



May 21, 2025

Outreach Committee

DRAFT **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order by Robert Ballard at 10:01 AM**
- 2. Roll Call- Robert Ballard**
 - a. Present-** Janice Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Robert Ballard
 - b. Absent-** Kerrie Rumsower, Kelly Corsette
 - c. Staff-** David Breeckner, David Turpie, Jaynie Adams, Vince Bradley
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [April 16, 2025, meeting.](#)
 - a. Typo in Amy Hartmann-Gordan's last name. Correct from an a to an o. (Jancie Bryson, Amy Hartmann-Gordon. Motion approved unanimously.)
- 4. Call to the Public- Robert Ballard**
 - a. Ginger Thompson, a representative from the Presidio Museum, was invited by committee member Amy Hartmann-Gordon. No comments.
- 5. Al Merito- David Turpie**
 - a. Update of Al Merito nominations (nominations sent to committee members)
 - Discussion about nominations is needed at the next committee meeting.
 - Jaynice Bryson- page 2 was missing for one nomination. David Turpie will look into the missing page and update the committee.
 - b. Discussion on the scoring rubric
 - Rubric has been sent to the committee members.
 - c. Discussion on implementing categories (category list sent to committee members)
 - Committee members are in favor of implementing new categories next year.
 - This discussion will be included in next month's committee meeting. The finalization of rubrics for new categories will be addressed later this year, tentatively this Fall.
- 6. Legislative Updates- David Breeckner**
 - a. Inter-agency updates
 - Met on 4/21/25 with representatives & heads of State Parks, SHPO, Secretary

of State/Library & Archives, and Prescott Historical Society. Follow-up scheduled for 5/21/25.

b. Legislative updates

- No changes in AHS' previous bills; awaiting release of budget for news on Pioneer funding
- Current discussion of potential recession & shortages in State budgets

c. Federal updates

- IMLS, NEA, NEH grant programs cut – **\$8.2m** annual loss to Arizona
- Proposed changes to Federal taxes would negatively impact NPO finances & States
 - Temporary increase to standard deduction
 - Increased taxation of "assets" held by Foundations
 - Removal of Federal Medicaid & SNAP support

7. 2024 CHI Small Grants Report

a. Update on incoming reports from last year's grantees.

- Final grant reports are due on the 15th of the month. 7 reports of the 31 funded have been received. AHS Grants Coordinator will review the reports and will have details by June or July.

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

a. AHC shutdown update

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the HVAC vendor did not receive the necessary part for the replacement/ repair. AHC will have to close down later this year to address the work. Tentatively, the parts will arrive in 6 to 12 weeks.

b. Jaynie Adams will be in Thatcher in August to sit on a panel that will discuss historical buildings as peacemakers and how our certified historical institutions use historical buildings to tell stories and participate in their local economies.

9. Adjournment called by Robert Ballard at 10:49 AM

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

DATE: May 21, 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