Meeting of the Community Outreach Committee of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society

A meeting of the Community Outreach Committee was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Arizona Historical Society, Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 N. College Avenue, Tempe, Arizona

Committee Members Attendance: Doug Barlow, Thomas Foster and Janice Bryson. Present by Telephone Conference Call: Robert Ballard and Lorna Brooks.

Staff Attendance: Dr. James Burns, Executive Director

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. **Roll Call:** Roll taken; all committee members present.

Call to The Public: No members of the public in attendance.

Al Merito Awards: Twelve nominations for the Al Merito Award were received by the Arizona Historical Society. The committee reviewed and discussed each nomination. Two nominees were selected by the committee for the award. The committee's recommendations for the Al Merito Award will be placed as an action item on the meeting agenda of The Arizona Historical Society Board meeting to be held on March 22, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

The committee discussed criteria for the Al Merito Award. We will meet in the near future to review and update criteria for the award.

Affiliate and Certified Museums: AHS has sent notices to all our certified museums advising them it is time to submit their certification renewals for 2019. Nineteen renewal applications have been received to date. All were reviewed and seventeen were accepted by the committee as eligible for renewal. Two were held for further review. A list of the 19 renewal applications for museums and historical societies is attached to the minutes.

The committee's recommendation on the seventeen applications approved for renewal will be placed as an action item on the meeting agenda of The Arizona Historical Society Board meeting to be held on March 22, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

A discussion was held on the criteria for the Affiliated and Certified Museums. Our committee will meet with AHS staff members to update the criteria for certification with AHS.

Dr. Burns made a suggestion regarding affiliation and a discussion was held on the matter. Our committee will make a recommendation regarding affiliation to the State Board of The Arizona State Historical Society.

Our committee recommendation to the State Board will be that Affiliation be listed as a membership category offered to museums and historical societies for a membership fee of \$50.00 annually. Affiliate membership will be open to historical organizations; applications will not need to be reviewed and approved by the State Board. This membership will entitle them to one vote at the Annual Meeting of AHS and they will receive the Journal of Arizona History. All Certified Museums must also be an affiliated member. This recommendation will be placed as an action time on the meeting agenda of the Arizona Historical Society Board meeting to be held on March 22, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Bryson Chairman – Community Outreach Committee

17 Museum Applications Approved for Certification Renewal:

- Amerind Museum
- Arizona Railway Museum
- Arizona State Railroad Museum Foundation
- Arizona State Railway Museum DBA Phoenix Trolley Museum
- Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum
- Bouse Chamber of Commerce
- Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum
- Fort Tuthill Military Museum
- Old Trails Museum/Winslow Historical Society
- Oracle Historical Society Inc.
- Patagonia Museum
- Quartsite Historical Society
- Rex Allen Arizona Cowboy Museum
- San Tan Historical Society
- Sedona Heritage Museum
- Sulphur Springs Valley Historical Society
- Verde Historical Society/Clemenceau Heritage Museum

2 Certification Renewals Held For Further Review:

- Oro Valley Historical Society
- Pleasant Valley Historical Society