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Arizona Historical Society
Annual Plenary Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 2, 2013
Arizona History Museum, Tucson, Arizona

Call to Order

President Michael Urman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed the membership to the annual meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Porter moved approval of the November 3, 2012, annual meeting minutes as presented. Prior seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

President Urman made a call to the public. None was heard.

President's Remarks

President Urman commented on this era of declining resources of money, energy and help. For AHS to be successful it needs the support of the membership. AHS is always working to do more with less. In Flagstaff, the AHS-Northern Division operates the Riordan Mansion State Historic Park with the help of volunteers and the Riordan Action Network support group. In Yuma, the AHS-Rio Colorado Division is part of a multi-organizational effort with the Yuma County Historical Society, City of Yuma, and Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area to create a museum complex. The AHS-Southern Division in Tucson is keeping the Charles O. Brown House open to the public by working with nonprofit tenants Ben's Bells, the Santa Cruz Heritage Area, and Borderlands, with plans for an additional tenant. There are many interesting things going on statewide in which to be involved. President Urman remarked that AHS greatly appreciates the support of its members.

Executive Director's Remarks

Dr. Anne Woosley said that although the mission of AHS is to collect and preserve Arizona history, those efforts to collect and preserve have less meaning if there is no accessibility for the public. People must have access to Arizona history to learn and explore the state - its traditions, people and cultures - through AHS programs, using its libraries and archives, collections, publications, and visiting AHS museums.

This year's list of activities, programs, and ongoing projects is long. Dr. Woosley provided a sampling. AHS will be the recipient of a collection of historical maps from the estate of Bob Lennon, a mining engineer who had a passion for collecting maps. The collection will be a significant resource for researchers.

47 Conservation of the AHS-Yuma archives continues and when completed, the archive will return
48 to Yuma where public access will be available through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the
49 Yuma County Library District. The AHS-Education Division continues to coordinate the
50 National History Day program, which involves thousands of students statewide. Under the
51 direction of Dr. Bruce Dinges, Publications Division Director, AHS coordinates the Arizona
52 History Convention. There are new exhibits in development that utilize the natural
53 history/minerals collections, as well as an exhibit focused on the Medal of Honor and Arizona.
54 Outreach projects include the certified museum and small grants programs recently led by board
55 member Ted Cunningham.

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57 Historic cabins that otherwise would have been lost, are now located at the AHS Pioneer
58 Museum in Flagstaff. The cabins, along with farming equipment, are used for interpretive
59 outdoor programming, providing insight to understanding Northern Arizona's past, how the
60 people lived, and their challenges. This major project was made possible by staff and numerous
61 volunteer hours.

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63 AHS-Tucson received a Salvador Corona mural from a family intending to sell their home. They
64 did not wish the mural to be lost but instead preserved and made available to the public. Salvador
65 Corona, a well-known Tucson artist, created whimsical murals installed in public buildings,
66 homes, and decorative furniture. When the mural's conservation is completed, it will be
67 displayed in a prominent museum location.

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69 Dr. Woosley said AHS is undergoing the sunset review process for reauthorization as a state
70 agency. Ten years is the longest renewal time that is granted under the Arizona constitution.
71 She indicated that the process is most successful when Arizona legislators hear from the public
72 in support of AHS. Dr. Woosley introduced Jim Norton, AHS Legislative Liaison. Mr. Norton
73 offered an overview of the sunset review process and how members and friends of AHS can
74 help. The AHS sunset reauthorization hearing with the Committee of Reference will be held on
75 Monday, November 4, at 9:30 a.m. During the legislative session in 2014, a bill will be put
76 forward to reauthorize AHS.

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78 Dr. Woosley announced that Les Roe, AHS-Flagstaff Division Director, is relocating as Division
79 Director at AHS-Tucson. The new division director for AHS-Flagstaff will be William Peterson.
80 Dr. Peterson serves on the Council of the American Association for State and Local History and
81 is the former CEO of the Deadwood Heritage Center. Dr. John Langellier, currently the
82 Executive Director at Sharlot Hall in Prescott, has been appointed to serve as the new Division
83 Director for the AHS-Tempe Division. Dr. Woosley said AHS is in the final stages of
84 interviewing the short list of candidates for the AHS-Yuma Division Director.

