

SCFMS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Editor's and Webmaster's Breakfast:

Saturday, October 18, 8:00 AM, AGMS Clubhouse, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, 78757*

SCFMS Annual Meeting:

Saturday, October 18, 2:00 PM AGMS Clubhouse, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX 78757

Awards Dinner:

Saturday, October 18, 7:00 PM, Nature's Treasures, 11055 N IH-35, Austin 78753

Rollin' Rock Club:

8:00 AM, Sunday, October 19, Palmer Events Center, back corner of Exhibit Hall

AGMS SHOW INFORMATION

Location:

Palmer Events Center, 900 Bartin Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78074

Hours:

Friday, October 17: 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 18: 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 19: 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Admission:

Adults: \$8.00

Senior: \$7.00

Military, Active or Retired: \$7.00

Juniors (13 to 19): \$2.00

Children (under 12): Free

Annual Meeting Agenda (formatted as Minutes)

THE SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES ARKANSAS • LOUISIANA • TEXAS

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South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

Minutes of the 81st Annual Meeting

October 18, 2025

Hosted by the Austin Gem and Mineral Society (AGMS)

Show at Palmer Events Center, meeting at AGMS Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order by Don Shurtz, President, at 2:00 PM. Don welcomed all directors, delegates, and non-delegates to our annual meeting.

Don thanked the Austin Gem and Mineral Society for all the work that they have put into the AFMS Convention – the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters, the Annual Meeting, and the Awards Banquet.

Don welcomed the AFMS President, J.C. Moore, and his wife, AFMS Secretary Donna Moore, to the meeting.

We would also like to recognize any past AFMS Presidents. Would any past AFMS Presidents please stand

If there are any past Presidents of the SCFMS present, we would also like to recognize them (Past SCMFS presidents, please stand)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by _____

Invocation was said by _____.

Quorum – we have a quorum (members present at a regularly scheduled meeting)

Don: This meeting is also being broadcast as a ZOOM Meeting. Please be mindful so that the ZOOM attendees can hear what is being said.

Don introduced Ron Carman as the Parliamentarian for this meeting.

Roll Call of Member Societies

ArkLa Tex GMS – Laura MacWilliams President (yes) (no)

Arlington GMS – Rick Allen, President (yes) (no)

Austin GMS – John Connors, President (yes) (no)

Baton Rouge GMS –Anthony Rouchon (2024) President) (yes) (no)

Big Spring Prospector Club – Barbara Carter (2023) (yes) (no)

Central Texas GMS – Linda Walker President (yes) (no)

Chihuahuan Desert GMS – Judy Brueske (2023) (yes) (no)

Clear Lake GMS – Cynthia McGowan President (yes) (no)

CERA (Corporate Employee Recreation Association – Carole Jean Wright President (yes) (no)

Dallas Gem & Mineral Society – Sean McClasky

DeRidder GMS – Tricia Cruz (2024) President (Betty Gosswehr primary contact) (yes) (no)

East Texas GMS – Jerry Sudderth President (yes) (no)

Fort Worth GMS –Janice (Craddock) Bowden President (yes) (no)

Fredericksburg GMS – Joe Edstrom, President (Jackie Chude primary contact) (yes) (no)

Gem, Mineral, and Lapidary Society of Central Louisiana – (J. David Cope, primary contact (yes) (no)

GMLS of Louisiana – Nathaniel Haley (2023) President (yes) (no)

Geological Society of San Antonio – Larry L. Tilliick President (yes) (no)

Golden Spread GMS – Andrew Amstut (2023) President, Andrew Amstut (yes) (no)

Gulf Coast GMS – Russell President, represented by Henry Rojas (yes) (no)

Hi-Plains GMS – Alex Kingston, (2023) President (yes) (no)

Hot Springs Geology Club – George Maxey President (yes) (no)

Houston GMS – Logan Wilcox President (yes) (no)

Lubbock GMS – Greg Roberts, President (represented by Walter Beneze (yes) (no)

Midland GMS – Linda Johnson (2023) President (yes) (no) (yes) (no)

Northeast Louisiana GMS – Jennifer Norris (2023) President (yes) (no)

