

Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Arizona is a place that lives by its myths and legends; our temperatures are higher, our rivers are drier, our horses are faster, our whiskey is stronger, our dogs are uglier and our women are prettier.

I'm often asked what I like best about my native state and I always say "Open Spaces and Lifestyle"; it's a great place to work and play. Ninety percent of the people live on just two percent of the land. Arizona has ninety-two wilderness areas, thirty-one wonderful state parks and twenty national parks and monuments. Add to that twenty-six mountain peaks over 10,000 feet high. The two largest man-made lakes in the nation border Arizona. The Sonoran Desert has the most diverse plant and animal life of any desert in the world. And we have the grandest of canyons. Yep, this is quite a place.

As members of the Arizona Historical Society it's important that we keep reminding our fellow citizens (and our politicians) of what a special place it is.

This year brought some changes to the AHS Board of Directors. New members are now appointed by the Governor, however the board does have the opportunity to make recommendations. I'm pleased with how smooth the transition has been. Our board members volunteer a lot of time attending meetings around the state.

Friends of the Arizona Historical Society, Inc. has been very active raising funds. In this time of tight budgets and stiff competition for institutional and individual support, they and our other support groups are more important than ever to sustain AHS. We all need to do our best to recruit new members for AHS.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to give a huge "shout out" for our hard-working staff and volunteers at all of our AHS facilities. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of folks who put in a lot of time "above and beyond" the call of duty.

Arizona has a diverse and unique history. It's up to us to spread the word.



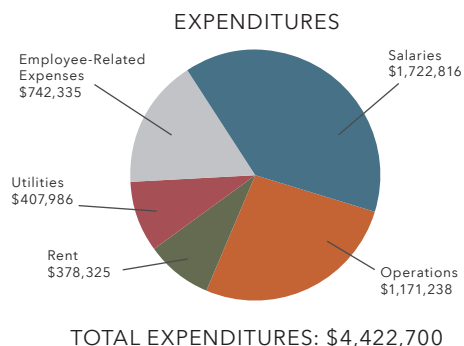
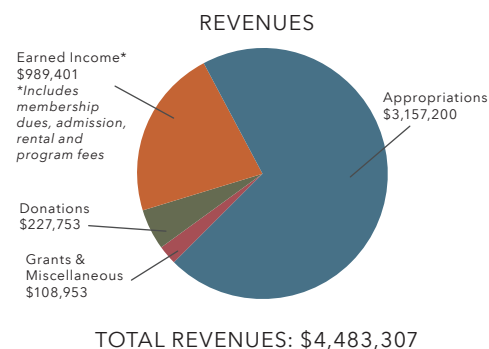
Marshall I. Trimble
President, AHS Board of Directors



Financial Overview

While appropriations from the State of Arizona were flat, AHS revenues increased by almost 8.5% from fiscal year 2014-15 to fiscal year 2015-16. This was primarily due to the significant effort AHS made in raising earned income, which grew by almost 24%, from \$798,082 to \$989,401, over the previous fiscal year. Donations and grants/miscellaneous income also climbed dramatically, by 72% and 133% respectively, during the same period. This growth in revenue allowed AHS to expend more on operations.

Although vacancy savings reduced salary and employee-related expenses, overall expenditures increased by 4.1% from the previous fiscal year, with spending on operations growing by 21%. Annual revenue exceeded expenditures by more than \$60,000.



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