

Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
March 10, 2020
(as amended March 25, 2020)*

Present: Betty Cook, Yvonne Clay, Mary Flynn (Pathfinder representative), Ron Green,**Brook Groboski*, Linda Head, Walter Lane, Craig McEwan, Mark O’Hare, Shirley Pinkerton, Frank Ratey (Los Amigos representative), Jim Sell, Bob Vint, Susanne Walsh, and Ralph Wong.

Absent: Elaine Becherer, Bill Cavaliere, and Jeff Horwitz.

Staff Present: Bill Ponder (AHS Chief Administrative Officer); Melba Davis (AHS Liaison); and Kim Bittrich (AHS VP of Finance & Operations).

Guests Present: Linda Head (Friends of AZ History)

Location: Conference Room at the Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St. Tucson AZ 85719

1. Call to Order

In the absence of President Becherer, Vice President Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM MST.

2. Roll Call

Roll was called by Secretary Bob Vint, and a quorum declared. It was decided by acclamation that Ron Green would chair the meeting as President Pro-tem, in the absence of Ms. Becherer.

3. Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 2019 Chapter Board Meeting were recorded using “Zoom,” a digital recording program, and are available on-line (not in written form). Bill Ponder informed the Board that written minutes are required. Discussion followed. VP Walsh cited Arizona’s Open Meeting Law, Section 7-8.1 which states that while minutes must be filed, they are not required to be formally approved by the Board. She will follow up with the AZ Secretary of State’s office and State Archives to verify the policy. After discussion, Mark O’Hare moved that approval of the minutes of October 1, 2019, be tabled until our next meeting, at which written minutes will be provided for review. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh and approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Walter Lane and Betty Cook together presented the Treasurer’s Report. Kim Bittrich explained the status of 1107 Funds (Southern Chapter Membership Funds). The fund balance is presently \$37,710. Discussion followed. It was suggested that “requests for 1107 funds” be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted by acclamation.

(in the absence of Ms. Becherer, there was no President’s Report).

5. New Business

- a. Appointment of Jim Sell to the AHS State Board: Mr. Sell stated that he expects this to take place within the coming year. *(No action taken.)*
- b. Mark O'Hare reported on his research into property records regarding ownership of the land at 949 E. 2nd St. Tucson AZ. He learned from the Pima County Recorder's Office that the south portion of the AHS building (the historic Josias Joesler-designed wing, extending from Second Street on the south to the north side of the central courtyard) stands on a parcel of land owned by the Arizona Board of Regents, which granted a 99 year lease to AHS 66 years ago (hence the lease expires 33 years from the present). North of the courtyard, both the land and building are owned by the Arizona Historical Society. *(No action taken.)*
- c. Discussion on (a) health and needs of Arizona History Museum including review of memberships, visitors and rentals (information provided by Kim Bittrich); (b) use of 1107 funds for Museum needs based on the data provided by Kim Bittrich. *(No action taken.)*

5. Old Business

(none)

6. Call to the Public

(no public comments were made)

7. Announcements

It was agreed by acclamation that the next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @ 3:00 PM MST at the Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St., Tucson AZ.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:45 PM MST.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert W. Vint, Secretary