Paleontological Society of Austin – Jennifer Aziz President (yes) (no)

Pleasant Oaks GMC of Dallas –Joe Vulk, President (yes) (no)

Rolling Rock Club – Eddie Harmon, President (yes) (no)

Southwest GMS – Joann Socash (yes) (no)

Spring River Gem & Mineral Club – David Thomas, President– (yes) (no)

Texoma Rockhounds Inc. – Kathy Olivas 2023 President (yes) (no)

Tri-City GMS – David Fahrie President (yes) (no)

Waco GMS – Roy Cooper President (yes) (no)

Williamson County GMS – Jo Ann Tooley (yes) (no)

Roll Call of the Officers

President, Scholarship, Website Contest - Don Shurtz

Executive Vice President, Budget Committee – Sigrid Stewart

Secretary - Vacant

Executive Secretary, BEAC, Newsletter Editor – Susan Burch

Treasurer, Budget – Henry Rojas

Past President – Roger Burford

District I – Janice Craddock

District IV, Uniform Rules – Ron Carman

District VI – Betty Gossewehr

District VII – Ray Lynch

District VIII – Del Glasner

Districts with Vacant Position – District II, District III, District V

Roll Call of the Committee Chairs
Does not include Chairs who are also Officers

Endowment Fund & Treasurer – Walt Beneze

Committees with Vacant Chairs:

AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle, Auditing Committee.

Boundaries, Commemorative Stamps, Constitution and By-Laws, Conservation and Legislation, Education and All-American Award, Golden Spark Plug Award, Historian, Juniors Program, Long Range Planning, Nominating Committee, Program Library & Competition, Public Relations, Rockhound of the Year, Show Coordinator, Ways and Means

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business:

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting: The Minutes of the 2024 SCFMS Annual Meeting were published in the January-February SCFMS Newsletter. Are there any changes?

Motion to Accept _____

Second to the motion _____

The motion (passed) (failed)

(use the back of the page to record any additional old business)

Any other old business from the floor?

New Business:

Officer Reports

The following reports are in the packet. Unless anyone objects, we will vote to accept the reports as a group rather than individually:

- President's Report – Don Shurtz present.
- Treasurer's Report – Henry Rojas present.
- District VII (Arkansas) Vice President (Arkansas) – Raymond Lynch (present) (not present)
- District VIII Vice President Report – Del Glasner (present) (not present)

Motion to Accept _____

Second to the motion _____

The motion (passed) (failed)

Reports were not received from the following officers:

- Executive Vice President – Sigrid Stewert, present
- Secretary – vacant
- Executive Secretary – Susan Burch, present

- Past President – Roger Burford (present) (not present)
- District I Vice President (Northeast Texas) – Janice Craddock
- District II - vacant
- District III - vacant
- District IV (Vice President Central Texas – Ron Carman, present
- District V – vacant
- District VI Vice President (Rollin' Rock Club), Betty Gosewehr (present) (Not present)

Committee Reports:

The following reports are in the packet. Unless anyone objects, we will vote to accept the reports as a group rather than individually:

- The Budget Committee Report will be deferred until later in the meeting under New Business.
- Endowment Fund Committee Report – Walter Beneze, present
- Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report – Walter Beneze, present
- Scholarship Fund Report – Don Shurtz, present
- Uniform Rules Committee Report – Ron Carman, present
- Website Report – Don Shurtz, present
- Website Contest Report – Don Shurtz, present

Motion to Accept _____

Second to the motion _____

The motion (passed) (failed)

Reports were not received from the following committees:

- Ad Hoc Committee Insurance Programs – Susan Burch, present
- Bulletin Editor's Aids and Club Publications – Susan Burch, present
- Editor of the Newsletter – Susan Burch, present
- Directory – Don Shurtz, present
- Auditing Committee – vacant
- Boundaries - vacant
- Commemorative Stamps – vacant
- Conservation and Legislation – vacant
- Education and All-American Award – vacant
- Golden Spark Plug Award – vacant
- Historian – vacant
- Juniors Programs – vacant
- Long Range Planning – vacant
- Nominating Committee – vacant
- Program Library and Competition – vacant
- Public Relations – vacant
- Rockhound of the Year – vacant
- Safety – vacant
- Show Coordinator – vacant
- Supplies and Publications – vacant
- Ways and Means – vacant

