

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

March 31, 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 State Board of Directors of the Arizona Historical Society will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Friday, March 31 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/tZwsduGgrz4sHNBAjlikS-ge-VOfsROofPRU>

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

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – Vice President Ileen Snoddy
2. **Roll Call** – Colleen Byron
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the January 27, 2022 State Board 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. **Sosa Carrillo House** – David Breeckner
 - a. On Monday, 3/27/23, AHS received a Commercial Critical Date Letter from Stewart Title. The due date for close of escrow is Tuesday, 4/25/23. A Board resolution naming the Society's signatories is required to proceed.
 - b. **Action Item** to approve Linda Whitaker and David Breeckner to serve as the Society's signatories on all escrow and final sale-related documents.

6. **Board Update** – Linda Whitaker and David Breeckner
 - a. AZ Boards & Commissions update: B&C has received an application from Austin Kerr for the Coconino County seat. His resume is attached for reference. Eric Flohr has resubmitted his application, per B&C’s request, and its receipt has been confirmed.
 - b. Policy Update: [AHS Policy 9.B and 9.3.d](#) to align them with [AHS Bylaws: Article IX \(Committees\)](#) and based on previous discussions in the Executive Committee and with the Finance Chair.
 - **Action Item** to amend AHS Policy 9.B to read: “The assigned committee chair shall be responsible for staffing the committees with Board members **and may include community members as deemed necessary.**” (New text has been bolded)
 - **Action Item** to amend AHS Policy 9.3.d to read “The Committee shall consist of the Board Treasurer, who shall be the Chair, and such other members of the Board as are deemed necessary. **The Treasurer may appoint another Board member on the Committee as Vice Chair to support the Committee’s management.**” (New text has been bolded)
7. **Friends of Arizona Historical Society** – Bruce Gwynn
 - a. Current status update, following F-AHS meeting on 3/30/23.
8. **Committee Report:** Finance Committee – Gene Kunde and David Breeckner
 - a. FY23 February Financials.
 - Current overages & EOY projections – AHS estimates an EOY total FY23 revenue of \$4.158m (down from budgeted \$4.385m). AHS Finances projects \$4.262m in EOY FY23 expenses (down from budgeted \$4.545m). It estimates a total, updated budget deficit of \$103,702 (down from original \$159,985). The impact to FY24 budget, based on current drafts of the Governor's budget, is now being reviewed.
 - Grants status – See “AHS Grant Tracker – 3-17-23” attached.
9. **Committee Reports:** Collections Review Committee – Greg Scott and Rebekah Tabah
 - a. See “Report – Library, Archives, and Collections Committee – 3-31-23” attached.
 - b. **Action Item** to approve the recommended de-accessions.
10. **Committee Reports:** any other reports to be shared
11. **Director’s Update** – David Breeckner
 - a. Legislative & Stakeholder Initiatives
 - AHS participated in the Alliance of AZ Nonprofits’ Advocacy Day on Thursday, 2/23/23. David Breeckner and Rebekah Tabah met with 5 legislators, each representing a region with an AHS museum.

- March and April meetings: Ben Henderson, Director of Operations for Governor Hobbes (3/29/23), Rep. Melody Hernandez (D, District 8 – 4/10/23), and Ian O’Grady, Policy Advisor for Trade, Commerce, Arts, Tourism for Governor Hobbes (TBD).
- David Breeckner attended the Sandra Day O’Connor Institute’s annual Legacy Luncheon on Wednesday, 3/22. Notable interactions: Scottsdale Museum of the West interim director, Arizona State Museum lead curator, Kristin Atwell (film researcher), Dr. Anthea Hartig (Smithsonian director), and Ambassador Barbara Barrett.

b. Staffing

- Yanna Kruse submitted her resignation; her final day was Friday, March 17. Guest Experience has been moved under Operations and Melba Davis. The VP of Guest Experience position will be reclassified as a “museum manager” to mirror Pioneer Museum.
- Following feedback with regional partners AHS is updating its staffing plan for Pioneer Museum: museum manager (FTE), education specialist (PTE – 30 hours), interns (PTE – 30 hours). This is a budget-neutral change to the previous staffing proposal, and provides additional operations continuity with a second staff person.

c. Facilities

- Revised facility hours scheduled to go into effect no later than the first week of July. Select facilities may see updated hours sooner. AHS libraries & archives have updated hours now in effect: reservations accepted 10-12pm and 1-3pm (previously from 10-2pm); this provides staff an hour for lunch and to reset between appointments.
- Pioneer Museum: the no-later-than date to relocate Jenny Pennington to Flagstaff is the end of September. An earlier full-time reopening is likely, working off a combination of the hiring of a part-time staff member and volunteer support. NAPHS has pledged their support to serve as volunteers. A start date of this opening structure is hoped for May or June 2023.
- Brown Theater & Steele Auditorium: due to delays with the 48 Women proposed renovation of the Browne Auditorium, AHS is reviewing deferred improvements to Steele Auditorium which were previously tied to the other’s scheduling. This will help to close out an existing 2019 SRP grant of \$25,000.

d. Chapters & Support Groups

- Jenny Pennington, Kristin Rex, and David Breeckner met with NAPHS and Northern Chapter in Flagstaff on Friday, 3/24/23.
- David Breeckner with Craig McEwan, Bill Cavaliere, and Dan Aranda in Tucson on Monday, 3/20/23 to discuss concerns about AHS’ mission and focus away from territorial and broad-appeal history to focus on DEI and politically-charged topics.

e. Exhibits

- Molina Block – Yanna Kruse has connected the Yuma donor (anonymous) with YCHS to oversee the transfer of \$800,000 in donated funds to them toward the Molina Block Outdoor Agriculture Exhibit. AHS is working with YCHS to provide all requested documentation. YCHS and AHS have completed the prospectus documents to solicit design-build firms for project proposals. From YCHS, this will be sent out following the donor’s transfer of funds.

12. **Announcements** and other matters for consideration in future board or committee meetings.

13. **Adjournment** – Ileen Snoddy

Dated this 28th day of March 2023.

Arizona Historical Society



Ileen Snoddy, AHS Board Vice President

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Executive Committee Schedule: Noon and Virtual unless announced otherwise

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