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April 28, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Historical Society and to the general public that the **Executive Committee** of the Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, April 28, 2025, at Noon.**

Note: This meeting will be held virtually and is recorded on Zoom. Members of the public interested in participating may register in advance of the meeting.

To register, click this link:

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUlc-2hqDIsG9QarPDKi819C7uUohXboP9Q>

Meeting ID: 818 4496 9610

The Committee may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for any statutorily permitted purpose, including obtaining legal advice, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

The Committee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda and recess for breaks as needed. The Committee will discuss and may take action on any of the following items.

The Arizona Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the administration of its program and services as prescribed by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter or alternative formats, by contacting AHS Administration at 520-617-1169. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange for the accommodation.

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order- Kelly Corsette**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [February 24, 2025](#) meeting. The March meeting was cancelled; no Minutes to approve.
- 4. Call to the Public** – Those wishing to address the Committee must be recognized by the Chair. Each presentation will be limited to 2 minutes and one person per organization. Committee members may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. At the conclusion of public comment, Committee members may: (1) respond to any criticism, (2) ask staff to study a matter, or (3) ask that the matter be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.
- 5. State & Federal Updates** - David Breeckner
 - a. No changes to Arizona Legislative bills (SB-1017, SB-1459, HB-2339) – did not advance.
 - There is still the possibility of Pioneer funding via a “Member-driven budget” from Sen. Rogers, during budget negotiations. If successful, this would appear in the JLBC-released draft budget (estimated May).
 - b. Estimated **\$7.76m** loss in annual funding to Arizona museums and libraries from cancellation of IMLS and NEH grants.
 - Sub-grants from the likes of AZ Humanities have been cancelled.
 - Arizona has joined a multi-state lawsuit over the shuttering of IMLS.
 - **~\$213,000** in cancelled grant applications by AHS
 - c. AHS has started conversations with the Secretary of State’s Office (State Library & Archives), State Parks (SHPO), and Prescott Historical Society to explore and plan around Fed. impacts to Arizona.
- 6. AHS Financial Update** - Sebastian Alt, David Nagelski
 - a. Revenue, Expenditures, YTD – $\frac{3}{4}$ completed
 - Revenue: \$2,864,864.23 (planned \$4,347,800)
 - Expenditures: \$3,112,966.39 (planned \$4,557,129)
 - b. FY26 budget

- Still undergoing negotiation within the House and Senate; draft publication anticipated in May 2025.

c. FY27 budget

- Sebastian and David N are updating FY27 draft budget to reflect FY25 actuals; barring changes in response to the FY26 budget (once released), this should provide a draft copy for the next Finance Committee meeting in May.
- Draft copy anticipated for ExComm's review in June.

7. Director's Updates - David Breeckner

- a. 3 new staff in April: Kiel Posner (AHC Preparator), Kennedy Mesenbrink (AHC Registrar), Melissa Baskin (AHC Registrar)
- b. 2025 Employee Engagement Survey now live from 4/14 - 4/25. Results to follow.
- c. AHC Tempe scheduled for facility shutdown for HVAC repairs from 5/5 - 5/24.
- d. Met with UA in April to discuss AHM's 99-year lease and the new museum efforts; currently awaiting follow-up conversations.
- e. AHS participated as an exhibitor at Arizona's America250 celebration on 4/18 – "Two Lights for Tomorrow".

8. Announcements and considerations in future board or committee meetings.

9. Adjournment

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors
Kelly Corsette, Executive Committee Chair

DATE: April 25, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

At Noon and virtual unless announced otherwise

<u>January 27, 2025</u>	<u>July 28, 2025</u>
<u>February 24, 2025</u>	<u>August 25, 2025</u>
<u>March 31, 2025</u>	<u>September 29, 2025</u>
<u>April 28, 2025</u>	<u>October 27, 2025</u>
<u>May 27, 2025</u>	<u>November 24, 2025</u>
<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>December 29, 2025</u>