Budget for 2026:

The Proposed Budget as presented by Sigrid Stewart and/or Henry Rojas

Motion to Accept _____
Second to the motion _____
The motion (passed) (failed)

Appointed Officers

District 1 Vice President: Janice Craddock
Motion to Accept _____
Second to the motion _____
The motion (passed) (failed)

Next Show

Election of Officers

President: Sigrid Stewart
Executive Vice President: Rick Price
Secretary: vacant
Treasurer: Henry Rojas

District I VICE PRESIDENT: Raymond Lynch
District II VICE PRESIDENT:
District III VICE PRESIDENT"
District IV VICE PRESIDENT:
District VI VICE PRESIDENT_ Betty Gosewehr
District VII VICE PRESIDENT
District VIII VICE PRESIDENT Del Glasner

Next Convention

At this time, we do not have a Convention location for 2026. I remind the clubs that the SCFMS now has \$300.00 available to help with any club out-of-pocket expenses associated with hosting the Convention. If any club wants to offer to host the 2026 convention, please let us know now:

Also, as a reminder, the SCFMS will host the AFMS convention in 2029. Now would be a good time to consider hosting this event.

I realize that clubs may be considering hosting an upcoming Convention, but need time to review the topic with your society/club executive board and/or members. I would ask that you coordinate with the incoming President, Sigrid Stewart.

Final Items from the floor and Adjournment

Any additional new business from the floor?

Don closed the meeting at _____ pm.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report for the 2025 SCFMS Convention

Don Shurtz, SCFMS President

I want to thank the Austin Gem and Mineral Society for their strong effort in preparing and hosting the 2025 SCFMS Convention. Their planning moved the Convention away from their show. Their show is in the Palmer Events Center in Downtown Austin. On the same weekend, Austin is hosting only one of two Formula 1 races to be held in the United States. To help avoid some of the downtown expenses (Hotel rooms at over \$300.00 per night and similar price increases for dining), the Convention will be held in their Club House in the northern part of Austin. They will also provide a shuttle service between the Convention site and their downtown show.

I am hoping for a good turnout at the 2025 Convention. For the 2024 Convention in Mesquite (Dallas), the number of Delegates who signed up was rather dismal. However, many clubs actually had representation at the Convention. For 2025, the number of Delegates who have signed up is also rather bleak. I am just holding my breath, hoping that the participation at the Convention will be better than the number of Delegate forms received portends. Because so few signed up for the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters and the Awards Banquet, participation will be limited. Whatever happened to the days when we could fill a room for these side events?

Because our Convention is later in the year, we can gain some insight into club and society participation in the SCFMS. Based on a report from the SCFMS Secretary, as of September 30 (the due date), only 18 clubs/societies have submitted their Dues and Insurance Form. Last year, we had 34 clubs, so only a little over 50 percent have rejoined. Hopefully, there were several forms still in the mail on September 30. Last year, we had a similar situation with a large number of clubs joining after the due date.

The most significant items for this year's Convention are the election of new officers and the passing of a budget for FY2026. According to our Constitution and By-Laws, we will have a quorum and can conduct business legally. Our definition of a quorum is those present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2025 CONVENTION

HENRY ROJAS, SCFMS TREASURER

This report covers income and expenses for Fiscal Year 2024(FY24). FY24 covers the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. This report will also cover income and expenses for the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) period of January 1, 2025, to August 31, 2025.

FY24 INCOME

The FY24 income is shown in Table 1 below. Note that this includes all income received in FY24 even though most of this funding comes from club dues and club insurance for 2024.

FY24 Budget	FY24 Amount Budgeted	FY24 Actual Revenue
Dues and Insurance	\$13,336.00	\$11,981.97
From Endowment Fund	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Credit/Deposits /Beginning Balance	\$6,000.00	\$15,172.96
Total	\$22,336.00	\$27,154.93

Table 1, FY24 Income, Budgeted and Actual

FY24 EXPENSES

The FY24 Budgeted and actual expenses are shown in Table 2 below.
Based on 3100 Adult and 300 Junior Members totaling 3,400 members.

