

**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 Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Arizona Historical Society, Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 N. College Avenue, Tempe, Arizona.

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

Staff Attendance: Dr. James Burns, Executive Director

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m. by chair Janice Bryson. **Roll Call** – roll taken, all committee members are present.

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

Certified Museums: The following museum/historical society renewal forms were reviewed and accepted by the committee as eligible for renewal. The committee's recommendation on the 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 May 31, 2019 in Miami, Arizona.

- Buckeye Valley Museum/Buckeye Valley Historical Society
- Butterfly Lodge Museum
- Cave Creek Museum
- Cocopah Museum
- Desert Caballeros Western Museum
- Douglas Historical Society; Douglas-Williams House
- Gilbert Historical Society and Museum/HD South
- Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation/McClelland Library
- Jerome Historical Society and Museum
- Mesa Historical Society and Museum
- Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.
- Pimeria Alta Historical Society and Museum
- Scottsdale Historical Society
- Snowflake Historical Foundation
- Superior Historical Society, Inc. and Museum
- Superstition Mountain Historical Society and Museum

The renewal certification application for the Oro Valley Historical Society was held for further action at our April 3, 2019 meeting. The organization's museum does not meet our criteria for hours opened during the year and is still tabled pending further review of the certification program.

Seven museums not applied for recertification. Staff contacted these museums via snail mail, voice mail, and email. Committee members who know people at some of these organizations will be reaching out to them. If they submit their paperwork prior to the May 31 meeting and there are no substantial changes, they will be presented for recertification at the May 31 meeting.

- Casa Grande Valley Historical Society
- Lake Havasu City Historical Society
- Pinetop-Lakeside Historical Society
- Powell Museum
- River of Time Museum
- Sun Cities Area Historical Society
- White Mountain Historical Society

Todd Bailey has sent out letters and certification certificates to the museums we have approved to date. AHS is getting final reports from last year's grant programs.

Dr. Burns and Tawn Downs are working on setting up focus groups to receive feedback on what the certified museums would be looking for in regards to their association with AHS. When the focus group information is received, the committee will meet to further discuss the affiliation and certification programs. Dr. Burns will try to have a focus group in each region in June. Results from the groups should be read for the Community Outreach Committee to review by the beginning of July.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Bryson
Chairman – Community Outreach Committee