



## PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Dear Members,

The success of this years symposium was the product of the efforts of a lot of hard working people. I would like to take this time to again thank all of those people who jumped in and got the job done. The end of this years symposium also signals the beginning of the FM new year. I see several positive differences in relation to last year. To me the most important difference is the renewed volunteer spirit I witnessed at the Executive Inn, and the urge to start planning for our symposium next year. This interest in planning early could produce a fantastic program for next year. The board of directors and I have called a special meeting for the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in Vancouver, WA. This meeting will include only people who have expressed an interest in getting involved with next years symposium. In addition to assigning tasks and duties, we will also be setting a time line for the whole planning process with dead lines along the way. Aside from those who already know of this meeting, anyone interested in volunteering for a symposium related duty is welcome. If you are interested Please call me for directions to the meeting location.

The next general meeting of the membership will be on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1989 also here in Vancouver, it will be encouraging to see you all there. The topics of the meeting will range from selecting a topic for next years symposium to the issues pertaining to mineral collecting on forest lands, and more.

once more, thanks to all of you members who either helped in the planning and running of this years symposium or showed your support by attending the program. It's because of you that it was a success.

Best Wishes

*Carl*

Carl Harris

President  
Pro tempore

**JANUARY 14TH MEETING AT THE CLARK CO. P.U.D., VANCOUVER, WA.**

Doors open at 9:00 am, trading, meeting starts at 10:00 am  
Break for lunch (bring your own) and trading at 12:00 to 1:00 pm  
After 1:00 pm, continuation of meeting and slide program  
Meeting of committees for additional discussions

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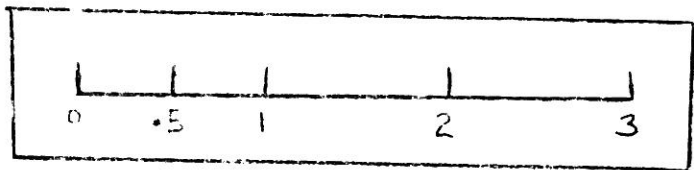
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Secretary's Report.

Minutes of Symposium Business Meeting:

President Harris opened the Meeting at 9:00 AM, Oct. 2, 1988. There were enough members present to constitute a quorum. President Harris announced there would be a meeting in November of those persons instrumental to the planning of the next symposium. Those persons will be notified per the next Newsletter or by Harris personally. The meeting will be at the facility housing Arlene Handley's business in Vanvouver, WA. The exact date will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Zeolites was suggested as a topic for the next symposium, the fifthteenth in this series. Harris called for other suggestions for topics after noting that zeolites had been the topic for the first symposium.

A suggestion from the floor by Mike Groben for accepting ideas but delaying a final decision until the January general meeting was acceded to.

Harris voiced appreciation for the support given to the symposium by the membership and others, apologized for the delays in getting the symposium flyers out, and called for greater membership participation in the preparation for the 15th symposium by volunteering for specific tasks in areas where individual members would like to be involved. This was countered from the floor as somewhat nebulous. Harris stated specific tasks would be enumerated after the November meeting of the principals. He cited security as one area a volunteer could be of service.

Ed Godsey submitted a brief Treasurer's Report:

As 1-1-88 there was a balance of	\$652.56
Income from Dues was:	362.
Out go from printing and postage:	117.09.
Out go from Misc.	26.92.
Out go Deposit on hall	150.
Out go Ad in Mineralogial Record	143.
Balance as of Oct. 1, 1988	\$437.65

Godsey commented that the income for 1988 was somewhat higher than 1987

Jack Zektzer asked from the floor for a discussion on the subject of closures of lands traditionally exploited for mineral gathering by members and others and restrictions placed on Nat'l Forest and BLM administered lands. Harris requested Jack to send him information he may have for edification. The subject will be discussed at the January meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Later Bob Jackson cited several newspaper items regarding seizure of mineral chrystals in the possession of collectors by Forest Service and/or BLM personnel in various areas of the West.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

It has been suggested that the Membership write letters to the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management protesting the closures of lands and the new restrictive interpretations pertaining to mineral collecting on Public Lands. As a mineralogical society we should be knowledgeable of the laws pertaining to our area of interest. To this end I have requested the Forest Service and the BLM to send me their Codes concerning mineral collecting on lands under their jurisdiction, for our files.

Ken Hunter  
Secretary, Northwest Chapter

**\*\*\*\*\* BLACK NOTE BOOK LOST AT THE 1988 SYPOSIUM \*\*\*\*\***

**A small black 4 x 6 inch loose-leaf ring note book containing important notes and observations dealing with research on identification of petrified wood, was left in the main symposium room, probably on the seat of one of the chairs. If you found that book or know about it please contact. Ed Smith, 2921 So. 18th, Tacoma, Wa. 98405**

## NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6TH PLANNING MEETING.

The topic of the next symposium was agreed to be on ZEOLITES, since two new zeolites are currently being described from the Northwest, which can be presented for the first time at our symposium. This will give the symposium special importance to collectors in the Northwest as well as to those outside our area.

The speakers for the 1989 symposium should all be confirmed by the January meeting, therefore, we can start work on fliers and advertisements early, hopefully having them ready for distribution at the Tucson show.

Many suggestions were proposed to correct problems we all saw at the last symposium. In the long run, the group should work better together and we will end up with a better symposium, due to the many ideas that were generated. At the January meeting, everyone is encouraged to offer further suggestions, and volunteer to help implement them. Become involved, this is your organization.

Now is the time to start thinking what kind of display you want to exhibit at the Zeolite symposium. It would be good to display something related to zeolites, if you collect them, although all minerals are very welcome and encouraged at all symposiums regardless of the topic. Display topics could be Zeolites of the Northwest, or U.S., or the World. You could do a case on just one location such as Goble, Spray, Drain, Ritter, Poison Creek, Skookuckchuck Dam, New Jersey, Ireland, Nova Scotia, etc. Think about using photographs in your case which show the collecting site, quarry, road cut or ones which illustrate micro minerals which can not be easily seen in a show case. Displays on old mining memorabilia, lamps, stock, books are excellent. New finds of any mineral is always exciting to see. Think about using crystal models made out of paper, wood, or plastic to go along with specimens to illustrate crystal forms. Remember, it does not take as many specimens to fill a case if you also use crystal models and photographs. If you do not have enough specimens to fill a case, consider combining your specimens with those of other collectors to make an effective display on some area or topic. Combined cases have the advantage of putting the best specimens from a location all together. We had some very effective combined cases at this years symposium. Always remember to fully label all your specimens to species and location. Be proud of your specimens, put your name in your case so others can see who made the display. Be around your case to answer questions. We all like to brag about what we found or how it was found. Other people often enjoy hearing more about a location, or how a mineral was identified. We had the largest and best displays at this last symposium. Lets keep up the good work and plan for the next symposium, now.

Bring mineral specimens or books to the January meeting to sell, trade, or give away. If you have slides of minerals or collecting trips, please EDIT them to only the best, and bring them along to add to our slide program. A screen and projector will be available.

See you at the January meeting.

Rudy Tschernich, News Letter editor

