

**Arizona Historical Society Report of the Annual Plenary Membership
Meeting Saturday, April 12, 2019 Prescott Resort and Conference
Center, Prescott, Arizona**

Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 12:11 p.m., with President Voie Coy's welcome to the members of the AHS Annual Meeting. Coy made a few opening comments, thanked the AHS membership for the opportunity to serve as its president for the past year, and commended the Board for its excellent, hard work for the betterment of the Society.

Coy asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2018 annual membership meeting. Joe Abodeely moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Doug Hocking seconded. All presented voted in favor of approval as presented.

Coy then explained that in November 2018 officers were elected for a year. Due to the change in the date of the annual membership meeting from November to April it is necessary to have another election to ensure there is no gap in officers between November 2018 and the next annual meeting in April 2020. Coy asked interim nominating committee chair, Leonard Marcisz, to announce the slate and the process for voting. The slate was presented as follows: Voie Coy, President, Kelly Corsette, Vice President, Meredith Peabody, Treasurer, Bruce Gwynn, Secretary. Marcisz then called for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made. Marcisz called for a vote; all members present voted unanimously to approve the slate as presented.

Coy then introduced James Burns, Executive Director of AHS.

Burns presented the 2019 AI Merito awards. An individual award was presented to Janeen Trevillyan with the Sedona Heritage Center. An institutional award was presented to the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg. That award was accepted by Dan Finley, DCWM Executive Director.

Burns then read a proclamation from Governor Ducey honoring Elisabeth "Bette" Ruffner, for her many years of service in the fields of history and historic preservation in Arizona.

Burns introduced Dr. Eduardo Pagan, who spoke about his new book, "Valley of the Guns: The Pleasant Valley War and the Trauma of Violence."

Following Dr. Pagan's presentation, Burns thanked all of the sponsors of the Arizona History Convention, members of all of the boards of organizations affiliated with AHS, the State Board of Directors, the Chapter Boards, and he recognized all former AI Merito winners in the audience.

Coy officially closed the 2019 annual membership meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Signed: _____ *W. James Burns* _____

Date: _____ 4/15/19 _____ W. James Burns,
Executive Director