

**The Arizona Historical Society
Community Outreach Committee of the
Board of Directors**

A meeting of the Community Outreach Committee was held by teleconference on March 8, 2018 for the purpose of selecting the recipient of the El Merito Award to be given at the Arizona History Convention, April 26 – 28, 2018 in Tempe, Arizona. An additional purpose of the meeting is to review the application for recertification from the Pimeria Alta Historical Society.

Committee Member Attendance: Janice Bryson, Doug Barlow and Tom Foster
Absent: Lorna Brooks

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m. Attendance taken, a quorum is present.

El Merito:

A total of 7 nominations was received by the Arizona Historical Society for the El Merito Award. The committee reviewed and discussed each application. It was felt that two very strong contenders were among the nominations. Janice Bryson contacted Bill Ponder, Interim Executive Directory, by telephone during the meeting asking if the committee would be able to award the El Merito to two individuals at the 2018 Arizona History Convention. Bill advised that we would be able to present two awards if we felt they strongly qualified.

Doug Barlow made a motion to recommend the awarding of the El Merito to both Vernelda J. Grant, Director/THPO, San Carlos Apache Tribe and James M. Klein M.D. of Tucson. Second by Tom Foster. Motion approved. The committee's recommendations for the El Merito Award will be placed as an action item on the meeting agenda of the Arizona State Historical Society Board meeting on March 17, 2018 in Tempe, Arizona.

Certification of Pimeria Alta Historical Society:

The 2018 recertification application for the Pimeria Alta Historical Society was reviewed. The museum had been certified previously, however the Society had let the certification lapse. Doug Barlow made a motion to request approval of the application, second by Tom Foster. Motion approved. The Pimeria Alta Historical Society's request for recertification will be placed as an action item on the meeting agenda of the Arizona State Historical Society Board meeting on March 17, 2018 in Tempe, Arizona.

There are no items for consideration at future meetings. Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bryson, Chairman, Community Outreach Committee

