

## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

I hope this update finds you enjoying the New Year and having had a great holiday season with friends and family. Winter is in full swing with 60 foot waves at the coast and snow in the Portland metro area. With waves of that size there may be good agate prospecting on some of the beaches. We recently attended the Yachats show and had good visits with Don and Terry Innes as well as Ted and Vicki Johnson. They were both dealers and reported doing a brisk business. We also had lunch with Lenora and Troy Smith so were able to catch up on their recent adventures. I am already looking forward to the arrival of spring and a full schedule of shows.

Good news to report on finding a new treasurer. Maureen Williams from the Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club has volunteered to be the new council treasurer. She has already picked up the books and changed over the checking account. Thank you Maureen! Let her know if you have any council business which requires her attention. My thanks to Don Innes for arranging the transfer details.

The new administration in Washington appears to be implementing far less exclusionary policies with regard to the use of our public lands. Hopefully the pendulum will continue moving in this direction and we can look forward to enjoying recreational rockhounding in our favorite areas. Interior Secretary Zinke seems to understand that multiple use includes allowing folks to be physically present on the landscape. As usual, my thanks to Lenora for keeping everyone informed about access issues on public lands. Thanks also to Susie Koppert for her persistence in lobbying federal agencies on behalf of the Council.

Our next OCRMC meeting will be at the Sweet Home show. Give me a call at 541-677-9341 or email [CougDog6@q.com](mailto:CougDog6@q.com) with any items you would like on the agenda. It is also that time of the year for member clubs to send in their 2018 dues. Hopefully you have received a renewal notice from Lenora, but let us know if we missed you. Thank you for your continued support. Until next time, happy trails and safe travels.

**NEXT OCRMC MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 @ 1:00 PM  
SWEET HOME GEM & MINERAL SHOW  
HIGH SCHOOL GYM  
1641 LONG STREET, SWEET HOME, OR**