## ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER

## **COLLEEN BYRON, Secretary**

At-Large Member, Appointed 2020

Colleen is a professor and the lead faculty person for the Master

of Organizational Leadership program at Northern Arizona

University (NAU). She earned her bachelor's in Business from Arizona State University (ASU) in 1979 and started in the then new computer business as a corporate trainer while completing her senior year at ASU. She started a technical support and training consulting firm in 1985 and ran that company until she returned to ASU in 1997 to earn a master's and Ph.D. in Public Administration in 2009. While in

the Ph.D. program at ASU she was a policy analyst for the Arizona Board of Regents and was recognized for her work on that agency's

Sunset Audit. She has been teaching organizational leadership for NAU since she graduated from ASU. She developed and currently oversees the Master of Organizational Leadership program, the second largest graduate program at NAU. Her publication and research agenda is focused primarily on public finance, ethics and accountability.

Her public service is focused on promoting organizational effectiveness, accountability and inclusivity. She was a board member and is the past chair of both the Tempe Human Relations Commission and the Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board. She is a past board member and treasurer for the nonprofit Mulligan's Manor and is currently serves on the Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board and the finance committees of both St. Joseph the Worker and One in Ten.

