

Rio Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

May 23, 2023

Sanguinetti House and Gardens

240 South Madison Avenue

Yuma, Arizona 85364

1. **Call to Order:** 6:25 pm by Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Gwynn, Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, Tom Rushin, Betsy Gotsponer , Monica Ketchum-Cardenas, Sheridan Osborn

Absent: Faron Owl, Dr. Ellen Riek, Tom Rush, Thelma Lundy, Sue Ann Willen, Emilia Cortez

3. **President's Remarks:** Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Rio Colorado Chapter (RCC) and Yuma County Historical Society boards. She highlighted guests from the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area in attendance and noted that Ms. Sheridan Osborn had been appointed to the RCC Board to replace Pete Thompson who had stepped down from his board position. This appointment took place at the virtual RCC Board meeting held May 18, 2023. She also introduced Arizona Western College student, Mily Canela, who gave a presentation on wedding chapels in the Yuma area – a presentation that was highly enjoyed by those present.

4. **Call to the Public:** No response

5. **Discussion and/or action:** Discussion and action of election of board members. The following RCC Board members were elected: Bruce Gwynn and Sue Ann Willen.

6. The Bent Spittoon Award is not given every year. This award is for recognition of someone who has contributed a significant amount of time and effort to the Sanguinetti Museum and was awarded to Pete Thompson with much appreciation for all of his work.

9. **Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings.**

A. Future meetings: 6/27/23 – RCC Board Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Yuma Main Library; Summer Recess; 9/26/23 – RCC Board Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Yuma Main Library; 10/24/23 – RCC Board Meeting at the Yuma Main Library.

The RCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, President of the Rio Colorado Chapter Board

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