FY24 Allocated Expenses	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Actual Expenses
AFMS Dues	\$3,000.00	\$2,395.00
Insurance Premiums	\$6,000.00	\$6,027.00
Executive Secretary Contract	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
SCFMS Tax Preparation	\$150.00	\$140.00
SCFMS Taxes	\$250.00	\$220.63
Travel to SCFMS Convention -\$200 each	\$3,200.00	\$800.00
Travel to AFMS Convention (President, Exec. VP, URC Chair	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Travel to AFMS Convention for AFMS VP	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
Additional Hotel for URC Chair if required	\$450.00	\$450.00
Directory	\$25.00	\$0.00
Postage and Supplies	\$100.00	\$164.65
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$200.00	\$105.00
Bulletin Aids Expense	\$700.00	\$315.00
Website Contest	\$75.00	\$0.00
Website (Domain and Renewal of Hosting	\$100.00	\$0.00
Website Contest	\$100.00	\$28.95
Miscellaneous	\$286.00	\$134.86
Total	\$22,336.00	\$16,481.09

Table 2, FY24 Expenses, Budgeted and Actual

FY25 INCOME

The FY25 budgeted income and actual revenues through September 31 are shown in Table 3 below.

FY25 Budget	FY25 Amount Budgeted	FY25 Actual Revenue through September 31, 2025
Dues and Insurance	\$13,336.00	\$0.00
From Endowment Fund	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Estimated Beginning Balance	\$6,000.00	\$18,287.01
Total	\$22,336.00	\$18,287.01

Table 3, FY24 Income Budgeted and Actual

FY25 Expenses

The FY25 Budgeted and actual expenses through September 31 are shown in Table 4 below.

FY25 Expenses	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Actual Expenses
AFMS Dues	\$3,000.00	\$2,445.75
Insurance Premiums	\$6,000.00	\$6,027.00
Exec. Secretary Contract	\$1,200.00	\$900.00
SCFMS Tax Preparation	\$150.00	\$175.00
SCFMS Taxes Due	\$250.00	\$209.97
Travel to SCFMS Convention (\$200.00 each for the President, Executive VP, 8 District VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, URC Chair, BEAC, Newsletter Editor, Website Contest Chair	\$3,200.00	\$200.00
Travel to AFMS Convention (President, Exec. VP, and URC Chair)	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Travel to AFMS Convention for AMFS VP	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
Additional Hotel day for URC Judge, if required	\$450.00	\$450.00
AFMS Scholarship Committee (Travel to Convention for SCFMS Honoree and Scholarship winners)	\$600.00	\$0.00
Directory	\$25.00	\$0.00
Postage and Supplies	\$100.00	94.74
Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$200.00	\$0.00
Bulletin Aids Expense	\$700.00	\$345.00
Website Contest	\$75.00	\$0.00
Website (Domain and Renewal of Hosting)	\$100.00	\$0.00
Website Contest	\$100.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$86.00	\$0.00
Total	\$22,336.00	\$15,347.46

Table 4, FY25 Budgeted Expenses and Actual Expenses through September 31, 2025

District VII Vice President Report

Raymond Lynch

THE HOT SPRINGS GEOLOGY CLUB Hot Springs, Arkansas

The Hot Springs Geology Club (HSGC) was founded 51 years ago in 1974. I have been a member of the HSGC for the past 26 years and have served as president, vice-president, treasurer, editor of the club newsletter for twenty-two years, and as SCFMS vice-president for District VII for 18 years. I continue to be the Editor of the Hot Springs Bulletin beginning my 23rd year. Our small club consists of approximately 20 local active members and many more non-active (not local) dues paying members. About 10-15+/- members attend the monthly meetings at any one time. We have long distant members in South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas. Our membership includes: geologists retired from the Arkansas Geological Survey & from Weyerhaeuser, a college geology professor, a consulting geologist, and a geotechnical engineering geologist. The late well-known Arkansas amateur mineralogist Henry de Linde for whom the mineral *delindeite*, first discovered in Arkansas and the world (at the Diamond Jo Quarry, Magnet Cove) was for many years a HSGC member. The rare mercury mineral Artsmithite, so far found only in Arkansas, was named after the late Art Smith, another club member. Recently, two new minerals known to science and first discovered from Potash Sulfur Springs Arkansas, have been named (year 2021) for club members: the late geologist Don Owens (*Donowensite*) and retired geologist Mike Howard (*Mikehowardite*).

