

**APPROVED - Meeting Minutes of the  
Outreach Committee of the Board of Directors of the  
Arizona Historical Society**

**January 10, 2024**

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

**Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order** – Committee Chair, Sherry Rampy at 10:00 AM
- 2. Roll Call** – Sherry Rampy
  - a. **Present**- Karrie Rumsower, Amy Hartman- Gordon, Janice Bryson, Sherry Rampy
  - b. **Absent**- Tom Foster, Robert Ballard
  - c. **Staff**- Jason Mihalic, David Turpie, Kaydi Forgia, David Breeckner
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the, ~~October 11, 2023,~~ November 8, 2023, Outreach Committee meeting.
  - a. **Motion** to approve the draft Minutes of November 8, 2023, Outreach Committee meeting by Janice B, second by Karrie R. Unanimously passed by committee verbal vote.
- 4. Call to the Public** – Sherry Rampy
  - a. No members of the public present
  - b. Sherry Rampy reviewed the orders of the day. Due to time constraints for AHS staff present the orders of the day will be as followed; Items 5, 7, 8, 6, 9 and 10.
- 5. Changes in AHS staffing** – Jason Mihalic and Dr. David Breeckner
  - a. Resignation of Shelley Coriell: Members will/have received a letter from Shelly announcing departure from position. Nikki D’Anzi has received training from Shelly to assume Membership duties interim. The position will be posted in the near future, and will be open to the public and current AHS/State employees. Current timelines for job posting to position onboarding has been averaging three months or more. David Turpie will assume lead role in Membership New letter and AI Merito Awards. Shelly has outlined the AI Merito process and important dates. Shelly’s gratitude towards the committee was shared.
- 6. Certified Historic Institutions (CHI)** – Jason Mihalic
  - a. Update on grant deliveries: All small grants have been sent out via physical check or digitally. With a new CFO at AHS the process will be expedited in the future.
  - b. Update on 2024 CHI membership renewal and recruitment: Spreadsheet was shared

with the Committee via Zoom. Jason indicated that (17) CHIs still needed to complete the renewal process. Attempts to complete the process have been made throughout December 2023, and additional attempts have been made after the New Year. There has also been an effort to recruit CHI from the 2022 cycle who missed the 2023 renewal dates. Cold calls to potential CHIs will start after this cycle has closed.

- c. Discussion on next steps in the review process and discussion on application process: Discussion and possible action item to approved proposed changes to the Small Grants Program based on Jason's additional information from November's and today's discussion to change the certification process and allow applications to be submitted throughout the year, rather than only during Dec 1 - January 15, with review to take place in February of the next calendar year.
  - The AHS website will update Certified Historical Institution section for clarity on changes to application process.
  - No motion taken.

**7. Legislative/Executive Outreach – Dr. David Breeckner**

- a. Update on the Legislative Outreach packet: The Legislative Outreach packet has been condensed to a one-page informational sheet vs. the original 20 pages. Recent Legislative Outreach by AHS has been positive.

**8. Sunset Review - Dr. David Breeckner**

- a. [Thursday, January 11, 2024 hearing at 11:00 AM](#): The AHS Sunset Review Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024. Link to the live feed has been included in the agenda. Three AHS representatives will be in person at the hearing, AHS will be given 15 minutes to present argument to continue operations. Members of the public will be given time to speak on behalf or against AHS during the hearing. AHS is hopeful for a positive outcome and the continuation of services for all interested in Arizona's history. The current debate regarding the Sunset/Sunrise process should not affect the outcome for AHS, although it may shorten the Sunset review cycle from 10 years to 8 or less years.

**9. Announcements and other matters for the Good of the Order.**

- a. Historical League surplus of "Tastes and Treasures": David Breeckner; The Historical League (HL) has a large surplus of cookbooks and have presented a creative way to disperse the backstock. The HL has offered to send books to our Certified Historical Institutions and sale remaining books to AHS at a reduced rate.
- b. 2024 Meeting schedule discussion: Committee was not able to select a 2024 meeting schedule at this time. Kaydi Forgia offered to created a Google Form to help the committee select a time and date. 2024 meeting scheduled is to be determined at a later date, and will be posted in following agenda once established.

**10. Adjournment – Sherry Rampy at 11:03 AM**

Dated this 29th day of January 2024

Arizona Historical Society

*Sherry Rampy*

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Sherry Rampy, Outreach Committee Chair

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**Outreach Committee Schedule: 2024 To Be Determined.**

Virtual unless announced otherwise.

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[2024 Meeting Schedule: TBD](#)

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Sunset Review Hearing Live Feed: [Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM](#)

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