

**The Arizona Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 20, 2015
Bullion Plaza Cultural Center
Miami, Arizona**

Present

Jackie Berkowitz
Janice Bryson
Kelly Corsette (telephone)
Voie Coy
Tom Foster
William Garbarino, Treasurer
Bruce Gwynn
Lynn Haak
Linda Head
Bonnie Henry
Len Marcisz, President
Jeanine Moyle
Bill Porter
Richard Shaw
Rachel Stallworth

Staff

Anne Woosley, Executive Director
Bill Ponder, Chief Admin. Officer
Patricia Kyle, Executive Assistant
Yanna Kruse, Rio Colorado Div. Dir.
Bill Peterson, Northern Div. Dir.
Les Roe, Southern Div. Dir.
Linda Whitaker, Central Interim Div. Dir./
Library & Archives Div. Dir.
Madison Barkley, Curator, Natural History/
Education Coordinator
Laraine Daly Jones, Southern Museum
Collections Manager

Absent

George Flores, Vice President
George Hartz
Pat Loven
Jim Ronstadt, Secretary
Greg Scott
Michael Wade
Nancy Young Wright

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Decisions taken at this meeting:

- **Bill Porter moved approval of the February 9, 2015 and March 12, 2015 minutes as presented. Richard Shaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously**
- **Porter moved for endorsement of The Value of History Statement, Bonnie Henry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Porter moved for approval of Shaw Kinsley as the 2015 Al Merito award recipient, Lynn Haak seconded. Motion passed unanimously**

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Call to Order

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President Marcisz called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

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Roll Call

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Roll was taken and Marcisz declared a quorum present.

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Approval of Minutes

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Introductions

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Marcisz introduced Madison Barkley who addressed the Board and requested volunteers to judge at the regional competitions for National History Day, Saturday, April 18th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Barkley thanked Bill Porter for his previous service as a judge at the event. Staff and guests in attendance introduced themselves, including, Bill Ponder, Bill Peterson, Jim Moyle, Les Roe, Roy Goodman, Yanna Kruse, Laraine Daily Jones, Linda Whittaker, Jane Hale, and Clair Thomas.

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Call to the Public

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Marcisz made a call to the public. None was heard.

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Presidents Report

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Marcisz reminded the Board that the April and October board meetings would be primarily for staff to present and provide updates. He requested Board members to contact Patricia Kyle with any specific topics for discussion by staff prior to the meeting. Marcisz noted that staff from the Auditor general’s office (AG) will attend the April meeting to provide feedback on the AHS 18 month follow-up report.

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Executive Directors Report

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Woosley provided an update on the 18 month audit response, stating that the report was submitted on time and AHS is in contact with AG staff. Copies of the AHS response will be placed in each museum office for viewing. She reported that staff will return their attention to organizational restructuring as well as the vacant position for the Central Division Director. Senate Bill 1201, the restructuring of our governance to a full gubernatorial appointed board is in progress. Representative Kate Brophy McGee proposed a floor amendment endorsing modified language that the AHS Board consist of 12 members appointed by the Governor’s Office, three of whom would represent rural counties, and 12 members elected by the AHS membership, also including three from rural counties. In response to a comment how a Governor appointed Board would affect chapters, discussion was deferred until pending legislation is determined. Language permits phasing out current board members with the expiration of their terms. Senate Bill 1200 is now a money bill moved to Appropriations. During subsequent discussion Marcisz requested an informal bylaw in transition task force composed of himself, Woosley, the five Chapter Board Presidents, and Shaw as chair of the Governance and Policy committee.

Woosley provided an update on ADOA projects. Funding has been allocated to the Tucson facility to replace the roof. In Tempe, rodent removal is a priority and Risk Management will likely be involved. ADOA funding will be directed at the HVAC system in Tucson and possibly Tempe after 1 July 2015.

Woosley reported that JStore revenues from on-line sales of past Journal of Arizona History issues produced \$4000.

