

**Approved- Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Outreach**  
**Committee of the Board of**  
**Directors of the Arizona**  
**Historical Society**

**March 8, 2023**

*Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.*

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – by Committee Chair Tom Foster at 10:08 AM
2. **Roll Call** – Tom Foster
  - a. Present- Robert Ballard, Lorna Brooks, Tom Foster, Amy Hartman- Gordon, Kerrie Rumsower, Diane Drobka, Janice Bryson, Sherry Rampy
  - b. Absent- None
  - c. Staff- Shelley Coriell, Jason Mihalic, David Breeckner
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the February 8, 2023, Outreach Committee meeting.
  - a. Motion to approve- Diane Drobka
  - b. Second- Janice Bryson
  - c. Unanimously Approved
4. **Call to the Public** – Tom Foster
  - a. No Public Present
5. **Committee Update** – Tom Foster
  - a. Committee Chair resignation. Tom Foster announce that he is stepping down from committee chair after this term, (term ends May 2023).
  - b. Call for nominations; proposed vote at May Outreach Committee meeting.
  - c. Action item to accept the resignation of Tom Foster as Chair of the Outreach Committee, effective no later than the conclusion of the May Committee meeting.
    - Motion- Janice Bryson
    - Second- Sherry Rampy
    - Unanimously Approved
6. **Certified Historic Institutions (CHI)** – Jason Mihalic

- a. 2023 grants development update and schedule.
- b. Discussion on amendment to CHI application process: special exemption for late submissions from CHI applicants (30-day grace period for January recertifications).
  - i. Open discussion- Many broad ideas and pitfall were shared. Different scales were introduced. The committee felt they needed more time to develop ideas.
  - ii. **Action Item** ~~to approve the proposed change to process.~~ Motion to table conversation and approval to next meeting.
    - Motion- Sherry Rampy
    - Second- Tom Foster
    - Unanimously Approve
- c. Update on January 2023 CHI applications/recertifications and February online poll.
  - i. **Action Item** to formally approve the results of the February online poll, accepting all 2023 CHI applications and renewals. Note: to ensure a timely response to CHI applicants, these were conditionally approved by the AHS Executive Committee on 2-20-23, based on the results of this action item.
    - Motion- Sherry Rampy
    - Second- Amy
    - Unanimously Approved

7. **AI Merito Awards** – Shelley Coriell

- a. 2023 awards development update: 50th anniversary milestone
- b. Nomination form: suggested updates.
  - i. No self-nominations and no posthumous nominations
  - ii. **Action Item** to approve changes to the AI Merito Award nomination form.
    - Motion- Robert Ballard
    - Second- Janice Bryson
    - Unanimously Approved

8. **Focus Group Concept** – Tom Foster

- a. Discussion and updates on committee review.
  - i. Several ideas where shared. Nothing was determined during this discussion.
  - ii. Committee was tasked to bring thoughts and ideas to the next meeting.
- ~~b. Staff update.~~

9. **Announcements** and other matters for the Good of the Order.

- a. No announcements

10. **Adjournment** – Tom Foster called for motion at 11:14 AM

- a. Motion- Diane D
- b. Second- Robert
- c. Unanimously Approved
- d. Adjourned at 11:14 AM

11. Dated this 11th day of March 2023

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*Tom Foster*

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Tom Foster, Outreach Committee Chair

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