

# THE ROCKFINDER

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## Presidents message by Jason Hefner, President

Can you believe it is October? This has been quite the year and I am glad we will be meeting this month.

We have some official business to cover this month....we need to nominate officers! If you have ever thought of helping lead the club now is your time. I am sure any of the existing officers will be happy if you would like to take over for them. Our officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Liaison. If you have any questions on the duties of those officers, please reach out to the person currently in that role. A more detailed explanation is on the next page.

In following with local guidelines, there will not be any drinks (even coffee) or snacks at this meeting. Please bring your own beverages. Everyone must wear a mask when inside the church. Please maintain proper social distances as much as possible.

Everyone is welcome to attend if you feel safe.

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## Up & Coming

### Next Meeting: October 25, 2020

Doors open 1:30 pm  
Meeting starts at 2:00 pm

#### Place:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
29<sup>th</sup> & Wall  
South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

**Program: Discussion and nomination of officers.**

## Board of Directors

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In case you don't have a copy of the bylaws handy...here is what they say about our officers, and their duties.

The duties of the **President** shall be to preside over all regular meetings, to preside over special business meetings, to appoint all committee chairs, and to be a member of all committees *ex officio*. The president shall have the responsibility of replacing any member of the board of directors who fails, through negligence, to serve in his or her elected office. Resignation or death automatically calls for the appointment of an interim replacement.

The duties of the **Vice-President** shall be to officiate in the absence of the president, to appoint a nominating committee for the election of officers, and to conduct the annual elections.

The duties of the **Secretary** shall be to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the society and the meetings of the board of directors, and to keep an accurate file of the membership.

The duties of the **Treasurer** shall be to receive all dues and to make all disbursements. The treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of such transactions, render a report at each regular meeting, and make a financial report to the board of directors or to the president when requested. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to furnish bond immediately upon taking office in an amount to approximate the amount of the current assets of the society.

The **Liaison Officer** shall act as Midwest Federation liaison representative. The liaison officer's duties shall be to receive all reports and communications from the Midwest Federation secretary and transmit them to the proper officers of the society. The liaison officer shall also furnish promptly to the Midwest Federation secretary a list of all the society's officers and their addresses and other pertinent information as shall be required.

We need to have a slate of officers at the end of the October meeting. We will publish the slate of officers in the Rockfinder so everyone knows who is up for what office. At our December meeting we will vote on the slate of officers and those elected will take their office in January,

# AFMS - From the Desk of the President David Wayment

[excerpted from A.F.M.S. Newsletter Volume 73, Number 7 – October 2020](#)

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

It is now the first of September. I am sure none of us thought we would still be affected by a virus after 6 months. Hopefully, your lives are slowly returning to normal. My local club just held its first meeting since March.

The AFMS Annual Meeting will be a virtual meeting this year. This is permitted by our By-Laws for a state of catastrophe, which I think most will agree that this year has been a catastrophe.

As this meeting will not be in conjunction with a show or regional meeting, we have changed the day of the AFMS meeting to SATURDAY, October 17th. The URC meeting will be held on Friday evening, October 16th. Hopefully, we will accommodate more people who will not need to take time off from work to participate in the meeting. Registration for the meeting will be mandatory to receive a link to the Zoom meeting which will be accessible by either phone or computer.

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**President's Message** John Donker, MWF President excerpted from [MWF News October 2020, Issue No. 595](#)

With the fall season here, where did our summer go? Most people just didn't travel far from home. What a difference a year makes. In 2019 we had rock clubs meeting, shows, banquets, tailgate sales, field trips. 2020, it all came to a stop. We lost many of our friends and fellow rockhounds.

We look forward to 2021, when we can have club meetings, shows, award banquets, and field trips. We especially look forward to seeing our friends once again. Some of our Midwest Federation clubs are beginning to come back from the restrictions put on us by the pandemic. Some are having outdoor swaps, and some are having fall shows. Just stay healthy.

Don't forget to vote this fall. Stay safe, and may God bless.



## Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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## Purpose of the MWF

To promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of groups interested in these fields.

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Registration will be done with our secretary Donna Moore. There will be a different sign-in code for each meeting, so you will need to indicate which meetings you want to attend. Donna will send out links to the meeting to those who have registered. This is an opportunity to get more people from the regional level and local club level to see what the AFMS does. I encourage everyone to send out the information about the meeting to the regional officers and newsletters and any email blasts. With no travel expenses involved, lets try to get more involvement from the regional/local level. The meeting packet will come from Central Office in an email able or downloadable form. NO PACKETS WILL BE MAILED. The schedule for the meeting is as follows.

URC meeting, Friday October 16th at 7PM Eastern time.

AFMS Directors and Board Meeting, Saturday October 17th at 11AM Eastern time.

AFMS Scholarship Foundation Meeting, Saturday October 17th at 1 PM Eastern time, or after Directors and Board Meeting if it runs over.

ALAA Meeting, Saturday October 17th at 3PM Eastern time.

AFMS Awards Presentations, Saturday October 17th at 5:30 PM Eastern time.

The Awards Presentation will include 1) installation of AFMS Officers, 2) All American Awards, 3) Scholarship Honoree Recognition, 4) Lillian Turner Award, 5) Special Recognition Award, 6) Past President Award, 7) Editors, Webmaster and all BEAC awards usually given at the Editors breakfast.

## Thought for the Year excerpted from [MWF News October 2020, Issue No. 595](#)

Ed Wagner, President and Editor of the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (Illinois), came up with a quip that is, he says, “the most popular thing I have said all year”:

**“If 2020 was a rock, it would be a leaverite.”**