



**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Virtual - Online via Zoom**

Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m., with President Voie Coy's welcome to the membership of AHS.

Coy made a statement that he had received a request from a Tucson support group representative expressing concerns about changes at the Arizona History Museum. Since a call to the public was not included in the Agenda for the meeting, in order to abide by Open Meeting Law, the presentation would not be made. Coy indicated that the presentation would be discussed at the August board meeting in Flagstaff.

Coy then introduced James Burns, Executive Director of AHS. Burns spoke about the vision of AHS and thanked the members for their support. Burns introduced Shelley Coriell, Outreach Coordinator.

Coriell thanked the members for their support during such a difficult time, and encouraged attendees to take advantage of their member benefits, which includes access to past issues of the Journal of Arizona History through JStore and Project Muse. She also encouraged engagement through member emails and social media. She encouraged members to renew their membership.

AI Merito Presentations

Coy provided an overview of the purpose and history of the AI Merito Award. He announced Superstition Mountain Historical Society as the winner of the AI Merito Organization Award. He read a description of their contributions to the collection, preservation and sharing of Arizona history. Coy announced Delia Muñoz as the winner of the AI Merito Individual Award, and read a description of her contributions to collecting, preserving and sharing Arizona history.

Approval of 2019 Annual Plenary Membership Meeting Minutes

Coy asked for approval of the 2019 Annual Plenary Membership Meeting Minutes. Moved by Tom Foster; seconded by Susan Irwin. Approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Tawn Downs, V.P. Marketing, Communications and Revenue Enhancement explained that the voting would be electronic.

Nominating Committee Chair, Jim Snitzer, detailed the process of officer elections pursuant to AHS By-Laws. The slide presentation introducing the slate of officers showed Bruce Gwynn and Jim Snitzer respective officer positions were reversed. Jim Snitzer clarified to ensure the membership understood the ballot before voting.

Snitzer read the slate of nominations aloud. Snitzer made a call for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Slate of officers:

Linda Whitaker, President
Kelly Corsette, Vice President
Bruce Gwynn, Secretary
Jim Snitzer, Treasurer

Voting to accept the slate officers was launched electronically. Votes were tallied, with 77 valid votes - 73 yes votes and 4 no votes.

Coy congratulated the new board members and adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Signed: *W. James Burns*

Date: 6/30/2020

W. James Burns, Executive Director