November 16, 2024, the Sublette County Rock Hounds will have their annual Christmas potluck for the members. "This event is always a big deal," says club President, Jim Gray. The members bring potluck dishes and cook the meats. There will be a white elephant rock-related gift exchange and this year there will be a holiday-pajama contest. In prior years, the club has had an ugly sweater contest for the adults and the best dressed for children. Prizes are given by the club to the winners. "This is a fun end to the year that we all look forward to," said club treasurer, Leane Gray.

Article information provided by Leane Gray, Sublette County Rock Hounds.

## State Rockhound of the Year, 2024, Kenny Platt

Long-time Natrona County Rock Hound member, Kenny Platt was awarded the 2024 State Rock Hound of the Year at the annual WSMGS show in Powell in May. Kenny shares his love of rock hunting, cutting and polishing, and making jewelry freely with others. He spreads his knowledge and with geology students at Casper College, at local fundraisers for disabled veterans, and fellow Natrona County Rock Hound members.

Article provided by Mac Goss, President of Natrona County Rock Hounds

## Rock Hounds of the Year, 2024

Cheyenne Gem & Mineral Society - no nominations

Cody 59ers Rock Club - Audrey Smith (Club ROY nomination)

Natrona County Rockhounds - Kenny Platt (State ROY nomination)

Northeast Wyoming Rockhounds - no nominations submitted

Rex Young Rock Club - no nominations submitted

Riverton Mineral & Gem Society, Inc. - no nominations submitted

Shoshone Rock Club - Lara Myers (Club ROY nomination)

Sublette County Rockhounds Paul Glaze (Club nomination)

# Wyoming Rockhounds Have Been Making Museum-Quality Jewelry And Art For 50 Years

If there's something Wyoming has plenty of it's rocks and minerals, but it takes true artists to turn them into something unique and valuable. That's what Eddy and Ava Cole, from Thermopolis, have been doing for 50 years, turning out museum-quality jewelry and rock art.

November 10, 2024



Ava Cole is surrounded by rocks of all types and her jewelry at Ava's Silver and Rock Shop in Thermopolis, Wyoming. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)

**THERMOPOLIS** — Rockhounding is a popular Wyoming hobby and rock enthusiasts are allowed to hunt for certain fossils, semi-precious gems and pretty rocks on nearly all the 18 million acres of public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

These rockhounds collect agates, garnets, petrified wood, diamonds, Wyoming jade, opal, sapphire, quartz and jasper.

"Collecting it is the fun part. Then the work comes in when you come home," self-taught geologist Eddy Cole said. "That's why people are always trying to sell rocks that aren't cut and polished, because of the time and work it takes." For over 50 years, Eddy and his wife, Ava Cole, have been collecting and polishing rocks and fossils. They have spent countless hours in the field and in their workshop, fueled by a passion for learning.

Their discoveries have been featured in museums and universities worldwide and Ava even has a horned dinosaur named after her, the *Avaceratops lammersi*, which resides at the Upper Musselshell Museum in Montana.

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Today, most of their time is spent working on the rocks they have collected and bought from others to sell in their store in Thermopolis, Ava's Silver and Rock Shop.

## First Gold Strike

It all began in 1971 when the couple and their toddler son were panning for gold near Spearfish, South Dakota.

"It was all her fault," Eddy said. "We were panning up Iron Creek and were getting some specs in our pan. I'm down there just busting this rock out when Ava called me. I went upstream, and here she had a pan that was yellow with gold. That's not an exaggeration. It was yellow with gold."

"I just took a bunch of roots off the side of the quick and just switched them out full of little gold pieces," Ava said, smiling.

The couple had been working at Homestake Gold Mine near Lead, South Dakota, but this marked the beginning of their adventure as entrepreneurs with rocks of all kinds.

"We went and researched the land, and it was open, so we filed a claim on it, and we had a mine just like that," Eddy said.

