



**Minutes of the
Executive Committee of the
Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society
7 January 2020
1300 N. College Ave. Tempe, AZ**

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.

1. Call to Order – Voie Coy, Committee Chair

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. at the Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 N. College Ave. Tempe

2. Roll call (Quorum) –

Present in Person: Voie Coy

Present Virtually: Meredith Peabody, Tom Foster, Bruce Gwynn, Linda Whitaker, Robert Ballard, (later Jeff Horwitz joined)

Absent: Kelly Corsette, Michael Wade

Staff Present in Person: James Burns

Staff Present Virtually: None

3. Call to the Public – Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. Those wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance. Presentations will be limited to five minutes. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the rescheduling of the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

No members of the public were present.

4. Discussion and action, if any, to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting.

Gwynn moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Whitaker seconded. No discussion or corrections. All approved.

5. Review, discussion and recommendations/action relative to the following prospective amendments to AHS bylaws and policy:

- A. Recommended amendment to current policy related to the Community Outreach Committee and Certification of Local Historical organizations.

Whitaker moved to discuss the proposal; Foster seconded. Discussion: Whitaker indicated the proposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Governance Committee. No further discussion. All voted to approve.

- B. Recommendations related to 1107 fund and disposition/distribution of membership dues. Consideration and review of proposed amendment from Tom Rose. Consideration and review of recommendation from John Lacy.

Whitaker asked that item C could be addressed and then come back to item B. Coy asked if there were any objections. There were no objections.

- C. Proposed amendment to the existing policy relative to the admission of Veterans, submitted by Linda Whitaker.

Ballard moved to discuss the proposal; Foster seconded. Whitaker indicated the proposed policy had been reviewed by the Governance Committee and recommended for approval. Staff brought the omission of this policy from 2014 to Whitaker's attention after the new board policy manual was approved in Spring 2019. There was no intention to rescind the policy when the new policy manual was put together. The policy as revised is in keeping with other agencies and practices throughout the U.S. Puts us in line with other state agencies. "Active and retired veterans" means they served 20 years; they will have ID to present. Coy asked what the requirements are. Whitaker responded that if active you have ID and if retired (served 20 years) you also have ID (used for access to benefits). Families are not included. The only person that gets in gratis is the individual veteran. This is in keeping with the way other organizations honor veterans. Similar to ID you show to pre-board when flying. No further discussion. All approved.

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Peabody moved to discuss the bylaw changes and policy proposals; Whitaker seconded. Coy reminded the committee that bylaws changes have to be submitted to the full board for review at least 30 days in advance of the meeting so any bylaws changes cannot be voted on until the March meeting. Discussion ensued. How can we rewrite the bylaws if we haven't decided what we are doing with 1107 / Chapter funds? Whitaker reported that in the Governance meeting there was a bit of confusion about all of the proposals brought to the floor. The discussion was tabled until the Executive Committee could discuss. A question was raised about whether there were any other group discussions going on.

Went into Executive Session at 3:18 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

3:26 p.m. returned to regular session. No action taken on discussion in Executive Session.

Discussion resumed about the 1107 / Chapter Funds. Bigger issue is membership. Need more members to cover the costs of the benefits the members are receiving. More members would result in economies of scale. Are there other ways we can create funding to access for chapter-related activities? Whitaker asked about the redirection of donations to related 501(c)3's. Each chapter now has a 501(c)3, which they didn't when the chapters were started. The 501(c)3's could operate under the umbrella of the Friends of AHS Inc. Coy asked what we need to do to resolve this? There was discussion about how much more efficient and effective to have membership centralized. Turn around the pitch for selling memberships to make it a stronger selling point. Need to find a way to get the support of all groups involved Discussion ensued about having a solid recommendation to put before the board. Governance is looking for a starting point. Chairman Coy will follow up with all groups working on this issue and will try to get them to all discuss ideas in the same meeting with Peabody's task force and then make a recommendation to the full board for consideration. What about a presentation relating to membership and marketing for each of the chapter boards? Whitaker indicated that the Governance Committee has asked staff to make such a presentation to the full board. There needs to be a concerted effort to do a membership drive. An idea was expressed to do a membership drive in each of the locations. A motion was made by Peabody to develop a plan of action to move forward by using the chapter funds task force as the central unit for all recommendations with a plan to be sent to the full board for consideration; Whitaker seconded. All approved

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Dated this 7th day of January 2019

Arizona Historical Society

Voie Coy

Voie Coy, Committee Chair