

CFMS Fall Business Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Visalia, CA  
November 10 – 12, 2023

After Call to Order, Presentation of Colors, Invocation, Introductions and other routine items on the agenda, the Fall Business Meeting proceeded.

The following **items were of note**: Veterans tribute; Minutes as corrected were approved; All societies are in good standing; CFMS Scholarships Honorees were announced but will not be made public until Scholarship Committee notifies Honorees that they have won; and, new CFMS President, Marcia Goetz and fellow officers, were elected for term commencing January 1, 2024.

The following **items are of interest**:

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. *Insurance* –as of 12/31/2023, \$7.00 plus \$2.00 dues for a **total of \$9.00 per each member**, per total number of members as of the end of the year;
2. *Tax forms* - 990's need to be filed with IRS in order to not lose our 501(C)3 Non-Profit status, and
3. *Change of Officers* – Submit change form to CFMS for their records.

**Other:**

**AFMS Scholarship:** As previously reported in June 2023, the AFMS Scholarship is awarded by the Honoree to a graduate or doctorate student. Honoree grants \$4,000 scholarship to his/her named recipient. This year, Marcia Goetz of Pasadena Lapidary Society (PLS) nominated *Dr. George Rossman, Ph.D. of CalTech*, a MSSC Past President and member. Dr. Rossman's choice was *Paolo Sanchez*, grad student at CalTech and a MSSC member. Sanchez received his scholarship at the Lodi CFMS Banquet meeting in June 2023. His proud parents and other family members attended, as well. Congratulations to both Honoree, Dr. Rossman, Ph.D. and Mr. Sanchez!

**CFMS Scholarship:**

Several nominations were submitted for Honoree of the CFMS Scholarships. Scholarship may be awarded by an Honoree to a candidate who has done outstanding service for the society/club, or to a public Honoree who will bestow a \$2,000.00 scholarship to student(s) on his/her behalf. There were three (3) Honorees named to award scholarships on their behalf. The Honorees will be announced at the CFMS Banquet in Ventura at the joint CFMS/AFMS Gem and Mineral Show in May 2024.

**Junior Activities**

There are several awards offered by the CFMS for kids:

The **Junior Achievement Award** (2 age groups, 11 & under and 12-18). The award application outlines accomplishments in 4 areas: hobby, educational, community and work related. Winning applicants receive a certificate and a \$100 cash award. [Note: See attached CFMS Juniors Achievement Awards (Description & Procedures and Application Form). The awards will be presented in Ventura at the combined CFMS/AFMS Show May 24-26, 2024.]

The **Bulletin Contest**: If kids write an article or poem for your newsletter, the Editor can submit their work for award consideration at the upcoming CFMS/AFMS Show. They can win plaques, certificates and “Top Ten” pins at both regional and national levels;

**Junior Rockhound of the Year**: Any club can name any kid within their ranks as their Junior Rockhound of the Year merely by sending a brief paragraph about the child’s achievement to CFMS Rockhound of the Year Committee Chair, Chirs Ward.

There are 2 other awards: **Show Chair’s Award for Outstanding Junior Exhibit** (all exhibits are eligible to win – competitive and non-competitive), **Best Exhibit Trophies** and AFMS’s **Lillian Turner Award** for juniors scoring highest points in competition.

### Public Lands

There was discussion regarding a proposal to make Wiley’s Well area (including Hauser Geode Beds) a *National Monument!!* It does not look like the present Administration will make the designation but rather the U S Congress. Visit the American Lands website for further details. Their website is [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

Rock&Gem Magazine: Members affiliated with AFMS are offered a 61% discount on the print edition of the magazine to subscribe. *Rock&Gem* is the designated hobby magazine of AFMS and associated regional federations. Check out the flyer in MSSC’s December 2023 newsletter, the Bulletin.

### Field Trips South

This CFMS is looking for a volunteer to chair their Field Trips South Committee. Are you interested? Contact your CFMS Director.

**The next CFMS Board Meeting** will be held in Ventura, CA May 24-26, 2024. This meeting will be in conjunction with the joint CFMS/AFMS Show and Convention.

The meeting adjourned and was followed later by the traditional awards banquet.

