

**Notice of Public Meeting of  
the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors  
of the  
Arizona Historical Society**

**June 26, 2023**

*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 **Executive Committee** of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, June 26, at 12:00 p.m.**

Note: This meeting will be held virtually. Board Members and members of the public interested in participating virtually must register in advance of the meeting. To register click this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucu2vrzMrGNXcLRn\\_gzJURPAXR7vNzwAO](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucu2vrzMrGNXcLRn_gzJURPAXR7vNzwAO)

You will receive a confirmation email with the meeting link. The meeting will be activated 5 minutes prior to the 12:00 p.m. start time.

**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order** – President Linda Whitaker
2. **Roll Call** – Colleen Byron
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.
4. **Call to the Public** – Consideration and discussion of comments from the public. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee should identify their interest at this time via the chat box. Those wishing to address an item on the agenda will be called upon when that item is being discussed and given up to five minutes. Those wishing to address an item not on the agenda will be allowed up to three minutes. Such items may not be discussed by the Committee but may be directed to Staff for study and consideration at a later date.
5. **Board Updates**- Linda Whitaker
  - a. No updates.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Finance Committee – David Breeckner
    - i. Report on meeting with Governor's team – 6/2/23
      1. The Governor's team cannot currently support the proposed budget,

this is due to political realities impacting their reach. The Governor's team recognizes the need, and did not dispute the 1.45 million request. The Governor's team would likely support the request if AHS engages with legislators and gets legislative support.

2. It has been recommended that AHS secure a "champion" among the Legislature to propel this effort.

ii. Next steps

1. Finance Committee was provided three draft budgets to review, based on various "ask" levels. Option A (\$1.45m increase) was approved for presentation at July State Board meeting.
2. Finance Committee voted to recommend a Legislative outreach initiative for review by the Executive Committee, and requested a full vote at July State Board meeting. AHS staff to provide contact details for local legislatures (by district) to each Board member, and to coordinate language and talking points.
3. **Action Item** to approve recommendation by Finance Committee to full State Board.

iii. Central Services Bureau (CSB) contract and services update.

b. Nominating Committee – Robert Ballard

- i. Board outreach for nominations to commence shortly; all members asked to review their emails.

7. **Director's Update** – David Breeckner

a. Staffing

- i. The Vice President of Marketing & Communications position has been closed to new applicants, following a strong response period. Interviews are forthcoming.
- ii. The Flagstaff Guest Experience position (PTE, 30 hours) is being written for hiring; this position will be supported by visiting AHS staff and volunteers.
- iii. Bill Ponder has been hired as Special Projects Manager for an 8-month, limited position. This is a part-time (19 hour) position to direct facilities-development efforts at AHC Tempe and AHM Tucson.
  - Specific projects to direct: AZ Architecture Foundation (AAF)'s proposed archives annex (AHC Tempe), site sustainability (AHM Tucson).
- iv. **Action Item** to approve talks with City of Tucson and other regional partners about AHM Tucson.

b. Employee Engagement Survey – see attached.

- i. **Executive Session** to discuss.

c. Exhibits & Events

- i. "Hallelujah Hats" opened at AHC Tempe on Saturday, 6/17/23.
  - ii. Juneteenth event at AHC Tempe on 6/18/23 saw 603 attendees.
8. **Announcements** and other matters for consideration in future board or committee
9. **Adjournment** – Linda Whitaker

Dated this 21st day of June 2023

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Linda Whitaker, Board President

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Executive Committee Schedule: Noon and Virtual unless announced otherwise

Click the date to register for the meeting

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