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**June 18, 2025**

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**Outreach Committee**

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**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** - Robert Ballard at 10:05 AM
2. **Roll Call** - Robert Ballard and David Breeckner
  - a. Present- Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Robert Ballard
  - b. Absent- Kerri Rumsower, Kelly Corsette
  - c. Staff- Jason Mihalic, Jaynie Adams, David Breeckner, David Turpie, KD Forgia
3. **Minutes** - Discuss and action, if any, to approve the [May 21, 2025, committee meeting draft minutes](#). (Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon. Motion passed unanimously.)
4. **Call to the Public** – Robert Ballard
  - a. No members of the public present.
5. **CHI Updates** - Jaynie Adams
  - a. Final Reports were due June 15. There are (3) delayed reports. AHS is following up with the institutions.
  - b. 2025-26 Grant applications are due July 15. (5-6) Applicants have asked for extensions, which Jason Mihalic has approved.
  - c. Survey Data Takeaways and Summary. A survey was sent to all active CHIs. 1/3 responded to the survey. The CHIs shared that they are satisfied with the current program overall and suggested ways to improve/expand it in the future. AHS is currently exploring the development of a CHI web portal to support the expansion of the program and networking between the institutions.
6. **2025 Al Merito Awards**
  - a. Update on changes to documentation for the nomination period and award categories. The committee agrees to update the nomination documentation and implement more categories for the upcoming Al Merito Awards. The finalized changes will be implemented in next year's nomination process.
  - b. **Action Item** to vote on the 2025 Al Merito awardees.
    - (6) nominees have been selected and will be presented to the full board for confirmation.
7. **Annual Report Updates** - Vince Bradley, David Turpie

- a. AHS used a portion of its FY25 marketing budget to procure a professional photographer to shoot promotional images of the AHC, its staff, and its services. These images will be used for advertising and included in the 2025 Annual Report.
- b. Cari and Alex are already working on early materials for this year's report.

**8. Legislature & Federal Updates - David Breeckner**

- a. FY26 State Budget
  - There may be a last-minute opportunity to advocate for additional CHI program funding. Dr. Breeckner is currently scheduling meetings with Legislators.
- b. FY26 Federal Budget
  - No new developments to report at this time
- c. FY27 Agency Budget
  - AHS is working on the FY27 Agency Budget

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

- a. Jason Mihalic—Appropriation funding requests were not fulfilled. This is the first time AHS has worked with a Senator's office through this process. AHS will be better prepared to apply for appropriations in the future. CHIs in rural areas can also apply for this. Through networking, AHS and CHI could pool together and request funding.

**10. Adjournment-** Called by Robert Ballard at 11:15 AM

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

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Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule

All meetings are virtual at 10:00 AM unless announced otherwise

<a href="#">July 16, 2025</a>	<a href="#">October 15, 2025</a>
<a href="#">August 20, 2025</a>	<a href="#">November 19, 2025</a>
<a href="#">September 17, 2025</a>	<a href="#">December 17, 2025</a>