



March 19, 2025

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-** Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Karrie Rumsower, Robert Ballard
 - b. Absent-** Sherry Rampy
 - c. Staff-** Jaynie Adams, Jason Mihalic, David Turpie, David Breeckner, KD Forgia
- 3. Minutes -** Discuss and action, if any, to approve the [February 19, 2025, committee meeting draft minutes.](#)
 - a. Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Call to the Public- Robert Ballard**
 - a. Amy Hartmann-Gordon:** Introduced Ginger Thompson. She is the Education and Community Manager for Tucson Presidio/ Fort Lowell and had no comments regarding the agenda items. Ginger is in attendance to listen to the conversation about AZ 250th plans.
- 5. Committee Recruitment - Robert Ballard**
 - a. Discussion on potential organizations to approach.
 - A list of potential organizations and individuals will be shared via email with the committee after the meeting.
- 6. AZ 250th Discussion - Amy Hartman Gordon Suggestion**
 - a. JAH Special Issue
 - b. T250/A250 Exhibit update planned for AHM
 - c. Jaynie Adams and David Turpie are members of the AZ250 interpretation working group.
 - Jaynie and David shared the potential directions the AZ250 interpretation working group may go and what they would like the group to focus on.
 - d. Upcoming: Two Lights for Tomorrow at AZ Capitol (April 18)
 - The Arizona 250th website link was shared with the committee via chat, and the AZ SOS newsletter was sent to the committee via email after the meeting.

7. Support Groups Update - David Breeckner

- a. Friends of AHS met 2/27 to discuss the proposed creation of a website to support passive fundraising. In follow-up, David Breeckner is working with other FAHS Board members to draft a Business Plan to support FAHS' operations and costs moving forward.
- b. The Historical League held its 2025 Historymakers Announcement Reception on 2/19, with a full exhibit gala in October.
 - Many named individuals are known and influential leaders within their fields and social circles. Opportunity exists here for donor and stakeholder development.

8. Legislative Update - David Breeckner

a. [SB-1017 \(Pioneer\)](#)

- Bill passed Senate Appropriations with unanimous, bipartisan support on 2/25/25. In attendance to speak: Sen. Rogers, NAPHS, AHS.
- Leg. next steps: Senate Committee of the Whole (COW) review; approval and transmission from full Senate floor to House.
- Outreach next steps: membership & stakeholder engagement with House Appropriations members to build support.

b. [SB-1459 \(Yuma Collections\)](#)

- Bill dropped to support a non-Legislative solution with YCHS and City of Yuma. Details of AHS' offer to YCHS/City of Yuma:
 - 60-90 day fulfillment window for new loan requests (still under discussion).
 - Quarterly meetings with YCHS, City of Yuma to discuss upcoming exhibits & current loans.
 - Quarterly guided tours of AHS storage facility in Yuma.
 - Willingness to table at (when available) Yuma culture events & showcase items from storage.
 - Willingness to explore additional in-Yuma storage for oversized objects, if space is available.
 - Waive transport cost of artifacts on loan (excepting oversized).
 - Willingness to prioritize processing of Yuma collections for the online catalog, with Yuma's financial/material support.

c. [HB-2339 \(AHS Chapters\)](#)

- Bill passed House following amendments by AHS; transmitted to Senate on 2/27/25.
- This bill would create Chapter-driven financial funds to support building

maintenance and development.

- 9. **Announcements** and considerations in future board or committee meetings.
 - a. Jaynie Adams and David Turpie attended the Tucson Festival of Books. Many visitors stopped by the AHS booth (~3000).
 - b. Robert Ballard asked for Wynne Brown’s contact information to reach out and determine if she is available to/ interested in attending committee meetings.

10. Adjournment- Robert Ballard at 10:58 AM

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

DATE: March 19, 2025

Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule

10:00 AM and virtual unless announced otherwise

January 15, 2025	July 16, 2025
February 19, 2025	August 20, 2025
March 19, 2025	September 17, 2025
April 16, 2025	October 15, 2025
May 21, 2025	November 19, 2025
June 18, 2025	December 17, 2025

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