"We were up there all summer, but made more off the tourists than the gold," Ava said. "Gold was only \$32 an ounce then but there were always the tourists around. We had to go into the hardware store at Spearfish, get some pans and some little bottles. It was \$5 and you can get your pan of gold. We'd tell them 'There's some dirt, get it out of there.' No one left disappointed."

## The Rocks

The gold strike soon led to another discovery and a new business venture.

"Ava found some rocks in the sluice that were real pretty," Eddy said. "She started picking them up. She took them to Marge Price who had a rock shop in Deadwood, and Marge told her



her that she should go out and look for Fairburn Agates.” The Coles were unaware at the time, but Fairburn Agate are the most coveted of all agates due to their colorful banding and rarity. They are even scarcer today and well-regarded in the rock community.

“We went out and I wasn’t into it, looking for rocks with patterns on them,” Eddy admitted. “I went wandering off, and I jumped down off this ledge, and right behind me was a skull of a dinosaur just laying there.”

Cole sold the skull for \$20 and started studying geology in earnest.

**School Of Life**

“We couldn’t afford a formal education,” Eddy said. “We did a lot of studying geology in every facet of it. I had a friend that was the curator of Mineralogy for the South Dakota School of Mines, Willard Robert, and he showed me lots of things and told me what to spend my time studying on.”

Now, with over 50 years of studying, Eddy has become a consultant for the mines and universities who seek his expertise.

“Ava has consulted with people who bring in jewelry to get an appraisal,” Eddy said. “That happens quite frequently after 50 years of doing the jewelry.”



Ava and Eddy Cole cut and polish rocks in their workshop in Thermopolis, Wyoming. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



Ava's Silver and Rock Shop is located in Thermopolis, Wyoming. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



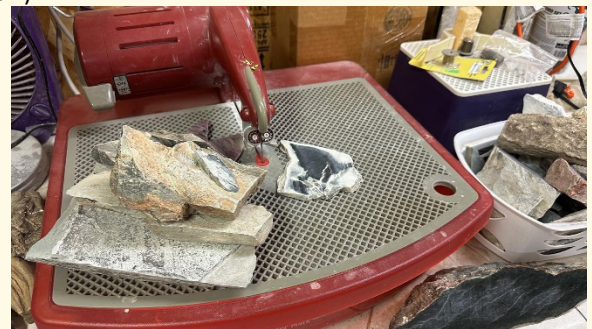
This Wyoming Jade has been tumbled in the Cole's rock tumbler and is ready to be fine-polished by Ava Cole for her use in jewelry she sells at Ava's Silver and Rock Shop in Thermopolis, Wyoming. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



Eddy Cole is a self-taught geologist respected by universities and others in his field world-wide. Over the last 50 years, he has collected rocks, fossils and dinosaur bones that he has sold to collectors, museums, and universities. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



Eddy Cole uses a microscope when he is doing the finer work on polishing rocks. He also repairs watches in his workshop in Thermopolis, Wyoming located behind Ava's Silver and Rock Shop. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



Once the rock is collected, they must be cut and polished. The rocks go through several stations to finish them into a product to sell in their Ava's Silver and Rock Shop in Thermopolis, Wyoming. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



After tumbling rocks, Ava Cole will put on a final polish on the small rocks to create her unique jewelry. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



Ava

Cole's personal lathe that she uses to make her jewelry for Ava's Silver and Rock Shop in Thermopolis, Wyoming. She said that most people just love to collect the rocks and want to avoid the tedious job of polishing and creating something out of the rocks. (Cowboy State Daily Staff)



Ava Cole collects, polishes, and turns rocks of all types into pieces of jewelry to sell at Ava's Silver and Rock Shop. She does not sell her creations on the internet so you must come by in person

### The Art Of Jewelry From Rocks

Ava's foray into jewelry making happened almost by accident. She had some tiny fossils she was trying to sell and had no buyers.