85 86 **Financial Report** 87

88 Bill Ponder, Chief Administrative Officer, provided the 2012-13 fiscal year budget report. He
89 said AHS needs the continued financial support through membership, donations, program
90 revenues, and the museum store sales. AHS revenues declined significantly from fiscal year
91 2011-12 to fiscal year 2012-13. Donations and earned income both decreased slightly as AHS
92 came out of the funding efforts tied to the state's Centennial anniversary. However, these

93 decreases were offset by larger increases in grant funding. AHS expenditures saw the same
94 dramatic decrease due to the Museum at Papago Park rent elimination. Salaries and benefits
95 expenditures also decreased as a result of staffing vacancies. AHS continues to address rising
96 utility costs by investing in its building maintenance systems. In spite of the challenges,
97 resources were handled well and AHS revenues exceeded expenditures for fiscal year 2012-13.
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99 **Report on the Arizona Historical Society, Inc. and**
100 **Friends of *The Journal of Arizona History***

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102 John Lacy, Governance Committee Chair, said AHS was established by an Act of the First
103 Territorial Legislature on November 7, 1864. In 1884, the Pioneers' Historical Society was
104 formed as a private, nonprofit entity. Over the years, the Society morphed into a state agency
105 while retaining its nonprofit status, which has presented problems with fundraising; people ask
106 why they should give money to the State when they already pay taxes. Mr. Lacy reported that
107 AHS, Inc. was formed to create a fundraising mechanism for AHS. The Executive Committee of
108 the Board of Directors serves as the directors of AHS, Inc., with the opportunity to appoint
109 others to the board. As the fundraising arm of AHS, funds will be kept separate from state
110 dollars. Mr. Lacy noted that another element of AHS, Inc. is to coordinate activities of the
111 nonprofit groups who assist AHS museums and programs. Application for nonprofit status for
112 AHS, Inc. is in the process of being completed.
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114 Mr. Lacy said the Friends of *The Journal of Arizona History* was organized over six years ago in
115 support of the AHS Publications Division. The bylaws require an annual report that is provided
116 at this meeting. The current fund balance is \$25,540.81. At the last meeting, it was approved to
117 expend \$3,500 for computer upgrades for the Publications Division.
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119 Mr. Lacy commented that a major function of the AHS Publications Division is the coordination
120 of the annual Arizona History Convention. The next conference will be held April 12-14, 2014,
121 in Prescott, and everyone is invited to attend.
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123 **Arizona State Board of Geographic Historic Names Report**

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125 Dr. Woosley provided the report on behalf of Col. Phil Hanson, AHS representative. She stated
126 that Col. Hanson was reelected as vice-chair of the board. The Board approved naming a
127 geographic feature on December 6, 2012, for a peak within the borders of the Organ Pipe Cactus
128 National Monument in southwest Pima County, now officially known as Levy Peak. A 1939 Act
129 of Congress documents Emanuel Levy's sale of the La Victoria mine to create the Organ Pipe
130 Cactus National Monument. This document has the signatures of Emanuel Levy and President
131 Franklin D. Roosevelt.
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133 **Report of the Nominating Committee and Board of Directors Election**

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135 Voie Coy, Nominating Committee Chair, read the Board of Directors Slate of Nominees:
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137	Name	County	Chapter
138	<u>Eligible for first-year term</u>		
139	Jacqueline (Jackie) Berkowitz	Maricopa	Central
140	George Flores	Maricopa	Central
141	Jeannine Moyle	Maricopa	Central
142	Greg Scott	Santa Cruz	Southern
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144	<u>Eligible for first, three-year term</u>		
145	Janice Bryson	Maricopa	Central
146	Thomas Foster	Gila	Eastern
147	William Garbarino	Coconino	Northern
148	Jim Ronstadt	Pima	Southern
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150	<u>Eligible for second, three-year term</u>		
151	Michael Wade	Maricopa	Central

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153 **Bill Porter moved to approve the Board of Directors Slate of Nominees as presented. John**
154 **Lacy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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156 **Swearing in of the Newly Elected Board Members**

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158 Michael Urman indicated the newly elected members would be provided with an Oath of Office
159 form at the end of the meeting.

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161 **Awards and Recognitions**

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163 Dr. Woosley remembered Armando Elias, Past Board President of AHS, who passed away
164 earlier this year. She recognized Lloyd Clark, long-time friend and supporter of AHS, whose
165 children are hosting a party for him today in celebration of his 90th birthday.

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167 Dr. Woosley acknowledged several board members who are terming off the Board of Directors
168 and presented awards to those in attendance: Axel Holm, Don Prior, and Ted Cunningham. Also
169 recognized but not in attendance were Cindy Schroeder and Mary Parker. Dr. Woosley
170 expressed her appreciation for the help they have offered over the years to AHS and staff.

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172 **Membership**

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174 Roy Goodman, AHS Membership Coordinator, crooned an entertaining presentation on gifting
175 AHS memberships.

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177 **Announcements**

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179 The next annual meeting will be held at the Arizona History Museum in Tucson during
180 November 2014, on a date to be determined.

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Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Michael Urman, President