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June 17, 2026

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

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Robert Ballard at 10:02 AM

2. Roll Call- Robert Ballard

a. Present- Robert Ballard, Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann- Gordon

b. Staff- Jaynie Adams, Vince Bradley, David Breeckner, Maxwell Edwards-Abbott, KD Forgia

c. AHS Board- Jodi Decker

3. Minutes - Motion to approve the draft minutes of the [May 20, 2026, Meeting](#). (Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon. Motion passed unanimously.)

4. Call to the Public – Robert Ballard

a. No members of the public were present, and no public comments were submitted.

b. AHS State Board Member, Jodi Decker, asked for a rundown of the committee's role. Jodi is interested in joining the committee.

- The committee introduced themselves. Robert outlined the role of the committee. Jodi will be a member of the committee moving forward.

5. Al Merito - Maxwell Edwards-Abbott

a. Review and public discussion of applications received, candidates nominated.

- The committee reviewed the applications and discussed who the potential awardees would be.

b. **Action Item** to vote on the 2026 Al Merito awardees.

- Six candidates were selected from the applicant pool to receive the 2026 Al Merito Award. The committee agreed unanimously with aye votes.

6. Certified Historical Institutions - Jaynie Adams

a. 2025-2026 grant final reports update.

- One outstanding final report; should be arriving soon.
- August meeting: Small grant application review and discussion.

7. Annual Meeting, Annual Report - Vince Bradley

- Annual Meeting scheduled for Friday, 9/25/26 at AHM. Event partnering with the annual Arizona History Convention. A keynote speaker from the History Convention will be a part of the Annual Meeting program.
- Work is underway to complete the 2026 Annual Report; graphic design will begin soon. Complete data will not be available until the close of FY26.
- There will be a special engagement event available for the highest-tier AHS members: Copper and 1912 Circle.

8. Legislative & Inter-agency Update - David Breeckner

- The Legislature approved its revised draft budget for FY26 and transmitted it to the Governor on 6/11/26 as SB1847. Signed by the Governor last Saturday, 6/13/26.
- SB1847- AHS has the potential to draw from the State Parks fund. The agency must spend down its reserves to a predetermined amount to access a unique provision for relief funding from the State Parks. This is a one-time allowance and will not carry over to subsequent fiscal years. AHS has followed up with State Parks and is working well with them despite the budgetary sweep.
- The Legislature has since sine-die'd for the 2026 season.
- FY27 officially starts on 7/1/26.

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

- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
- Getting positive feedback from the special Spring issue of the JAH. Jaynie Adams and David Turpie are collaborating with the Daily Star in Tucson on July 4th coverage. A museum exhibit will be installed at AHM based on some of the research. Some small institutions have requested a reproduction of the article
- Capital Development Campaign is moving forward. Will need to touch base with the AHS HR department to finalize details for volunteers.
- AHC Trivia Night- June 26th

10. Adjournment called at 11:22 by Robert Ballard

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

DATE: June 17, 2026

Outreach Committee Meeting Schedule

10:00 AM and virtual unless announced otherwise

January 21, 2026	July 15, 2026
February 18, 2026	August 19, 2026
March 25, 2026	September 16, 2026
April 15, 2026 - Rescheduled- April 22, 2026	October 21, 2026
May 20, 2026	November 18, 2026
June 17, 2026	December 16, 2026