Our club newsletter, “**THE HOT SPRINGS BULLETIN**,” is theme oriented to some aspect of Arkansas Geology of which there is much to report. Our club Bulletin is sent to our members as well as many more non-members by email (107+) in the hopes that it will keep those informed of club happenings and encourage membership. The Bulletin is also forwarded and redistributed by others. Subject matter has included: the Hot Springs area with its world famous thermal waters that gush from springs on the side of Hot Springs Mountain in Hot Springs National Park, the equally well known world famous clear quartz crystals that formed in the nearby Ouachita Mountains, the many unusual exotic minerals and rocks of the geologically interesting Magnet Cove Intrusive, the Potash Sulfur Springs locality, and the numerous micro minerals of Granite Mountain near Little Rock and the Martin Maretta quarry adjacent to Magnet Cove, quartz from Jeffrey Quarry, wavellite, variscite, bauxite, smithsonite and of course diamonds at the “Crater of Diamonds State Park”, Blanchard Springs Caverns, the Buffalo National River, the Rush Zinc District, the Ponca Lead District, pink dolomite crystals and fossils to name a few. Other geological items of interest are included in the Bulletin from the state and world, current geological events and happenings, fieldtrips, and news and articles from other clubs, the SCFMS and AFMS. Recently, the 2024 contest for club newsletters, published the previous year 2023, **won first place in the national contest** thus bringing recognition to the “**THE HOT SPRINGS BULLETIN**” and the “**THE HOT SPRINGS GEOLOGY CLUB**”.

The Hot Springs Geology Club recently conducted, in partnership with The Hot Springs National Park College,

GEO JAM ROCK, MINERAL, FOSSIL AND METEORITE IDENTIFICATION DAY EXPO.

GEO JAM Featured guest speakers on a variety of geologic topics guaranteed to enrich your knowledge and understanding of Arkansas Geology, Magnet Cove and Paleontology. The public was invited to bring rock and minerals for identification. A 95-million-year-old *Xiphactinus* skull and one of the largest documented Fulgurites ever excavated was on exhibit, as well as a kids rock and fossil dig, exhibitors, silent auction, door prizes and more.

Our membership has generally been stable with new additions coming on board as members are lost. We have trouble attracting young people, as most of the membership are older or of retirement age. The young people of today have other interests or distractions other than mineral collecting. That is a failure to inform or expose younger people to this interesting hobby for whatever reason. We conduct our monthly meetings/speaker.

District VIII Louisiana VP Report by Del Glasner 9/27/25

Touched base with the following clubs to check how they are doing

N.E. Louisiana G&M Society – West Monroe, LA

Jennifer Morris 318-557-4456 Stated they are doing good.

Deridder G&M Society – Leesville, LA

Betty Gosewehr 337-239-3136 husband is going into Hospice. Only 5 or 6 members. Club quitting and need how to proceed with closing rock club. Suggested reviewing club by-laws but usually club proceeds and equipment are turned over to another club.

Contacted SCFMS President for advice.

Robert Yarbrough 337-208-1941 Have had local dealer teach wire wrapping at meetings, No members left on Deridder just Leesville area. Previously have had field trips to gravel pits for agate and Arkansas Diamond Mine but too hot now. Members sick so No meeting last month.

Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Society of Central Louisiana (CENIA Rockhounds)– Pineville/Alexandria

Bridget Joubert – 318-730-7725 Club closing

Arklatex G&M Society -Shreveport/Bossier City, LA

Shop open on Saturdays and some weekdays as needed

Annual Show had a good attendance with lots of members helping make it a success. Had kids activities like Rock Dig, Panning, Rock painting, Scavenger Hunt, Kids and Adults silent Auction. Lots of Case Displays. Grand prize for adults was a huge Amethyst/ Citrine table with a glass top that took four people to load into winners car. Kids grand prize was a ten-inch-high kids character carved of Kopperlite that glowed with a blacklight.