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## 2024 Upcoming Shows:

### January 20 & 21, 2024

2023 Gemboree  
Tule Rock & Gem Show  
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building  
324 N Kaweah Ave  
Exeter, CA 93221

### March 2 & 3, 2024

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society  
60<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil &  
Jewelry Show  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W Harbor Blvd  
Ventura, CA 93001

### April 6-7, 2024

Vista Gem and Mineral Society  
Antique Gas and Steam Engine  
Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.,  
Vista, CA 92083  
Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM,  
Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

### May 4 & 5, 2024

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club's  
Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Ave H  
Lancaster, CA 93536

### May 24-26, 2024

CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention  
Seaside Gems at Ventura  
Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W Harbor Blvd  
Ventura, CA 93001

### June 8-9, 2024

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club  
California Center for the Arts – at the  
Conference Center,  
340 North Escondido Blvd.  
Escondido, CA 92025

Please check the CFMS website for additional show information [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)

## CFMS Junior Achievement Award Description & Procedures

The CFMS Junior Achievement Award goes above-and-beyond the "Rockhound of the Year" award that any club may bestow with a paragraph highlighting a selected junior, who then receives a certificate. Instead, our CFMS Junior Achievement Award requires a formal application from the junior member that will be scored against other applications. At the Awards Banquet of the CFMS Show & Convention, winning applicants will be awarded a Certificate-of-Achievement and a \$100 check. This Award was proposed by Junior Activities Chair Jim Brace-Thompson and approved at the CFMS Fall Directors Meeting in November 2020.

**Membership Requirement & Age Groups.** Applicants must be enrolled in a CFMS-affiliated society to participate and will fall within 2 age groups. Group 1 (Pebble Pups): ages 11 and under. Group 2 (Juniors): ages 12-18. The child's age as of December 31 of the past year determines the age group. If a child won in the past year, that child needs to wait out a full year to enter again UNLESS s/he has moved up from Age Group 1 to Age Group 2.

**Application & Deadline.** An Application form is posted to the CFMS website and will be printed at least once each year in CFMS Newsletter. After completing the Application, kids must secure signatures of at least 2 representatives from their society (for instance, President, Federation Director, Membership Chair, Juniors Leader) confirming their membership and acknowledging their achievements. They will then mail or email the Application and their responses to the questions posed therein to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair with a postmark as indicated on the application form. Questions about the application process may be directed to the CFMS Junior Activities Chair via phone or email.

**Application Guidelines.** The following areas will be considered: hobby related, educational achievement, community involvement, and work related. For each area, kids should provide as much detail as possible covering the full preceding year.

**Cover Letter.** Applications should be accompanied by a short cover letter written by the child (or dictated to a parent) highlighting any information or accomplishments to which s/he wishes to draw special attention. Basically, "in your own words, tell us where you really shine."

**Scoring.** Applications will be evaluated by the CFMS Junior Activities Chair along with 2 other CFMS representatives selected by the Chair (all drawn from different societies so as to eliminate potential bias). Scores will be added together and averaged by the Chair to determine the top winner in each age group. The Chair has discretion to break tied scores. To earn the Award, juniors must achieve a minimum averaged score of 80,

**Notification.** The top winner in each age group will be notified by letter, text, email or other method within 1 to 2 months of the deadline, as will other entrants who may not have won. Notice of the winners, with brief descriptions of accomplishments, will be posted in the CFMS Newsletter, and they will be honored at the Awards Banquet of the CFMS Show & Convention. If winner/s are unable to attend, certificates and checks will be passed along in trust to an affiliated club member in attendance or will be mailed.

CFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 12/31/2023): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City, State, ZIP Code

Email address of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your local club: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures of **2 Officers** in your club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Provide info requested above & accompany this application with full responses to all sections/subsections listed below. Info should be provided for the past calendar year (2023). Also include a brief cover note highlighting accomplishment/s to which you wish to draw special attention where you feel you really shine. Mail or email this application with your responses to:

Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Junior Activities Chair  
7319 Eisenhower Street  
Ventura, CA 93003  
Email address: jbraceth@roadrunner.com

All entries should be postmarked by March 1, 2024 (if sent by mail) or should be received via email not later than March 1, 2024. Should you have questions, call or email Jim at (805) 659-3577, jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Winners will be announced at the 2024 CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention in Ventura. Kids who won 1<sup>st</sup> Place last year in the 2 age groups need to sit out a year UNLESS they are moving from Age Group 1 (under 12 years old) to Age Group 2 (ages 12-18).

Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points)

- A. Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation, etc.). 20 points
- B. Hobby/Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metalwork, collecting, etc.). 20 points
- C. Competitive involvement (displays, articles in competition, awards, etc.). 5 points

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points)

- A. Scholastic (GPA, honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades, etc.). 15 points
- B. Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music, school clubs, etc.). 10 points

Section III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points). Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs, etc.). 10 points: Scouts, Campfire, 4H, church, or other community or youth groups. 10 points

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points)

- A. Employment, home chores, neighborhood work, sidewalk or beach clean-up, etc. 10 points.