

**Notice of Public Meeting of
the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of
the
Arizona Historical Society**

April 24, 2023

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 Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, April 24, at 12:00 p.m.**

Note: This meeting will be held virtually. Board Members and members of the public interested in participating virtually must register in advance of the meeting. To register click this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucu2vrzMrGNXcLRn_gzJURPAXR7vNzwAO

You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting link. The meeting will be activated 5 minutes prior to the 12:00 p.m. start time.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – President Linda Whitaker
2. **Roll Call** – Colleen Byron
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the March 27, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.
4. **Call to the Public** – Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee should identify their interest at this time via the chat box. Those wishing to address an item on the agenda will be called upon when that item is being discussed and given up to five minutes. Those wishing to address an item not on the agenda will be allowed up to three minutes. Such items may not be discussed by the Committee but may be directed to Staff for study and consideration at a later date.
5. **Board Updates**- Linda Whitaker
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Outreach Committee – Sherry Rampy
 - i. Tom Foster has stepped down as Chair of the Outreach Committee, and is succeeded by Sherry Rampy.

- b. Finance Committee – David Breeckner
 - i. FY23 YTD for March provided – see attached.
 - ii. FY24 updated draft budget provided to the Finance Committee; this will be reviewed in full next month and presented to the State Board for its May consideration.
 - iii. FY25 draft budget will be presented to the Finance Committee next month, for a planned review by the Executive Committee in June and full Board vote in July.
 - iv. 2023 Annual Gift Campaign report – see attached.
 - v. FAHS March 2023 financials report – see attached.

7. Arizona Architecture Foundation (AAF) – David Breeckner and Linda Whitaker

- a. David Breeckner, Linda Whitaker, and Rebekah Tabah met with Doug Sydnor, James Trahan, and Ron Peters to discuss the realities, challenges, and opportunities to be considered in pursuing an expansion to AHS’ archives capacity and services. Bill Ponder was invited to attend and provided valuable insight on state processes and institutional history on previous AHS capital-building projects. He will continue to support the project, with a focus on managing submissions and scheduling.

8. Board Update – David Breeckner

- a. Eric Flohr has completed his interview with Boards & Commissions and is awaiting the next step in his application process: fingerprinting.

9. Director’s Update – David Breeckner

- a. Legislative Initiatives
 - i. A “draft” FY25 budget has been presented to Ben Henderson, Director of Operations for Governor Hobbs. This budget presents AHS’ true expenses if it were to be fully funded with equitable pay rates to other State agencies and to reflect real operating costs (utilities, facility repairs, conservation and exhibits, etc).
- b. Staffing
 - i. The 2023 State Employee Survey was distributed to staff the week of 4/17/23; the results are pending. Most responses are confidential; an overview will be provided to the Executive Committee.
- c. Grants
 - i. Due to continued delays with the reopening of Pioneer Museum, AHS declined and returned a grant of \$22,000 from Creative Flagstaff. This grant was intended to support staff operations and public programs at the museum in FY23.
 - ii. AHS has withdrawn its grant request to SRP for \$8,000 for event supplies in support of NHD 2023, due to a missed deadline.
 - iii. AHS is finalizing the procurement of estimates to enact a refresh of safety

lighting, electrical controls, and A/V systems in the Steele Auditorium at AHC Tempe, to satisfy a 2020 SRP grant of \$25,000.

d. Facilities

- i. The close of escrow for Sosa-Carrillo House is April 25, 2023. This date is still on schedule.

e. Exhibits

- i. *Drinking Local* exhibit opened to much acclaim and a sold out reception on 4/19 in Tucson.
- ii. The anonymous donor in Yuma has agreed to donate \$800,000 to the Molina Block Outdoor Agricultural Exhibit in Yuma. The full sum will soon be deposited into a YCHS account, who is funding the project. YCHS has begun solicitations to national design-build firms for exhibit proposals, which will include budgets and project timelines. This solicitation period will close in 2 months.

10. **Announcements** and other matters for consideration in future board or committee

11. **Adjournment** – Linda Whitaker

Dated this 21st day of April 2023

Arizona Historical Society



Linda Whitaker, Board President

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Executive Committee Schedule: Noon and Virtual unless announced otherwise

Click the date to register for the meeting

All meetings are live-streamed via Zoom.

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