"I had these little trilobites that were perfect but little, so they were unsellable," Ava said, "I just glued backings on and they sold. Then this lady out of Utah taught me how to silversmith. She told me to go home and do it. At first, all I'm making was little balls." Ava persisted in trying to learn and was hired to make more jewelry while Eddy was out collecting interesting rocks and fossils. Overtime, her experience has expanded into creating small pieces of art from the rocks they have collected and bought.

"I can carve out crosses and other designs," Ava said, demonstrating one of her many tools in their workshop. "I use a diamond saw and make curves. You can twist it around in there and cut a circle."

"I do just whatever she can't do and if she needs help," Eddy said. "She makes the stuff look good. I just repair things."

### Rock Shop

The Coles eventually moved to Thermopolis where Eddy had discovered dinosaur bones on a scouting trip. They have since made mining claims in the region and started selling their rocks and jewelry in their own rock shop. They have a workshop set up in the back of their store where they spend countless hours cutting and polishing rocks and fossils. Eddy contends that the time they spend perfecting their craft and continuing to learn about rocks and fossils is what sets them apart from other rockhounds.

"For instance, when I polished the big Jade out front, that took 60 hours of straight polishing to get that done," Eddy said. "You have to be willing to spend the time in order to make these rocks shine."

The Coles also encourage amateur rockhounds to stop by with their own rock treasures for identification and see if they can, "Stump the Geologist." They are eager to share their knowledge and love of Wyoming's unique rocks with the next generation of rockhounds.

The rocks and fossils the Coles are surrounded in their small rock shop speak of a hobby that has become a Wyoming legacy written in stone.

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# WSMGS Rock Clubs

## Riverton Mineral & Gem Society

P.O. Box 1904  
 Riverton, WY 82501  
 rivertonmgs@wsmgs.org  
 www.RivertonMGS.com  
 Meets 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
 (September-May)  
 Senior Center  
 303 E. Lincoln, Riverton  
 President: ..... Kim Putnam  
 Vice-President: ..... Maggie Gowen  
 Secretary: ..... Aubrey Schmerge  
 Treasurer: ..... Molly Fauth  
 Field Trips ..... Steve Shanor

## Cody 59ers Rock Club

P.O. Box 1251  
 Cody WY 82414  
 cody59ers@wsmgs.org  
 www.Cody59ers.com  
 Meets 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
 (September-May)  
 Game & Fish building,  
 2 Tilden Trail (off the Belfry Hwy)  
 President: ..... Greg Jones  
 Vice-President: ..... Dave Gillard  
 Treasurer: ..... Audrey Smith  
 Secretary..... Nella Flurkey  
 Historian: ..... Stan Strike  
 Field Trips ..... Greg Jones

## Shoshone Rock Club

P.O. Box 256,  
 Powell, WY 82435  
 shoshonerockclub@wsmgs.org  
 Meets 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
 Eternal Ice,  
 894 Lane 11 1/2, Powell  
 President: ..... Gary Olson  
 Vice-President: ..... Elyse Lynn  
 Treasurer: ..... Lara Myers  
 Secretary: ..... Charis Cervantes  
 Historian: ..... Linda Jennings  
 Field Trips: ..... Open

## Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Society

P.O. Box 21412  
 Cheyenne, WY 82003  
 cheyennemgs@wsmgs.org  
 Meet 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
 (August-May)  
 IBEW Union Building  
 810 Fremont Street — Cheyenne  
 Acting President: ..... Jan Shively  
 Vice President ..... Mike Ryan  
 Treasurer: ..... Jan Shively  
 Secretary: ..... Don Harris  
 Field Trip..... Mark Shively

## Sublette County Rock Hounds Club

P.O. Box 1351  
 Big Piney, WY 83113  
 subletterockhounds@wsmgs.org  
 Meets 3rd Saturday, 1 p.m.  
 (April-December)  
 SW Senior Center,  
 429 E. 1st St., Marbleton  
 Call to confirm: (307) 260-6442  
 President: ..... Jim Gray  
 Vice-President: ..... Mike Schaffer  
 Treasurer: ..... Leane Gray  
 Secretary: ..... Deb Jess

