

CENTRAL ARIZONA CHAPTER – ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Historical Society and to the general public that the Arizona Historical Society Central Arizona Chapter Board will hold a regularly scheduled board meeting, open to the public, at the AHS Museum at Papago Park.

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015
Time: 2:30 pm (or immediately following Annual Membership Meeting)
Location: Boardroom- AHS Museum at Papago Park
1300 N. College Ave., Tempe, Arizona

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Kelly Corsette; Larry Woolson, Margaret Baker; Arv Schultz, Reba Grandrud, Billy Walker, Shelly Dudley, Don Nordlund, Telephonic: John Southard, Janice Bryson,

Staff:

Guests: Don Prior, Len Marcisz

1. Call to Order/Introduction of the Board and Guests/Declaration of Quorum. President Corsette remarked that he would like to have more members join us at the Annual CAC AHS meeting. An attempt will be made to pair it with an event like Historical League opening of the HistoryMakers exhibit. Meeting called to order at 2:24 pm
2. Call to the Public for Comments - none
3. Appointments/Resignations/Oath of Office - none
4. Approval or Modification of Board Minutes – Sept. 18, 2015 minutes: Change HistoryMakers meeting to **exhibit**. Southard, motion to approve minutes as appended; Schultz seconded. Approved
5. AHS Staff Report: Corsette, speaking for Director Tawn Dawns mentioned the opening of the Mining & Mineral exhibit, a day-long event on November 19. There will be a VIP reception at 5-7 pm that evening; The CAC Board should try to be there. The CAC meeting for November will be on Friday, the 20th at noon.
6. Historical League: Baker reported that the League has been busy getting ready for this evening's event; they expect 120 to attend. On December 5, there will be the fund-raising event of the theater presentation, the Wizard of Oz. The Dancing Chef provided food for State AHS Board meeting at Tempe, paid for by Historical League
7. President's Report.
 - a. Financial Report: CAC is beginning to increase the amount in the 1107 fund. There is now \$7,765. The money can be used to support programs at the Museum. The 1107 fund is from the membership dues beyond a certain level. Money from the 1107 fund was used for the Fire Watch when the fire system installed

- b. Corsette was accepted as the Central Arizona representative for State Board; he filled out the form and is waiting government confirmation
 - c. Len Marcisz: As President of AHS State Board, he wanted to thank the CAC officers for agreeing to another year. He also thanked the Historical League for their energy, and well organized group for their support of the CAC Museum. The AHS is supported by the dedicated few and we need to ask the AHS members to find others who have an appreciation of history and want to support the Society. AHS is going through a great transition, with a government determined State Board. Marcisz wants to be sure that the AHS Board has individuals who will support the Society, especially since a portion of the State Board will now be chosen by the State government. Marcisz has maintained communication with Mr. Zimmerman regarding the mineral collection, keeping a paper trail of all correspondence. It appears that AHS is now reaching a conclusion concerning the Sunset Review and answering the points that were brought out. AHS is planning to educate the State Board members and the Government about the Society. Two sessions will be offered: 1st) Dr. Woosley, Marcisz and Richard Shaw will discuss the history and operations of the Board; 2nd session: will focus on issues facing the Board and politics. There will be a total for four sessions; the dates have not yet been determined. Members of the CAC and other divisions will be invited to attend. AHS Inc (501c3) has been renamed Friends of the Arizona Historical Society. It will become a fund raising organization, but it won't compete with existing groups such as Historical League. Ed Phillips (McDowell Sonoran Conservancy), will offer assistance in developing the Friends organization. He will give a presentation on fund raising from a historical society perspective. Marcisz thanked everyone who has given their time. He noted that grants and donations are up 15% and membership is up by 30 members (over the past 10 years AHS has lost members), reversing the trend.
 - d. Corsette thanked Len Marcisz for the update. Corsette is having more positive feelings about the AHS now. Grandrud asked Marcisz how the AHS staff is trying to increase membership. Marcisz reported that at fund raising events, they are asking table purchasers to become corporate members, visitors to the Riordan House to become AHS members, etc. Baker asked about the makeup of the AHS State Board: the Governor is reappointing the existing Board who will continue through their terms. Corsette reported that Tawn Downs is working on updating AHS communications, the use of email and the functionality of the AHS website. Corsette suggested offering a less expensive membership: museum attendees become members for an additional \$10. Another idea for publicity focuses on the certified museums inviting their district legislators when they receive checks from the AHS program. Corsette is developing a media kit to help the local museums publicize the events. Grandrud asked about a Speakers Bureau. Schultz has already given a presentation to the Lions Club. Members of the Board are working to expand the idea. Corsette asked the CAC Board members to bring two ideas, speakers, or programs for the next meeting. Let's start setting up the programs for the Museum, prioritize so that the Board can help with the museum.
8. Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at future Board meetings. Schultz asked a question about the affiliate museums and how they become members. AHS does not request museums to join. The certified museums are offered grants. There is a certification program and once achieved, can apply for grants. There are about 70 museums listed on the website. Funds for the certified museums are from the State.

9. Adjournment. The HistoryMakers Exhibit opening is at 5:00 adjourned 3:15pm

Submitted by Shelly C Dudley