

**The Arizona Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, November 2, 2013  
Tucson, Arizona**

Present

Janice Bryson  
Voie Coy  
Ted Cunningham  
George Flores  
Tom Foster  
William Garbarino  
Lynn Haak  
Bonnie Henry  
Axel Holm  
John Lacy  
Julie Larson  
Pat Loven  
Leonard Marcisz, Secretary  
Bill Porter, Vice-President  
Don Prior, Treasurer  
Greg Scott  
Richard Shaw  
Michael Urman, President  
Michael Wade

Absent

George Hartz  
Mark Haynes  
Kathi Marcus  
Mary Parker  
Jim Ronstadt  
Cindy Schroeder

Staff

Anne Woosley, Executive Director  
Bill Ponder, Chief Admin. Officer  
Madison Barkley, Curator, Natural  
History/Education Coordinator  
Kim Bittrich, Comptroller  
Bruce Dinges, Publications Div. Dir.  
Ron Larson, Museum Preparator  
Les Roe, Northern Division Director  
Linda Whitaker, Library/Archives Div. Dir.  
Deborah Ortiz, Executive Assistant

**Decisions taken at this meeting:**

- **Approved the Bisbee Corral of the Westerners’ application for Affiliate membership.**
- **Approved the Board of Directors Slate of Nominees for 2013-14 as presented and to extend the term of Michael Urman for one year to permit his running for reelection as Board president, contingent of his being reelected. (Please see detailed minutes of this meeting for slate of nominees.)**
- **Approved the Board officers for 2013-14: Michael Urman, President; Bill Porter, Vice-President; George Flores, Treasurer; and Leonard Marcisz, Secretary.**

**Call to Order**

President Urman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll was taken and Urman declared a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Porter moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2013, Board of Directors meeting. Lacy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Introductions**

Woosley introduced staff.

**Call to the Public**

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

**President’s Report**

Urman thanked the members for their service over the year and commented on the accomplishments of board committees. He remarked that the year was made interesting by the ongoing sunset review process.

Urman encouraged the Board to talk with people they know about AHS and invite them to become members. He reported that air conditioning is being installed in the front portion of the Charles O. Brown House and the lease for the Public Brewhouse, a new Brown House tenant should be signed next week. Urman thanked the Southern Arizona Chapter 501 (c)(3) for funding the air conditioning project.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Woosley reported on the AHS legislative reauthorization process of the agency and remarked the Committee of Reference hearing is of the highest priority for AHS.

40 Woosley announced that Les Roe is being reassigned as Division Director for AHS-Tucson. She  
41 recognized the good work he has done in Flagstaff, which set the foundation for a productive  
42 relationship among the chapter board, support groups, and the community. Dr. William Peterson  
43 will replace Roe at AHS-Flagstaff. Dr. Peterson currently serves on the Council for the  
44 American Association for State and Local History and is past CEO of the Deadwood Heritage  
45 Center in South Dakota. Dr. John Langellier has been appointed as Division Director for AHS-  
46 Tempe, officially starting on November 25, 2013.

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48 Jim Norton, AHS Legislative Liaison, discussed: the AHS sunset review and legislative process;  
49 the Committee of Reference hearing; the resulting bill that will need to work its way through the  
50 Arizona House of Representatives and Senate during the 2014 legislative session.

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52 **Committee Reports**

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54 **Community Outreach** – Action item C was moved forward in the agenda. **Porter moved**  
55 **approval of the Bisbee Corral of the Westerners' application for Affiliate membership.**  
56 **Prior seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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58 Urman thanked Cunningham for his good work as chair of the committee.

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60 **Development** – No report.

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62 **Education & Public Programs** – Wade said the committee is working on some things that he  
63 will report on at the next meeting.

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65 **Finance** – Ponder gave an overview of the September 2013 financial reports that were  
66 distributed to the board before the meeting.

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68 **Governance & Policy** – Lacy commented that the past year has been a good one for the  
69 committee: The Eastern Chapter was established; the affiliate membership designation has made  
70 a significant impact on membership numbers; and the AHS, Inc. is preparing to submit its  
71 application for non-profit status. He said the AHS, Inc. can be used at any time for fundraising.

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73 **Library, Archives, & Collections** – Holm said this committee has been the most exciting part  
74 of his service for AHS and he hopes to stay on as a non-board member. The committee is  
75 working to identify what oral histories have and have not been gathered statewide. He said a  
76 University of Arizona journalism class recently collected 15 oral histories in Nogales. Holm  
77 remarked that some of the small grants awarded to the certified museums were in support of oral  
78 history projects.