## Rex Young Rock Club

112 East 3rd  
 Lingle, WY 82223  
 rexyoungrockclub@wsmgs.org  
 Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
 Senior Center  
 216 E. 19th Ave., Torrington  
 President: ..... Kim Nielsen  
 Vice-President: ..... Ed Verplancke  
 Treasurer: ..... Joyce Trowbridge  
 Secretary: ..... Joyce Trowbridge  
 Historian: ..... Joyce Trowbridge

## Natrona County Rockhounds

P.O. Box 123,  
 Casper, WY 82644  
 natronarockhounds@wsmgs.org  
 Meets 1st Monday, 7 p.m.  
 (April-December)  
 Shop Open 6-8 p.m. Tue & Fri  
 at Clubhouse, 5211 Rambler, Mills  
 President: ..... Martin "Mac" Goss  
 Vice-President: ..... Renee Stewart  
 Treasurer: ..... Ken Platte  
 Secretary: ..... Kim Platte

## Converse County Rock Hounds

conversecountyrockhounds@wsmgs.org  
 Meets 3rd Sunday, 4 p.m.  
 MHCC Conference Room,  
 111 S. 5th St., Douglas  
 President: ..... Gary Haptonstall  
 Vice President: ..... Jo Teal  
 Secretary: ..... Chris Berendes  
 Treasurer: ..... Chris Berendes

## Northeast Wyoming Rockhounds

Gillette WY 82716  
 newyrockhounds@wsmgs.org  
 Meets odd # months  
 Check email for dates  
 President: ..... Dennis Brown  
 Vice-President: ..... Bill Palone  
 Treasurer: ..... Open  
 Secretary: ..... Open  
 Field Trips ..... Jeff Bennett





# WSMGS Electronic Board Meeting

## September 2024

### I. Electronic Meeting Instructions to Board Members:

As a WSMGS Board Member, I ask you to read this Electronic Meeting email and VOTE on all Action Items by selecting "Reply All" after typing your name and indicating a "Agree or Disagree" vote for each numbered Action Item. The Deadline for your responses by "Reply All" email will be Monday, September 23, 2024. If you have questions about any item call, text, or email me at 307-260-6442 or [pres@wsmsg.org](mailto:pres@wsmsg.org) Board members are encouraged to submit old or new business items that have not been included in this meeting and a special attachment will be sent out for the entire WSMGS Board's consideration.

### II. President's Report by Jim Gray:

A. As reported at the annual WSMGS meeting in May in Powell, Linda Richendifer retired as the Vice President on the WSMGS Board.

a. Gary Haptonstall of the Converse County Rock Hounds in Douglas has expressed an interest in filling this role.

b. I nominate Gary Haptonstall for Vice President on the Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society Board beginning August 24, 2024, to complete the current term ending at the 2025 annual meeting in Gillette.

B. WSMGS 2025 Annual Show will be hosted by NE Wyoming Rock Hounds at the Complex.

a. State clubs in the past have helped the club doing the state show by donating tumbled rock, rock for their silent auction, cash donation to help with advertising, etc. So, if your club wants to help NE Wyoming Rock Hounds let them know so they can plan.

b. 10% of the net profit will be donated to WSMGS.

c. Sublette County Rock Hounds has asked to host the 2026 WSMGS Show in Big Piney, Will be their 10th year Anniversary.

C. If any Club has any questions, concerns, or needs please let me know and I will do my best to help.

D. Obituary page in the Jade State News: Please submit the information for this page as they happen to [pres@wsmsg.org](mailto:pres@wsmsg.org).

E. The passing of our members is reported at the annual RMFMS convention by the Wyoming State Director, Leane Gray, report all members who have passed since June 2023 for the October 2024 annual RMFMS convention.