Have had well attended classes in Wire Wrap , Silversmithing and Casting

Field trips to N. Sulfur River and Arkansas. Phantom Crystals at Wegner's Crystal Mine and Ron Coleman crystal mine.

Rock and Fossil Programs given at three out of town Library's for summer reading programs.

Furnished Petrified Palm samples to LA State Exhibit Museum for state fossil exhibit.

Chipalotas branch of club demonstrated flint knapping to Sci-Port summer camp groups, and at our annual show.

Archaeology Day at the LA State Exhibit Museum was attended with Fossil display, free rocks, and rock painting. Chipalotas demonstrated arrowhead making.

Meeting are well attended at Shreveport Sci-Port but may have to be moved to a larger area than conference room to accommodate attendance.

Several members offered club brochures at craft shows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Endowment Fund

This report covers the time from November 24, 2024, through October 18, 2025.

Patron – One new Patron for a total of 214:
Ron Patillo

Thank you for your support of the SCFMS through the Endowment Fund.

Walter Beneze
Endowment Fund Chair

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SCFMS Endowment Fund Treasury Report

Beginning Balance - September 1, 2024		\$ 253,841.39
Change in Value		\$ 9,304.27
Receipts		
Deposits	-	-
Transfer From SCFMS General Fund	-	-
Total Receipts	-	-
Disbursements		
Transfer To SCFMS General Fund	-	-
Business Account Fee	-	-
Total Disbursements	-	-
Ending Balance - August 31, 2025		\$263,145.66

Accounts

Morgan Stanley

Cash, Bank Deposit & Money Market Funds	\$ 32,279.63
Savings & Time Deposits	\$ 37,279.73
Certificates Of Deposit	\$ 193,586.30
Total	\$ 263,145.66

Respectfully Submitted,
Walt Beneze
SCFMS Endowment Fund Acting Treasurer

Presented at the Annual Meeting of The South Central Federation of Mineral
Societies, Inc.,
in Austin, Texas on October 18, 2025.

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UNIFORM RULES REPORT FOR 2024

At the AFMS Convention in Billings, Montana, the Uniform Rules Committee decided to divide up the online version of the Rules into individual files, each containing one division of the rules. The current version is all one file, which is quite long and may contain more information than a potential exhibitor may need to have. This revision will make it easier for someone to download only the rules that pertain to the division in which he wants to exhibit.

Rules for all divisions will still be available online; the only difference is that they must be accessed and downloaded individually.

The revised rules for Division J (meteorites) will be included in the new version when it is published. Also, the Guidelines for Judges and Guidelines for Exhibitors handbooks are being updated to include these latest changes. At the Rocky Mountain Federation convention in Oklahoma City, we will discuss possible ways to encourage more competitive exhibits.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald R. Carman, SCFMS URC representative

SCFMS Website Report for the 2025 Convention

Don Shurtz, Webmaster (Outgoing)

The SCFMS Website, www.SCFMS.net, is the official website of the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies. It exists to provide vital information to SCFMS clubs and Societies. It also provides information to the general public regarding SCFMS and Club/Society activities.

One of the duties of the Website Chair is to maintain the SCFMS domain name and hosting, ensuring the site remains available at all times. The domain name and website hosting were renewed in July 2025 for a one-year term. The domain name and hosting will expire in August 2026. The domain name and hosting were limited to one year to remain within the 2025 budget. It has been recommended that the SCFMS Budget for 2026 be increased to allow for the renewal of the domain name and hosting for multiple years.

The most important change to the SCFMS Website and Committee is that the Website Committee Chair and Webmaster is now Michael (Mike) Smith. Mike has been the Webmaster for the Paleontological Society of Austin, where he excelled in the SCFMS and AFMS Website Contest. The transition to the SCFMS Webmaster position occurred in August, with the updated website launching on September 2, 2025.

Very Respectfully,

Don Shurtz,

SCFMS Website Committee Chair (Outgoing)