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**February 19, 2025**

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## **Outreach Committee**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order- Robert Ballard at 10:03 AM**
- 2. Roll Call- Robert Ballard**
  - a. Present-** Robert Ballard, Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Sherry Rampy, Janice Bryson
  - b. Absent-** Kerrie Rumsower
  - c. Staff-** Jaynie Adams, David Turpie, Jason Mihalic, KD Forgia, Vince Bradley
  - d. Board Guest-** Kelly Corsette
- 3. Minutes -** Discuss and action, if any, to approve the [January 15, 2025, committee meeting draft minutes](#).
  - a.** Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Janice Bryson. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Call to the Public- Robert Ballard**
  - a.** No members of the public were present.
- 5. 2025 AI Merito Awards- David Turpie**
  - a.** Brief discussion about 2025 AI Merito Awards. Topics discussed: Possible expansion of categories, updating the application form, how to award an individual if they have been nominated with a group as well, public communications to broaden the nomination pool, and including educators.
- 6. Legislative Updates - Vince Bradley**
  - a.** SB-1017 (Pioneer Museum) - Sen. Wendy Rogers (R-D7)
    - Bill assigned to Senate Appropriations, Government, and Rules Committees.
    - 4 Senate meetings, 3 House meetings held with AHS staff – all yays
      - Notables: Senate President/Rules Chair Petersen & Senate Appropriations Chair Kavanagh: yays on condition of “member-driven budgets” in FY26 budget negotiations.
      - Pending meetings with Senate Government Chair and House leadership.
    - Press & Outreach
      - Press Release sent 1/10/25; 3 newspaper pickups (local northern), 1 eBlast

- Member/stakeholder Release sent 1/24/25, directing public advocacy toward calls to their Legislators.
- b. SB-1459 (Surrender of AHS Collections) - Sen. Brian Fernandez (D-D23)**
- Just recently introduced, this bill asserts the right to ownership of Yuma-centric historical materials by the City of Yuma from those held by the County of Yuma, YCHS, and AHS.
  - This bill is in conflict with the Deeds of Gift provided to AHS by all past donors.
  - This bill is still being reviewed by AHS' legal counsel.
- c. HB-2339 (Chapter roles and funding) - Rep. Tony Rivero (R-D27)**
- This bill would establish a "Historical Society Chapter Building Enhancement Fund" which could be populated through the efforts of AHS' Chapters.
  - Chapters would be empowered to spend from this fund for the purposes of purchasing, maintaining, and operating properties on behalf of AHS.
  - This bill is still being reviewed by AHS' legal counsel.

**7. Outreach Discussion - Kelly Corsette**

- a. Board President, Kelly Corsette, outlined his vision for how the State Board could support the Outreach Committee by working with Certified Historical Institutions (CHIs), history-focused organizations, and support groups to establish a broad community. He is hopeful that this community will yield successful fundraising efforts and build bridges with individuals who would not otherwise be interested in supporting AHS.

**8. 2025 Certified Historical Institutions - Jaynie Adams**

- a. Review of renewals and a new CHI prospect
- Discussed renewals that had changes, whether impactful or not to the application. Jaynie will ask for additional documentation.
  - Navajo County, still waiting to hear back from.
  - The new CHI prospect, Jaynie will contact and ask for additional information.
  - The committee certified any renewals not needing any additional contact.

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

- a. Jaynie will be attending the Az Humanities rural policy forum, she is looking to connect the AHS Chi's with AZ Humanities for additional resources.
- b. Amy suggested discussing the AZ 250th at the next meeting.

**10. Adjournment- Robert Ballard at 11:21 AM**

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

DATE: February 19, 2025

### Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule

10:00 AM and virtual unless announced otherwise

<a href="#"><u>January 15, 2025</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>July 16, 2025</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>February 19, 2025</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>August 20, 2025</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>March 19, 2025</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>September 17, 2025</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>April 16, 2025</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>October 15, 2025</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>May 21, 2025</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>November 19, 2025</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>June 18, 2025</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>December 17, 2025</u></a>