F. The WSMGS would like to encourage clubs to nominate non-club members (individuals or couples) from your region who have been active in promoting the Earth Sciences to be recognized in the Jade State News as Wyoming Rock Stars! Check out former winner write-ups on the WSMGS website: [wsmsg.org](http://wsmsg.org)-Menu-WSMGS Topic Library-WSMGS Awards. Rock Star Nominations: please submit these nominations with a descriptive paragraph and photo to the WSMGS President at [pres@wsmsg.org](mailto:pres@wsmsg.org). There is not an award associated with the nominations; it is a recognition in the form of an article in the Jade State News.

G. Jim and Leane are planning on the RMFMS convention in October, if there are any clubs that would like them to be a proxy for your club please get the proper forms into the RMFMS and a copy to Jim or Leane.

### III. Vice President's Report (vacant position):

A. Please submit any changes in the WSMGS membership directory to [vpres@wsmsg.org](mailto:vpres@wsmsg.org) and Jim at [pres@wsmsg.org](mailto:pres@wsmsg.org) throughout the year. This information can be updated as they occur and the changes may affect the alias email addresses our webmaster generates. By keeping up with changes as they occur it helps the RMFMS directory (published in January annually) be accurate.

### IV. Secretary's Report By Leane Gray:

A. Prior Electronic WSMGS Board Meeting Minutes are printed in the Jade State News, which are available

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online: wsmgs.org under the heading Newsletters.

### V. Treasurer's Report by Mac Goss:

#### A. WSMGS Club Report Reminders

a) January 1st to May 15th- Form 990N must be electronically submitted to the IRS (The Registered agent for each club should receive this form from the IRS in advance of the deadline). Clubs may contact the IRS directly by email: [la2.alt.www4.irs.gov/pub/rup\\_login\\_1](mailto:la2.alt.www4.irs.gov/pub/rup_login_1)

B. Deadline for Annual Report to WY Sec. of State Varies by WSMGS Club -- Deadline for renewal of "Non-Profit Corporation Annual Report" varies by club and is due the 1st day of the month in which the club was first recognized by the Wyoming Secretary of State as a Non-Profit Corporation.

(The Registered Agent for your club should receive this form in advance of the club's deadline

#### WSMGS Clubs' Incorporation Dates:

Cheyenne Mineral & Gem Society December 2, 1969

Cody 59ers Rock Club February 1, 2012

Converse County Rock Hounds

Natrona County Rock Hounds April 15, 1954

Rex Young Rock Club Not Incorporated

Northeast Wyoming Rock Hounds November 8, 2018

Riverton Mineral & Gem Society August 17, 2012

Shoshone Rock Club February 8, 1962

Sublette County Rock Hounds March 21, 2018

WSMGS Board Incorporated November 23, 1964

C. The current Treasurer's Report follows.

### VI. Historian Report by Roger McMannis:

A. Please send all meeting minutes, field trip photos, club activities to be archived.

### VII. Jade State Newsletter by Ilene Olson:

Clubs are encouraged to submit news items, articles, abbreviated minutes, and photos for publication in the Jade State News.

a. Submission dates to Jade News Editor [[jsn@wsmgs.org](mailto:jsn@wsmgs.org)] are the 1st of February, May, August, and November.

### VIII. WSMGS Website

A. The WSMGS needs Action Photos from each of your clubs. Please include the photographer's name for proper photo credit and a short caption summary as to activity. Send photos to: [pres@wsmgs.org](mailto:pres@wsmgs.org)

B. The domain name is due to renew October 15, 2024. We need Board approval for renewing the wsmgs.org domain name by 10/15/2024, for one year .

### IX. Old Business:

A. WSMGS Club Shows, 2024

NE Wyoming, October 19-20

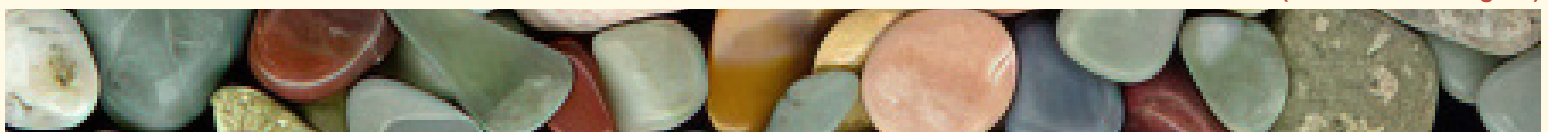
### X. New Business (Continues to next page)

A. Revision of WSMGS By-Laws, as proposed at the 2024 annual meeting in Powell, is in progress and will be presented to the Board and membership once drafted.

