

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

**May 10, 2023**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** –Committee Chair Sherry Rampy
2. **Roll Call** – Sherry Rampy
  - a. Present- Janice Bryson, Tom Foster, Kerri Rumsower, Amy Hartmann- Gordon, Robert Ballard
  - b. Absent- Lorna Brooks
  - c. Staff- Kaydi Forgia, Shelley Coriell, Jason Mihalic, David Breeckner
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the April 12, 2023, Outreach Committee meeting as written.
  - a. Motion to approve the April 12, 2023 meeting minutes as written- Amy Hartmann- Gordon
  - b. Second- Robert Ballard
  - c. Unanimously Approved
4. **Call to the Public**- Sherry Rampy
  - a. No members of the Public present
5. **Committee Update**- Sherry Rampy
  - a. Sherry Rampy introduced herself as the new Chairman of the Outreach Committee.
6. **Grants**- Sherry Rampy/ Jason Mihalic
  - a. 2022 Grantee Report has been sent out to Grantees
  - b. Current Application Deadline- July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - c. Review of Timeline- Application opens on June 1, 2023. Link to application is active on the website for those who wish to pre-apply. AHS State Board will review applications on July 29, 2023. Grant notifications will be sent out beginning August 15, 2023.
    - i. A lively conversation followed the “Review of Timeline”. Many calendar conflicts across the Outreach Committee and the State Board schedules were brought up. The committee tentatively

adjusted the timeline based on these conflicts. The tentative timeline is: Applications will be ratified by the State Board in September; Notification of Grant will be issued the following week; Grant checks will be sent to recipients in October. -Outreach Committee Members with conflicts of interest will recuse themselves from any and all determinations of grant funding to a Certified Historical Institution they are personally involved with.

## 7. **Certified Historic Institutions (CHI)- Jason Mihalic**

- a. Reconsider a "Provincial" type status. -The committee as a whole felt that a "Provincial Status" would be appropriate for historical institutions who may have missed or were unaware of the application period.
  - i. Sherry Rampy requested that the action item, "Vote to included qualified historical institution on a "Provincial Status" between application periods", be added to the next meeting agenda.
- b. Poll for CHI meeting topics. Many ideas were discussed. AHS staff will follow up with a poll designed to collect meeting topics directly from CHIs.
- c. Graham County Historical Society (GCHS): An Inquiry on building accommodations for historical societies.
  - i. Sherry Rampy and AHS have reached out to the member from GCHS to offer data and contacts.
- d. Mohave Museum: Possible virtual meeting host site for neighboring CHIs- Robert Ballard
  - i. Shannon Rossiter, Director of Mohave Museum, has stated he would gladly assist in hosting an on site viewing of CHI virtual/ hybrid meeting(s). Robert Ballard said that Mohave Museum can be ready for the June 8<sup>th</sup> virtual CHI meeting or CHI meetings in the future.
  - ii. Tom Foster offered Bullion Plaza as a potential host site for future CHI meetings

## 8. **Al Merito- Shelley Coriell**

- a. Al Merito 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- September 29, 2023
  - i. Update: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo and fillable Al Merito application was shared with the committee.
  - ii. Committee Assignments will be discussed closer to the award date.
  - iii. Application Timeline: May 15 - June 15 nominations accepted

June 22 - Shelley to send nominations and scoring rubric to Outreach Committee for review

July 12 - Outreach Committee to discuss and vote on 2023 AI Merito recipients to recommend to board

July 28 - AHS State Board to vote on Committee Recommendation

**9. Announcements and Future Agenda Items- Sherry Rampy**

- a. David Breeckner shared that Sun City Historical Society featured AHS in a recent advertisement, boasting about their recent Tier 2 CHI status, and Grand Canyon Historical Society expressed gratitude for receiving Tier 1 CHI status via a recent email.
- b. Shelley Coriell requested that the action item, "Vote for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AI Merito Awardee recommendations", be included at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- c. Janice Bryson shared that the Irish Culture Center featured Arizona Historical Society as a partner at a recent 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**10. Adjournment- 11:06 AM by Sherry Rampy**

Dated this 11th day of May 2023

Arizona Historical Society

*Sherry Rampy*

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Sherry Rampy, Outreach Committee Chair

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**Outreach Committee Schedule: 10am and Virtual unless announced otherwise**

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