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**October 18, 2024**

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## **Annual Meeting of the Members**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order at 11:20 AM by Central Chapter Representative, Kelley Corsette**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [2023 Annual Membership Meeting](#).
  - a. Motion to approve by Sherry Rampy, Second by Robert Ballard. Motion Approved.
- 4. Welcoming Remarks-** David Breeckner and Board Representative.
- 5. Announcement of Board Officer Candidates-** David Breeckner
  - a. Board President: Kelley Corsette, uncontested. Board Vice President: DeNise Bauer, uncontested. Board Secretary: Linda Elliott- Nelson, uncontested. Board Treasurer: Jim Snitzer, uncontested.
  - b. Virtual poll and in person voting launched. Time to vote capped at 2 minutes.
- 6. Director's Report-**David Breeckner
  - a. "A tough but successful year..." --- Dr. Breeckner gave an inspiring overview of the previous year, highlighting the many accomplishments of staff and unique programming offered by Arizona Historical Society, and also mentioning the barriers encountered by AHS. He ended his report with words of hope and enthusiasm for the year ahead.
- 7. Remembrance of Tom Foster-** Sherry Rampy and Janice Bryson
  - a. Sherry Rampy and Janice Bryson shared their memories and grief for the loss of long time AHS Board Member Tom Foster.
- 8. Keynote Speaker-** Summer Cherland
  - a. The informative, energetic presentation of "Where is South Phoenix?", was eagerly attended to by the AHS Members present and via Zoom live stream.
- 9. 2024 Sonnichsen Award-** Chris Bradley
  - a. Lynn Downey accepted the 2024 Sonnichsen Award.

**10.2024 Al Merito Awards-** Robert Ballard and Jaynie Adams

- a. Cave Creek Museum
- b. Catherine H. Ellis
- c. Pioneers' Cemetery Association (PCA)
- d. Raul Ramirez and Gloria Jean Ramirez
- e. Shannon Rossiter

**11. Announcement of AHS State Board Officers-** David Breeckner

- a. Board President- Kelley Corsette; Board Vice-President- DeNise Bauer; Board Secretary- Linda Elliott-Nelson; Board Treasurer- Jim Snitzer

**12. Closing Remarks-** David Breeckner

- a. Dr. Breeckner revisited remarks from the Opening and Director's Report. He shared a map of the location of the AHS Certified Historical Institutions demonstrating the Statewide reach of the Arizona Historical Society.

**13. Announcements-** David Breeckner

- a. Video recording and slide show will be available to watch at a later date.

**14. Adjournment called by Kelley Corsette at 1:15 PM**

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