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**October 18, 2024**

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

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

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Historical Society and to the general public that the Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Friday, October 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM.**

Action Taken:

- Approve the draft minutes of the [July 26, 2024 meeting](#). [ Robert Ballard(?), Wynn Brown. Motion Approved]
- Approve the slate of candidates for Officer elections. [ Sherry Rampy, 2 (?). Motion Approved]
- Approve recommendations for 2024 CHI grants, per the results of the September online Board poll. [Kelly Corsette, 2 (?). Motion Approved]
- Approve recommended 2025 meeting location. [Desirae Barquin (?), Sherry Rampy (?). Motion Approved]

1. **Call to Order** – Linda Elliott-Nelson at 10:05 AM
2. **Roll Call – Deborah Bateman**
  - a. **Present-** Robert Ballard, DeNise Bauer, Wynn Brown, Colleen Byron, Kelly Corsette, Richard Powers, Sherry Rampy, Jim Snitzer, Bruce Gwynn (10:07 AM)
  - b. **Absent-** Greg Scott
  - c. **Staff-** Jace Dostal, Rebekah Tabah, David Breeckner
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [July 26, 2024 meeting](#).
  - [ Robert Ballard, Wynn Brown. Motion Approved]
4. **Call to the Public** – Linda Elliott- Nelson
  - a. Phil Stewart- New President and Director of Bullion Plaza, introduction/ no comment on agenda items
5. **Agenda Item** – Nominating Committee – Desirae Barquin
  - a. **Action Item** to approve the slate of candidates for Officer elections.
  - b. Kelly Corsette- President, DeNise Bauer- Vice President, Linda Elliott- Nelson- Secretary, Jim Snitzer- Treasurer
    - [ Sherry Rampy, 2 (?). Motion Approved]
6. **Agenda Item-** Outreach Committee – Sherry Rampy
  - a. **Action Item** to approve recommendations for 2024 CHI grants, per the results of the September online Board poll.
    - [Kelly Corsette, 2 (?). Motion Approved]
7. **Agenda Item-** Annual Meeting update – David Breeckner
  - a. Discussion on location of 2025 Annual Meeting – proposal for Arizona History Museum (AHM) in Tucson.
  - b. **Action Item** to approve recommended 2025 meeting location at Arizona History Museum (AHM) in Tucson.
    - [Desirae Barquin, Sherry Rampy. Motion Approved]
8. **Agenda Item** – Board Status Update – David Breeckner
  - a. Linda Whitaker resignation (Treasurer), Deborah Bateman resignation (Secretary)
  - b. 2024 Officer Elections
  - c. Boards & Commissions update on new appointments

- The Board stands at 12 of 25 Governor-appointed seats. The negative impacts of vacancies on the AHS Board and agency operations has been shared; AHS should expect to be a higher priority for Governor appointments. Be that as it may, there are still barriers to Boards & Commissions confirmations due to exterior influences. It is anticipated that newly Governor-appointed AHS Board Members will be able to serve one-year terms. Those who complete the one-year term without being confirmed for a full three-year term by Boards & Commissions will not be eligible to reapply for the appointed or vacant AHS Board seats. The Board is encouraged to work with AHS to pursue the recruitment of qualified applicants. Phil Stewart was recognized as a potential applicant for the Eastern Chapter seat.

**9. Agenda Item – Buildings & Properties Update – DeNise Bauer & David Breeckner**

a. Oro Belle Mine

- AHS is verifying its ownership of approximately 3.6 acres of land, previously thought to have been divested in the mid-2010s. This was "misremembered" as a property transferred out when it was instead an exchange of mineral and surface rights. The process of verifying ownership and, thereafter recording with the State has begun. At this time, AHS is not interested in selling the property; this may be revisited after further research.

**10. Agenda Item – Finance Committee – David Breeckner**

- a. Finance Committee did not meet in September or October; it is awaiting appointment of a Treasurer to chair future meetings.
- b. AHS submitted its FY26 proposed budget at the beginning of September, and responded to follow-up questions by OSPB at the beginning of October.
  - Operating Budget submitted as approved in July.
  - **\$914,800** in new Funding Issues submitted for additional consideration.
  - [Click here to see full submission](#). See pages 1-6, 59-94, and 151-156.

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

- a. None

**12. Adjournment** – Linda Elliott- Nelson at 10:41 AM

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors  
Linda Elliott- Nelson, State Board President

DATE: November 11,  
2024

and Virtual unless announced otherwise

Please use the following link to register online for your attendance. It has been set up to work (individually) for all State Board meetings in 2024.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAod-2opj4qHNEcUWuowtZ2nl5HaZEciYX>

Next Meeting Dates	
December 6, 2024	