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**Minutes of the Annual
Membership Meeting of the
Arizona Historical Society**
-September 30, 2022-

Call to Order

12:35 PM by AHS Board President Linda Whitaker

Welcome

Arizona Historical Society Executive Director, Dr. David Breeckner, welcomed AHS and AHS State Board members to the annual meeting. Extending immense gratitude to this year's sponsors, Martinsen Wealth Management, the Annual Meeting sponsor, and Daily Dose, the Luncheon and Reception sponsor, for their outstanding support and contributions to the Annual Meeting.

AHS State Board President, Linda Whitaker, welcomed all AHS and AHS State Board members attending in-person and virtually via Zoom Webinar, then gave a brief opening statement highlighting the hurdles overcome by AHS due to the pandemic, meeting the recommendations of a Sunset Review, and recent staff changes. Linda thanked the AHS State Board members and AHS staff for being active participants in meeting the Sunset 2013 recommendations. AHS is currently in 100% compliance, which is promising for the next Sunset Review in 2023.

Linda ended her welcome address by reestablishing AHS's commitment to revitalizing educational programming statewide (K-12) and the State Board's commitment to proactive statewide recruitment of board members. She is very optimistic for the future of the Arizona Historical Society.

David Breeckner added his optimism for what is ahead, noting that the accomplishments of AHS through the last year were not an easy feat. This momentum helps to push AHS forward in the coming years.

Linda Whitaker called for a vote to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes.

By a show of hands and participation in a virtual poll, the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by all eligible members in attendance.

Election of Arizona State Board Members

At-Large Board Member, Deborah Bateman, presented the slate of candidates for four AHS State Board positions:

Linda Whitaker- President, *running uncontested*
Ileen Snoddy- Vice President, *running uncontested*
James Snitzer- Treasurer, *running uncontested*
Dr. Colleen Byron- Secretary, *running uncontested*

Eligible voters exercised their voting privilege with an in-person or virtual ballot. The ballots were collected by AHS staff. The votes were counted while the Annual Meeting commenced. Results were announced after the featured presentation.

Executive Director's Annual Report

Dr. David Breeckner presented the AHS Annual Report and introduced new staff.

2021- 2022 Highlights and Accomplishments

- 2013 Sunset Compliance
Relocating four Conex boxes from Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff to Arizona Heritage Center in Tempe.
- AHS celebrated fundraising events, new partnerships, new exhibits, expanding virtual programming, and exciting AHS-hosted on-site events.
- Capital Campaign
AHS is committed to moving forward with establishing outside, sustainable funding.

Looking Ahead...

AHS is excited about expanding programs and exhibits, new public programs and education-led initiatives, and continued stakeholder outreach and development efforts.

2022 AI Merito Awards- Presented by AHS Outreach Committee Chair, Tom Foster

A record number of high-quality nominations for the 2022 AI Merito Awards were submitted. The Outreach Committee enjoyed reading through the outstanding work and accomplishments of the nominees. After an extensive review, the Outreach Committee recommended three well-deserving candidates for the AI Merito Award.

2022 AI Merito Awardees

- Arizona Contractor & Community Magazine- (award accepted by Publisher Billy Horner, Production Manager Laura Horner and Editor Douglas Towne)
- Cindy Hayostek
- Bruce Dinges

Sponsor Presentation- Lane Martinsen, Founder/ Vice President of Martinsen Wealth Management

Lane Martinsen shared Martinsen Wealth Management's vision and mission with AHS and State Board Members. Lane also expressed his, and his team's passion for historic preservation and inclusive educational opportunities, much like the passion felt among those in attendance.

Featured Presentation- *The Living Legacies of Spanish Law and Natural Resources in Arizona*- Michael M. Brescia, Ph.D.; Curator of Ethnohistory, Affiliated Professor of History and Law at the University of Arizona and the Arizona State Museum.

Dr. Micheal M. Brescia expressed his gratitude to AHS for extending an invitation to present at the Annual Meeting and highlighted his many connections with the Arizona Historical Society.

[Legacies of Spanish Water Law](#)

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Announcement of 2022- 2023 Elected State Board Members- Presented by At-large Member, Deborah Bateman

The results of the State Board election are as follows:

Linda Whitaker- President
Ileen Snoddy- Vice President
James Snitzer- Treasurer
Dr. Colleen Byron- Secretary

Closing and Thank You

Executive Director Dr. David Breeckner extended his gratitude to the attendees and invited everyone to the behind-the-scenes tours and other events scheduled immediately after the adjournment.

Adjournment

1:55 PM by AHS State Board President, Linda Whitaker

September 30, 2022,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda A. Whitaker".

Linda Whitaker, Board President