

**Arizona Historical Society  
State Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, January 13, 2017  
Tempe, Arizona**

**Board Members Present**

George Flores, President, At-Large  
Voie Coy, Vice-President, Northern Chapter  
Joseph Abodeely, Pinal County  
Douglas Barlow, Greenlee County  
Jackie Berkowitz, At-Large  
Lorna Brooks, Yuma County  
Janice Bryson, At-Large  
Kelly Corsette, Central Chapter  
Thomas Foster, Eastern Chapter  
Bruce Gwynn, Rio Colorado Chapter  
Douglas Hocking, Cochise County

Philip "Jeff" Horwitz, Southern Chapter  
John Lacy, Pima County  
Jeannine Moyle, At-Large  
Richard Oldham, LaPaz County  
Dennielle "Dolly" Patterson, Apache County  
Meredith Peabody, Yavapai County  
William Porter, Mohave County  
Thomas Rose, Coconino County  
Gregory Scott, Santa Cruz County  
Marshall Trimble, At-Large

**Board Members Absent**

Robin Horta, Gila County  
Patrick Lukens, Graham County

James Snitzer, Navajo County  
Michael Wade, Maricopa County

**Staff Members Present**

Anne Woosley, Executive Director  
Bill Ponder, Chief Administrative Officer  
Valerie Shanahan, Executive Assistant  
Bruce Dinges, Publications Director  
Tawn Downs, Central Division Director  
Susan Irwin, Library & Archives Director  
Bill Peterson, Northern Division Director  
Les Roe, Southern Division Director

**Actions taken at this meeting:**

- Porter moved, seconded by Lacy, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2016, AHS State Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- Peabody moved, seconded by Corsette, to amend the AHS Board of Directors Work Priorities – 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- Rose moved, seconded by Patterson and Bryson, to amend the AHS Executive Director Work Priorities – 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
- Abodeely moved, seconded by Lacy, to compose a letter of support to the United States Forest Service regarding historical signage at the Dragoon Springs Overland Mail Station. The motion passed unanimously.

1 Call to Order

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3 President Flores called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m., and welcomed those in attendance.  
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5 Roll Call

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7 Roll call was taken; Flores declared a quorum.  
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9 Approval of Minutes

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11 Minutes of the November 5, 2016, AHS State Board of Directors meeting had been previously distributed, and  
12 a copy made available at this meeting. There being no corrections, Porter moved, seconded by Lacy, to  
13 approve the November 5, 2016, AHS State Board of Directors meeting minutes. The motion passed  
14 unanimously.  
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16 Introductions

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18 Flores asked Board and staff members to introduce themselves with some brief biographical information and  
19 describe how they became interested in AHS.  
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21 Call to the Public

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23 No public comments were received.  
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25 President's Report

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27 Flores stated that he is serving his final year on the AHS Board, and will not seek reappointment. He identified  
28 increasing membership, revenue and attendance as his priorities. A personal goal during his tenure has been  
29 to make AHS stronger than when he first came on the AHS Board.  
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31 As President, he will make every attempt to limit Board meetings to two (2) hours.  
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33 Consent Agenda: Flores explained the "Consent Agenda" encompasses items the board would normally  
34 approve with little comment. For instance, material is provided in advance of meetings for information  
35 purposes only, not requiring additional detailed discussion, or that will be further covered by other reports.  
36 Board members may, of course, ask for clarification or pose questions if they wish.  
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38 Board Work Priorities: Flores stated that Board Work Priorities will be discussed at Board meetings throughout  
39 the year.  
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41 Number of and Need for Standing Committees: Flores prefers to conduct AHS business as a Board of the  
42 Whole. Following discussion, there was consensus to retain the Executive Committee (pursuant to Bylaws),  
43 and appoint ad hoc committees as needed. Flores appointed Coy (Chair), Lacy and Abodeely to review which  
44 standing committees are required for efficiently conducting Board business, and to report such findings at the  
45 March 2017 Board meeting. It was cautioned that serial conversations involving a majority of either  
46 committee or board members is a violation of the Open Meeting Law.  
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48 Board Meeting Schedule: The Board meeting schedule had been set and emailed to Directors and is included  
49 in the Board Member Notebook provided each Director.