### \*\*\* VOTE Action Item #1-

Elect Gary Haptonstall as Vice President of the WSMGS Board to complete the current term, effective September 23, 2024.

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## X. New Business (Continued from prior page):

\*\*\* VOTE Action Item #1-

Elect Gary Haptonstall as Vice President of the WSMGS Board to complete the current term, effective September 23, 2024.

Vote Yes: Action item passed with five of six votes received.

Vote No: No “nay” votes were cast.

\*\*\* VOTE Action Item #2-

Approve renewing the wsmgs.org domain name by 10/15/2024, for one year.

Vote Yes: Action item passed with five of six votes

\*\*\* VOTE Action Item #3- Web Master \$50.00 gift recognizing her contribution to WSMGS

Vote Yes: Action item passed with five of six votes received.

Vote No: No “nay” votes were cast.

\*\*\* Vote Action Item #4 – Pay Jade State News Editor \$100.00 for supplies etc for the Jade State News Letter.

Vote Yes: Action item passed with five of six votes received. JSN Editor did not vote.

Vote No: No “nay” votes were cast.

## XI. MEETING ADJOURNED- Monday, September 23, 2024.

<b>ACTION</b> <small>Deposit, Check #, Fee</small>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EXPENSE, PAYMENT</b>	<small>Cleared Bank?</small>	<b>REVENUE, DEPOSIT</b>	<b>RUNNING BALANCE</b>
Debit Card	5/28/2024	8 <sup>th</sup> Street Ivy - gift for Marlene Sibley	\$ 50.00	x		\$ 3,778.20
Debit Card	6/3/2024	Cenex, Big Horn in Powell to transport trailer to Big Piney	\$ 65.60	x		\$ 3,712.60
Debit Card	6/3/2024	Pit Stop in Riverton to transport trailer to Big Piney	\$ 50.40	x		\$ 3,662.20
Debit Card	6/3/2024	Fast Stop in Boulder to transport trailer to Big Piney	\$ 61.70	x		\$ 3,600.50
181	6/10/2024	Sublette County Treasurer – Lic Plate 11148 renewal	\$ 48.82	x		\$ 3,551.68
182	6/10/2024	Big Horn Basin Dinosaur & Geoscience Museum donation	\$ 200.00	x		\$ 3,351.68
183	6/10/2024	Wyoming 4-H Foundation, sponsor state fair geology	\$ 50.00	x		\$ 3,301.68
184	6/10/2024	Cody 59ers scholarship donation	\$ 500.00	x		\$ 2,801.68
185	6/10/2024	Jim Gray – RMFMS Convention travel in October	\$ 300.00	x		\$ 2,501.68
186	6/10/2024	Ilene Olson – JSN editor supplies & software	\$ 100.00	x		\$ 2,401.68
187	6/10/2024	Jim Gray – WSMGS annual meeting travel	\$ 200.00	x		\$ 2,201.68
188	6/10/2024	Leane Gray – WSMGS annual meeting travel expenses	\$ 200.00	x		\$ 2,001.68
189	6/10/2024	Ilene Olson – WSMGS annual meeting travel Expenses	\$ 200.00	x		\$ 1,801.68
190	6/10/2024	Shoshone Rock Club – WSMGS annual meeting meal costs	\$ 200.00	x		\$ 1,601.68
Deposit	6/18/2024	Revenues from WSMGS table at the annual show in Powell		x	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 2,961.68
Bank statement	7/31/2024	during July, checks cleared, no deposits, ck 184 outstanding		-		\$ 2,961.68
Bank statement	8/31/2024	during August, ck 184 cleared, no deposits		-		\$ 2,961.68