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May 30, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING 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 **State Board** of the Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Friday, May 30, 2025 at Noon.**

*Note: This meeting will be held virtually and is recorded on Zoom. Members of the public interested in participating may register in advance of the meeting.
To register click this link:*

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZAod-2opj4qHNEcUWuowtZ2nJl5HaZEciYX>

Meeting ID: 845 0408 5065

The Committee may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for any statutorily permitted purpose including obtaining legal advice, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

The Committee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda and recess for breaks as needed. The Committee will discuss and may take action on any of the following items.

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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [March 28, 2025, State Board meeting](#).
- 4. Call to the Public** – Those wishing to address the Committee must be recognized by the Chair. Each presentation will be limited to 2 minutes and one person per organization. Committee members may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. At the conclusion of public comment, Committee members may: (1) respond to any criticism, (2) ask staff to study a matter, or (3) ask that the matter be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.
- 5. President's Updates** - Kelly Corsette
 - a. Outreach & Development
 - b. Growth & Public Engagement
- 6. Board Updates** - Kelly Corsette
 - a. Wynne Brown has resigned from the Board, effective 5/23/25.
 - b. **Action Item** to accept Wynne's resignation
- 7. Finance Updates** - Jim Snitzer, Sebastian Alt, David Nagelski
 - a. Revenue, Expenditures, YTD (See attached CSB April Report)
 - 1) Revenue: \$3,816,644.75 (planned \$4,347,800)
 - 2) Expenditures: \$3,454,694.76 (planned \$4,557,129)
 - b. FY27 CIP
 - c. FY27 Budget- Initial budget draft is in the process of being finalized.
- 8. Legislative Updates**- David Breeckner
 - a. Legislative updates
 - No changes in AHS' previous bills; awaiting release of budget for news on Pioneer funding
 - Current discussion of recession & shortages in State budgets
 - FY26 State budget anticipated between 6/16-6/27

b. 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 (see attached document)
 - Temporary increase to standard deduction
 - New limits on itemized deductions for wealthy donors
 - New, 1% cap on corporate giving
 - New taxes on estate giving and gifts
 - Increased taxation of “assets” held by Foundations
 - Removal of Federal Medicaid & SNAP support

9. Director’s Report - David Breeckner

- a. Draft AHS FY27 budget shared with Finance Committee at its May meeting; first vote anticipated at their June meeting.
 - b. AHS has its second inter-agency meeting with other State leaders on 5/21 to discuss and plan Statewide resiliency against uncertain budgets and funding.
 - c. NHD State contest completed; upcoming is the winners’ trip to Washington, DC for Nationals.
 - d. AHC shutdown was unable to complete needed HVAC repairs due to issues with the vendor and material availability. AHS is exploring a second, 3-week shutdown in July or August to complete the work.
- a. **3** new staff in April: Kiel Posner (AHC Preparator), Kennedy Mesenbrink (AHC Registrar), Melissa Baskin (AHC Registrar)
 - b. 3 events scheduled at Pioneer Museum in June: Wool & Fiber Festival, Folk Festival, and Craft Brewers Guild Festival.
 - c. Juneteenth event at AHC still planned for Saturday, 6/21.

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

11. Adjournment

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors

DATE: May 23, 2025

Kelly Corsette

Kelly Corsette, State Board President

State Board Meeting Schedule

Noon and virtual unless announced otherwise

March 28, 2025	September 26, 2025
May 30, 2025	December 5, 2025
July 25, 2025	