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51 Board Meeting Conference Call: Board member attendance at AHS meetings must be in person; no conference  
52 call attendance is permitted.  
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54 Role of Chapter Boards: Michael Wade is preparing a report for discussion at the March 2017 Board meeting  
55 regarding the role of chapter boards. Following discussion by the Board of the Whole, Flores expects to  
56 appoint a small group of Directors to work with Wade to review the report prior to further full Board  
57 discussion.  
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59 Chapter Board Bylaws: It was noted that the proper channel for creating or amending Chapter bylaws is:  
60 developed by the chapter board; submitted to the AHS Governance Committee for review; passed to the full  
61 AHS Board for approval.  
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63 Alternate Annual Meeting between Tucson and Tempe: The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held in Tucson on  
64 November 4, 2017.  
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66 Relationship between AHS and Friends of AHS: Directors Lacy and Gwynn, and former AHS Director William  
67 Garbarino, were previously tasked with preparing an easy-to-understand statement regarding the relationship  
68 between the AHS Board and the Friends of AHS Board. A report including the history, purpose, and bylaws  
69 governing Friends of AHS is furnished in the Board Member Notebook.  
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71 Recruit New Members: Each AHS Director agreed to recruit or gift five (5) new memberships in 2017.  
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73 Robert's Rules of Order: There was consensus to amend Board Work Priority number 8 to read as follows:  
74 AHS Board meetings will *generally* follow Robert's Rules of Order.  
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76 2017 Board Work Priorities: There was consensus to add the following Board Work Priorities:  
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78 Review AHS bylaws for the efficient operation of AHS Board business and adherence to election processes  
79 under the terms of the 2016 legislation that established a Governor-appointed Board.  
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81 Identify potential new board members for consideration and possible appointment by the Governor; discuss  
82 the Board transition schedule.  
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84 Peabody moved, seconded by Corsette, to amend the AHS Board of Directors Work Priorities-2017, as  
85 discussed above. The motion passed unanimously.  
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87 2017 AHS Executive Director Work Priorities  
88 Flores explained that the Executive Director Work Priorities will be discussed throughout the year: Woosley  
89 provided a brief review and status of each priority.  
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91 Following discussion, Rose moved, seconded by Patterson and Bryson, to add an item to the AHS Executive  
92 Director Work Priorities-2017, as follows:  
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94 Track progress of policy implementation for incorporation in a written quarterly report.

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96 It was noted that a summary of the last Sunset Audit will be provided to AHS Board members, and that AHS  
97 Board members will be provided with a link to Cuseum.

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**Historical Signage at the Dragoon Springs Overland Mail Station**

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101 Hocking provided brief background regarding his request that AHS write to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in  
102 support of accurate historical signage at Dragoon Springs.

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104 Abodeely moved, seconded by Lacy, that a letter of support be written to USFS, signed by AHS President,  
105 which cites a Confederate engagement at Dragoon Springs and further expands interpretive signage to include  
106 the cessation of hostilities between the U.S. Army and the Apache marked with the treaty signed by General  
107 Howard and Cochise. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings**

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111 Flores will review the Board and Executive Director 2017 Work Priorities at the March 2017, Board meeting.

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113 Lacy distributed program booklets for the Arizona-New Mexico History Convention, Little America Hotel,  
114 Flagstaff, April 20-22, 2017.

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116 Horwitz announced that the Southern Arizona Chapter is sponsoring History On Tap (the history of beer in  
117 Arizona) on January 28, 2017.

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119 Woosley noted that Yuma's annual Redondo Days will be February 4, 2017. She also reported that the  
120 Historymakers Gala, *Turquoise & Tuxedos*, will be March 4, 2017.

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122 Coy requested that the subject of sponsorships be added to the March 2017, agenda.

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**Adjourn**

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126 There being no further business, Flores adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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George Flores, President