

**Notice of Public Meeting of
the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of
the
Arizona Historical Society**

May 22, 2023

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

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Historical Society and to the general public that the **Executive Committee** of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, May 22, at 12:00 p.m.**

Note: This meeting will be held virtually. Board Members and members of the public interested in participating virtually must register in advance of the meeting. To register click this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucu2vrzMrGNXcLRn_gzJURPAXR7vNzwAO

You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting link. The meeting will be activated 5 minutes prior to the 12:00 p.m. start time.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – President Linda Whitaker
2. **Roll Call** – Colleen Byron
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the April 24, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.
4. **Call to the Public** – Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee should identify their interest at this time via the chat box. Those wishing to address an item on the agenda will be called upon when that item is being discussed and given up to five minutes. Those wishing to address an item not on the agenda will be allowed up to three minutes. Such items may not be discussed by the Committee but may be directed to Staff for study and consideration at a later date.
5. **Board Updates**- Linda Whitaker
 - a. Eric Flohr (Southern Chapter applicant) and Austin Kerr (Coconino applicant) continue to be advanced through the system. Boards & Commissions hopes to appoint them by early June.
 - b. Ileen Snoddy has resigned from the Board. Robert Ballard has agreed to serve as interim VP until the annual meeting.
6. **Committee Reports**

- a. Finance Committee – David Breeckner
 - i. FY23 YTD for April reviewed by the Finance Committee on 5/16/23.
 - ii. FY24 updated draft budget approved by the Finance Committee on 5/16/23 and is scheduled for State Board review on 5/26/23.
 - iii. A “real cost” FY25 draft budget is being reviewed by the Finance Committee; this is scheduled to be discussed with Governor Hobbs’ team on 5/31/23. The resulting draft budget will be reviewed by the Executive Committee in June, for a Board vote in July.
- b. Nominating Committee – Linda Whitaker
 - i. Robert Ballard has agreed to serve as Committee Chair. He will recruit 2 Board members to assist him.

7. Friends of AHS Inc. – Linda Whitaker

- a. The 2016 Bylaws are under revision and for their review when Friends reconvenes in July. Note that the 2016 bylaws clearly state that AHS Board members shall not serve on the Friends Board. The main point of contact is the Executive Director who will report back to the AHS Board. Reports (e.g. balance sheet) to be submitted quarterly to the Executive Committee. Bruce Gwynn has recruited Shara Whitehead (CEO, Yuma Community Food Bank) as Treasurer.

8. Arizona Architecture Foundation (AAF) – David Breeckner and Linda Whitaker

- a. The architects sketched two options for storage additions to the AHC Tempe museum, which will be used as place holders to complete the new construction paperwork for the ADOA Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Bill Ponder is acting as consultant and point of contact for the next steps with ADOA. Paperwork to be submitted by 6/30/23. Next meeting with AAF is expected after Memorial Day. Bill Ponder is also leading an exploration of options regarding the 99 year property lease of AHM in Tucson with the UA (1/11/2053).

9. Director’s Update – David Breeckner

- a. Staffing
 - i. The Vice President of Marketing & Communications position has been posted. Click [here](#) to see the listing.
 - ii. Flagstaff Museum Manager, Jenny Pennington, has been put on a limited-term special assignment to serve as Sanguinetti Museum Manager.
 - iii. Hiring efforts in Flagstaff have been put on temporary hold; current AHS staff dates for opening Pioneer are: 6/1-4 (Flagstaff Wool and Fiber Festival), 6/6-10, 6/13-15, 6/19-21, 6/24 (Reel Wild & Woodsy Beer Festival), 6/26-6/29, 7/13-15, and 7/27-29.
- b. Grants
 - i. AHS submitted a grant on 5/17/23 to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to fund the stabilization of the Molina Block building in Yuma (1891 historic structure) , to support its eventual rehabilitation and

use. Grant request: \$364,440.

c. Collections

- i. LACE met with Phoenix Science Center on 5/17/23 to discuss their deaccession of the Phoenix History Museum collections and archives. They addressed recent delays and discussed next steps. PSC has additional work to complete before a transfer of collections or assets is possible; archives are being given priority. Substantive updates not anticipated before July.

d. Exhibits

- i. "Welcome Quilts" opened at AHM Tucson on Wednesday, 5/17/23.

10. **Announcements** and other matters for consideration in future board or committee

11. **Adjournment** – Linda Whitaker

Dated this 19th day of May 2023

Arizona Historical Society



Linda Whitaker, Board President

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Executive Committee Schedule: Noon and Virtual unless announced otherwise

Click the date to register for the meeting

All meetings are live-streamed via Zoom.

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