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80 **Nominating** – Coy said the committee met and recommends the Board of Directors Slate of  
81 Nominees for 2013-14:

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| 83 <b>Name</b>                         | <b>County</b> | <b>Chapter</b> |
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| 84 <u>Eligible for first-year term</u> |               |                |
| 85 Jacqueline (Jackie) Berkowitz       | Maricopa      | Central        |
| 86 George Flores                       | Maricopa      | Central        |
| 87 Jeannine Moyle                      | Maricopa      | Central        |
| 88 Greg Scott                          | Santa Cruz    | Southern       |

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| 89 | <u>Eligible for first, three-year term</u>  |          |          |
| 90 | Janice Bryson                               | Maricopa | Central  |
| 91 | Thomas Foster                               | Gila     | Eastern  |
| 92 | William Garbarino                           | Coconino | Northern |
| 93 | Jim Ronstadt                                | Pima     | Southern |
| 94 | <u>Eligible for second, three-year term</u> |          |          |
| 95 | Michael Wade                                | Maricopa | Central  |

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 97 Action items A and B were moved forward in the agenda. **Porter moved to approve the Board**  
 98 **of Directors Slate of Nominees for 2013-14 as presented and to extend the term of Michael**  
 99 **Urman for one year to permit his running for reelection as president, contingent on his**  
 100 **being reelected. Coy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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 102 Coy commented that board members are needed to fill vacancies from the Rio Colorado,  
 103 Southern, and Eastern Chapters.

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 105 **Property & Building Management** – Marcisz reported that since the last board meeting, the air  
 106 conditioning at the Charles O. Brown House is being installed and the lease with the Public  
 107 Brewhouse tenant is moving forward. There are no significant status changes on the other  
 108 properties.

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 110 **Publications** – Haak reported the Publications Division is editing Berndt Kuhn’s *Chronicles of*  
 111 *War* book manuscript and will be getting computer upgrades with funding from the *Friends of*  
 112 *The Journal of Arizona History*.

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 114 **Chapter Board President Updates**

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 116 **Rio Colorado Chapter** – No report.

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 118 **Central Chapter** – Flores said the division is fortunate to have the appointment of John  
 119 Langellier as division director. He reported a working committee in Tempe is examining the  
 120 concept of a 21st century museum and what that implies. Flores said the Central Chapter Board  
 121 brought forward a proposal to consider free admission for veterans that will be discussed by  
 122 staff. The subject will be further evaluated.

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 124 **Eastern Chapter** – Lynn Haak reported the Eastern Chapter annual meeting was hosted by the  
 125 Gila County Historical Society in Payson with eight organizations represented. Recruitment  
 126 continues for the vacant county representation on the Board of Directors. The chapter is  
 127 encouraged by accomplishment during the first year.

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 129 **Northern Chapter** – Coy reported: the Gregg Cabin footings and stem wall will be in place by  
 130 the end of November and that it will take \$30K-\$50K of additional fundraising to finish the  
 131 cabin; the Underground Basement tour was successful and raised \$5K; perimeter fence posts  
 132 have been installed and fencing the property will be completed by spring; and the barn is being  
 133 changed to include an office to sell admission tickets. Coy said they are looking forward to  
 134 working with the new division director Bill Peterson, and that Roe will be missed.

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 136 **Southern Chapter** – Scott said they are enthusiastic for Roe’s arrival as AHS-Southern Division  
 137 Director. He announced the Holiday Festival on December 7th and encouraged everyone to

138 attend. Eric Gonzales was recognized for his good work in coordinating the annual meeting and  
139 holiday festival. Scott announced new chapter board members Doug Hocking and Linda Head  
140 and noted new members are still being recruited.

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142 **Items Scheduled for Board Discussion and/or Action**

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144 A. Discussion and action to approve the Board of Directors Slate of Nominees was considered  
145 under the Nominating Committee report.

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147 B. Discussion and action to extend the term of Michael Urman for one year to permit his running  
148 for reelection as president, which extension is contingent on his being reelected, was considered  
149 under the Nominating Committee report.

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151 C. Discussion and action regarding the Bisbee Corral of the Westerners' application for Affiliate  
152 membership was considered under the Community Outreach report.

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154 *The board recessed at 10:50 a.m. to attend the annual meeting and reconvened at*  
155 *12:20 p.m.*

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157 **D. Shaw moved approval of the officers for 2013-2014: Michael Urman, President; Bill**  
158 **Porter, Vice-President; George Flores, Treasurer; and Leonard Marcisz, Secretary. Lacy**  
159 **seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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161 **Comments by the President and Introduction of New Board Members**

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163 Urman requested that board members let him know on which committees they would like to  
164 serve. He also asked that they complete the volunteer registration forms and submit them to  
165 Ortiz.

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167 Urman said with the massive time commitment to the sunset review process, 2014 should be one  
168 full of progress. He is excited with the museum director appointments and looks forward to an  
169 engaging year with board involvement.

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

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173 Urman said there would be a briefing for new board members prior to the next board meeting  
174 and all board members are invited to attend.

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176 **Adjournment**

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178 The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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182 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

183 Michael Urman, President