

**CENTRAL ARIZONA CHAPTER – ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Members Present:

Melissa Baffert
Jacqueline Berkowitz
Janice Bryson
Tobe Daum
Jack Donnelly
Phil Hanson
George Hartz
Joseph Lane
Millicent Jones
Ruth Ann Marston
James McBride
Anna Dean Millett
Jeannine Moyle
Emma Lou Philabaum
Sharon Ronstadt
C.J. Smith
Michael Wade

Members Not Present:

Malcolm Comeaux
Princess Crump
Richard Shaw
Sarah Whitmore

Staff Members Present:

Peter Welsh, Director, AHS Museum at
Papago Park
Bill Ponder, AHS Chief Administrative
Officer

Guests Present:

Ruth Ann Hogan, Historical League
President-Elect

- 1 **1. Call to Order/Introduction of the Board and Guests/Declaration of Quorum**
2 Mr. Wade called the meeting to order at 4:05pm
3 Mrs. Moyle introduced her guest, Ruth Ann Hogan.
- 4 **2. Call to the Public for Comments**
5 None heard.
- 6 **3. History Moment – Melissa Baffert**
7 Mrs. Baffert described the presence of the Titan 2 missile silos in the area around Tucson in
8 the 1960s.
- 9 **4. Appointments/Resignations/Oath of Office**
10 Mr. Wade announced that Tim Norton has resigned from the CAC Board and from
11 the State Board, citing frustration about inadequate support from staff. Mr. Wade will set up
12 a meeting with Anne Woosley and Peter Welsh to discuss the specifics. Mr. Norton
13 expressed a willingness to assist with future projects.
14 Mr. Wade has asked Janice Bryson to serve out the remainder of Mr. Norton’s term
15 as 1st Vice President and to take over his duties as head of the Nominations Committee. Mr.
16 Hanson moved to approved the appointment; Dr. Marston seconded; Motion Passed. Ms.
17 Jones commented that she and Mrs. Berkowitz would assist Mrs. Bryson with the
18 nomination process.
19 To fill Mr. Norton’s seat on the State Board, the Chapter Board makes a
20 recommendation to the State Board. Mr. Wade has asked George Hartz to replace Mr.
21 Norton. Dr. Marston moved to approve the recommendation to the State Board; Ms. Jones
22 seconded; Motion Passed.
- 23 **5. Approval or Modification of January 15, 2009 Board Minutes**
24 Mr. Wade noted several corrections.
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26 **6. Treasurer's Report – George Hartz**

27 Mr. Hartz reported on the CAC budget. He noted that the most recent report showed that
28 there was \$57,366 in the 1107 fund, but that this did not include a number of outstanding
29 expenses. He estimated that approximately \$30,000 remained uncommitted. Dr. Smith
30 moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Mr. Lane seconded; Motion Passed.

31 **7. Report on the January 24, 2009 Arizona Historical Photographs Fair – Millicent Jones**

32 Ms. Jones reported on the 2nd Annual Historical Photographs Fair. There were
33 approximately 200 attendees, and many referred to the advertisement in the *Arizona*
34 *Republic*. Ms. Jones did recommend that next year the event should be held in March.

35 **8. Update on February 6, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting – Michael Wade**

36 Mr. Wade reported that the Executive Committee met and:

- 37 1. Authorized the expenditure of \$14,999 to cover the Registrar position at the museum
38 until June 30, 2009.
- 39 2. Authorized the expenditure of \$999 for the museum to place an ad in the Tempe CVB
40 map of the city.
- 41 3. Authorized Mr. Wade to expend up to \$5,000 to print and mail a fund raising letter that
42 would seek funds to be deposited with the Fund for Central Arizona History.

43 **9. Discussion and action, if any, regarding possible lease of part of the AHS Museum at
44 Papago Park and merger with the Phoenix Museum of History – Michael Wade**

45 There was an extensive discussion of the possibility of a merger between the Phoenix
46 Museum of History (PMH) and the AHS. Mr. Wade reported that he and Anne Woosley had
47 attended a meeting on February 17 with the board of the PMH, in order to express the intent
48 of the AHS to propose a merger. He felt the meeting went well, and that discussions are
49 actively proceeding. Both sides recognized a commonality of interest, and that such a
50 merger would be a major step forward in preserving Arizona history. He alerted the board
51 that because of the short time-line, there may be a need for an emergency meeting to address
52 issues as they arise. Multiple documents will need to be prepared, and a preliminary report
53 will be presented to the AHS State Board at its March meeting in Yuma. A number of
54 operational questions were raised by CAC Board members, such as: to whom would the
55 collections belong? What does it cost to operate the PMH? What would happen at the
56 Museum at Papago Park should the merger go forward? Mr. Wade noted that all of these
57 questions are being addressed as planning and discussion goes forward. He also noted that
58 in this economic environment, a merger would show the legislature that the Central Division
59 of AHS is responding in an entrepreneurial fashion, which may have lasting political
60 benefit. In addition, he and Dr. Welsh will meet on February 24 with the head of the City of
61 Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department to make sure there are no impediments to the
62 merger from the perspective of the city.

63 **10. Division Director's Report – Dr. Peter Welsh**

64 Dr. Welsh reported that due to budget considerations, Candice Orona's position as
65 Administrative Assistant had been eliminated. He made a short presentation about the CAC
66 Board web site (<http://sites.google.com/site/ahscentral/Home>) where board members can
67 find documents pertaining to the board's business, such as agenda and minutes, rosters and
68 committees, and the Board Handbook. This is a private web site, and access to the web site
69 is limited to board members and staff. Each board member has been added as an authorized
70 visitor to the site, using the email address that is listed on the board roster. To gain access to
71 the site, users only need to go to the address above, enter their email address, and enter a
72 password.

73 **11. Historical League Report – Jeannine Moyle**

74 Mrs. Moyle notified the Board that the PMH's History Ball had been cancelled, even though
75 the Historical League had agreed to help organize it. She did agree, on behalf of the CAC
76 and the Historical League to support the PMH Tea that will be held on March 7, 2009. She

77 encouraged CAC board members to attend for \$30, and was hoping to fill 2 tables. She also
78 noted that Mr. Shaw had purchased a box of the *Tastes and Treasures* cookbook for the
79 Rock Springs Café. They sold so well that he has purchased another 4 cases of books.

80 **12. Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings.**

81 Mr. Wade recognized and thanked Ms. Jones for all her work on behalf of the Historic
82 Photographs Fair. He also recognized and thanked Mrs. Moyle and the Historical League for
83 stepping up to assist the Phoenix Museum of History with the History Ball, even though it
84 did not result in the Ball going forward. Finally, he recognized and congratulated Mrs.
85 Bryson for the publication of her book, *Irish in Arizona* and looked forward to the upcoming
86 book signing.

87 **13. Next CAC Board Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m., March 19, 2009 at the Arizona Historical**
88 **Society Museum at Papago Park.**

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90 **14. Adjournment**

91 The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

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93 Recorder:

94 Peter Welsh

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96 Corrected, 2 April 2009