

1 **Arizona Historical Society**
2 **Report of the Annual Plenary Membership Meeting**
3 **Saturday, November 4, 2017**
4 **Arizona Historical Society, Tucson, Arizona**

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7 **Call to Order**
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9 The meeting commenced at 11:16 a.m., with President George Flores’s welcome to the
10 members of the AHS Annual Meeting. Flores made a few opening comments, thanked the AHS
11 membership for the opportunity to serve as its president for the past year, and commended the
12 Board for its excellent, hard work for the betterment of the Society.
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14 Flores introduced Anne Woosley, former Executive Director of AHS. Flores stated that in honor
15 of Woosley’s service, the Board named her Director Emeritus, and took up a personal offering
16 to create a collection within the agency’s archives. With the Board’s gift of honoring Anne, the
17 Arizona Historical Society Archives will be purchasing photographs for its collections. As
18 photographs are purchased, the finding aid will draw attention to Anne, which will state
19 “Purchased through a generous donation by the 2017 AHS Board of Directors in honor of Anne
20 Woosley, Director Emeritus, Arizona Historical Society, and her sixteen years of service.”
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22 Woosley then thanked the membership, Board, volunteers, and staff for the pleasure to serve
23 as the executive director, and she continues to advocate AHS and Arizona history.
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25 Flores stated that upon Woosley’s retirement, Bill Ponder was appointed as interim executive
26 director.
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28 **Report of the Nominating Committee and**
29 **Presentation of the AHS Board of Directors Slate of Officers**
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31 Flores detailed the process of officer elections pursuant to AHS By-Laws. The slate of
32 nominations, with the officer nominees’ biographies was placed at each table in the meeting
33 room.
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35 Meredith moved, seconded by Wade, to present the slate of nominations for Board Officers:

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37 Voie Coy, President
38 Kelly Corsette, Vice President
39 Bruce Gwynn, Secretary
40 Dennielle “Dolly” Patterson, Treasurer
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42 The motion passed unanimously.
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44 **Flores opened nominations from the floor. There being none, Lacy moved, seconded by**
45 **Wade, to approve the Board of Directors slate of nominees as presented. The motion passed**
46 **unanimously.**

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48 **National History Day Program**

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50 Susan Irwin, AHS Library & Archives Director, described the National History Day program of
51 AHS. National History Day (NHD) is a year-long academic program offered to junior and high
52 school students that engages them in extensive historical research projects that can ultimately
53 compete internationally. Student, Logan Karver, spoke to the membership regarding his
54 experiences with NHD (placing in the top 10 internationally last year) and how the program has
55 impacted his life. A brief video was also shown, highlighting several NHD students who
56 described the benefits of NHD participation.

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58 Ponder then closed with an invitation for members to support NHD, and support the interests
59 of history in Arizona's youth.

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61 **Board Member Recognition**

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63 Ponder recognized AHS outgoing or term expirations of Board members: Berkowitz, Moyle,
64 Porter, Scott and Flores. Those in attendance received a token of appreciation in the form of an
65 historic photograph from AHS archives. Those board members not in attendance will receive
66 appreciation at a later date.

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68 **Arizona History Convention**

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70 Lacy and Gwynn promoted the annual Arizona History Convention and its support of AHS,
71 including National History Day. They also described the role of Friends of AHS, which is a
72 fundraising arm of AHS.

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74 **Recess**

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76 Ponder acknowledged AHS support organizations, and the support of Los Amigos for providing
77 reception refreshments for this meeting and the videos shown.

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79 The meeting was then recessed for lunch, catered by EP Salsa & Catering.

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81 **Keynote Speaker**

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83 Dr. Andy Masich, President and CEO of the Heinz History Center in Pennsylvania, was the
84 keynote speaker. Dr. Masich delivered a fine presentation regarding the Civil War in Arizona.

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86 Dr. Masich was available to members following the meeting to autograph his books.

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Adjourn

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90 The program adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Valerie Shanahan, Executive Assistant