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September 18, 2024

**DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

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

Quorum not established. Updates and discussion only.

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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order by Acting Chair Robert Ballard at 10:06 AM**
- 2. Roll Call- Robert Ballard**
 - a. Present- Robert Ballard, Janice Bryson
 - b. Absent- Amy Hartman-Gordon, Kerrie Rumsower, Sherry Rumpy
 - c. Staff- David Breeckner, David Turpie, Jason Mihalic, Jaynie Adams, Nikky D’Anzi, KD Forgia
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [August 21, 2024 Outreach Committee meeting](#).
 - a. **Quorum not established.** Agenda item will be addressed at the next Outreach Committee meeting.
- 4. Call to the Public** – Robert Ballard
 - a. No members of the public present.
- 5. Preliminary Update on the CHI Grant Vote-** David Breeckner a/o AHS Staff
 - a. A majority vote by the State Board was not met during the September online vote. This has delayed notification and processing efforts for the FY25 CHI grants. The option to hold a second online vote will be taken up during the September Executive Committee meeting, with a deadline to respond for the first week of October.
- 6. Annual Meeting (time/date/format)-** David Breeckner a/o AHS Staff
 - a. The Annual Member’s Meeting will be held on Friday, October 18th, 2024, in Tempe, AZ at the Arizona Heritage Center. Tentative run time for the State Board meeting is 10:00- 11:00 AM. The Annual Meeting will follow the conclusion of the State Board meeting. A reception will culminate the event, with possible Certified Historical Institutions tabling, h’ourderves, refreshments and exploration of the Arizona Heritage Center.
- 7. FY26 Budget Submission (Funding Issues)-** David Breeckner
 - a. FY26 budget has been submitted and is [available to the public on the website](#). The Governor’s Office typically releases a draft budget in January (2025). The draft will be reviewed by the Governor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Budget (OSPB) and Joint Legislative Budgetary Commission (JLBC). A final budget is

historically released in May/June (2025). Funding issues included in the AHS FY26 budget request totaled \$914,800 worth of new expenditures. Some of the funding issues listed are a one-time cost (~\$200k), majority of the others represent year over year request to increase the budget to cover the costs associated with managing AHS (~\$700k). Two funding issues that require the attention of the Outreach Committee are a funding request to help facilitate the reopening of the Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff (\$359,800) and a request for an additional pass through funding (\$30k) for the Certified Historical Institutions (CHI) Grant Program.

8. Committee Discussion- Robert Ballard

- a. Possible rubric format for grant proposals
 - Due to the lack of quorum the committee could not proceed with any motions. Robert Ballard requested an action item to determine the format for “grading” CHIs in future cycles be added to the next agenda. The two committee members present asked for staff opinions on the best format to determine eligibility and provide transparency for the determinations. Jason M, Jaynie A, David T and David B shared their opinions and cautions for varying formats. A draft rubric will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.
- b. Al Merito notifications
 - David T has ordered the Al Merito plaques. Robert B has notified the five Al Merito recipients. Three recipients have confirmed the notification and are excited to receive the award. The remaining two were not available when Robert contacted via phone, a voicemail has been left. The Outreach Committee is anticipating a response to confirm notification from these two recipients soon.

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

- a. Jason M- CHI recertification will open in December (2024) and close in January (2025)
- b. David B- Due to unique circumstances, the Arizona Military Museum may not be able move forward with recertification as a CHI.
- c. David B- Recognized the work of David T and Jaynie A. AHS “Book Talks” have seen encouraging engagement. David T and Jaynie A were also recognized for attending a recent exhibit opening at the Irish Culture Center located in Phoenix.

10. Adjournment called by Robert Ballard at 10:46 AM

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors
Robert Ballard, Acting Outreach Chair

DATE: September 19, 2024

Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule

Virtual unless announced otherwise

October 16, 2024	
November 20, 2024	
December 18, 2024	