Woosley requested the Board consider endorsing The Value of History statement developed by the leadership of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and other institutions across the country. She asked Dr. William Peterson to speak to the initiative since he served on the AASLH Council during the development. **Porter moved for endorsement of The Value of History Statement, Bonnie Henry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Final updates included the induction ceremony for the Women’s Hall of Fame. Two living legacies, Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and Ms. Elisabeth Ruffner were honored this year in addition to the traditional recognition of women who have passed. Marcisz mentioned he has opened discussions for potentially relocating the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame to the Tempe Museum. Woosley also commented on the dedication of an AHS Historic Marker at the L. Ron Hubbard House, which is a reflection of mid-century architecture rapidly disappearing from the Valley’s urban landscape. Moreover, Hubbard became one of the most influential thinkers in the 20th century, and his philosophy continues to be widely embraced today.

Committee Reports

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82 **Awards and Recognition** – Bruce Gwynn stated that the committee wishes to recommend Shaw
83 Kinsley, Friends of the Presidio as the recipient for the 2015 AI Merito award. **Porter moved for**
84 **approval of Shaw Kinsley as the 2015 AI Merito award recipient, Lynn Haak seconded.**
85 **Motion passed unanimously.**

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87 **Community Outreach** – No report.

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89 **Development** – No report, but will be available to provide assistance to AHS Inc.

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91 **Education & Public Programs** – Marcisz stated on behalf of Michael Wade that the committee
92 would be addressing Heritage concepts used in the audit response.

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94 **Executive/ Personnel** – Marcisz reported that the goals and objectives for the Executive Director
95 had been put on hold to manage legislative issues until the April Board meeting.

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97 **Finance** – Bill Garbarino requested Bill Ponder to present the financial report. Ponder reported
98 revenues for the month are within budget currently 1% below projections.

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100 Expenditures are also within budget and 5% less than projected.

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102 Full Budget details were electronically distributed to all Board members prior to meeting and are
103 available in hard copy here.

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105 **Governance & Policy** – Shaw reported in preparation for potential Governor Appointments the
106 committee will review and updated Bylaws.

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108 **Legislative Affairs** – Legislative activity discussed in Executive Directors Report.

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110 **Library, Archives, & Collections** – Bonnie Henry reported the committee met prior to the Board
111 meeting and that the staff is working on items for deaccessioning.

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113 **Membership** –Voie Coy reported the committee would meet after the Board meeting.

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115 **Nominating** – No report

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117 **Property & Building Management** – No Report.

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119 **Publications** –JStore discussed in Executive Directors Report.

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121 **International Affairs** – No Report.

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123 Marcisz reminded committee chairs that all agendas and minutes must be completed according to
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Items scheduled for Board Discussion

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AHS Inc. – Bill Garbarino reported that the committee held its initial meeting January 7, 2015, officers were elected, and discussed its principal functions. John Lacy will address legacies and endowment requests. George Flores has been looking into professional fundraisers. Jim Ronstadt will look into large donors.

Chapter Board President Updates

Rio Colorado Chapter – Rachael Stallworth reported that April’s report will highlight the gift shop and its contribution to the museum.

Central Chapter – Jeanine Moyle reported on behalf of Kelly Corsette. Arv Schultz presented a PowerPoint about AHS and the value of membership to the Lions Club and has been asked to return to make the presentation at conferences.

Eastern Chapter – No Report.

Northern Chapter –Coy reported no updates outside of the previously submitted written report.

Southern Chapter – No Report.

Marcisz thanked the Chapter Board Presidents for presenting their reports in writing and requested that Chapter President Reports cover activities in which chapter boards are engaged.

Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings

Woosely shared that she received a call from the Mexican Consulate office concerning the Caborca Font. No agreements have been signed and AHS is waiting for a response from the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH) to finalize the loan agreement between our two institutions.

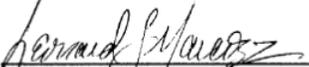
Garbarino requested that the Chapter Board Presidents think about ways in which to approach support groups to develop agreements with AHS, Inc. Shaw requested clarification on the agreements. Linda Head’s understanding is that the agreement defines any such relationships and that a resulting memorandum is a good foundation document. Marcisz stated there is an agreement requested in the audit. The initial agreement is a starter for review by support organizations.

Marcisz closed by stating that the Board is in a state of flux, unsure where SB1201 will take us. Importantly, the support by each member of the board at the state and local level is impressive.

Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Signed: 
Leonard Marcisz, President

Date: 20 April 2015