

**The Southern Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Historical Society
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
Tucson, Arizona**

Minutes of the AHS Southern Arizona Chapter Board Operations Committee at the Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St. Tucson, AZ on date: 10/13/2015 at time: 3:00 pm.

Present were members: Jeff Horwitz, Walter Lane, and Ralph Wong

Brief Meeting Summary:

Eric Gonzales gave the committee a brief walking tour of the museum discussing many topics. The committee was informed of an \$84,000 grant being applied for from the Department of Game and Fish to restore the Pup Fish Habitat in the museum's court yard. Eric informed the committee of the court yard and increasing its rental potential. Eric gave the committee a tour of the auditorium and the need for the installation of a warming kitchen to help increase the rental appeal to more events. Between the court yard and auditorium Jeff Horwitz mentioned that the water fountain was putting out warm water although the refrigeration unit was running.

Eric Gonzales informed the committee that the State of Arizona will be funding the repair to HVAC and Leaks in the roof.

Walter Lane brought up the need for a one year plan to start. To be followed by a three and five year plan. Walter Lane also questioned about the other five museums and their necessity.

The committee then met with Les Rowe to discuss other matters. Les suggested that the committee rank the five museums. Les introduced History Lab. History Lab would be a folding panel display, which can be displayed easily and draw in interest to the museum. Les talked about the Amigos Project used in Flagstaff. The Amigo Project paired up volunteers and guest to go through the museum together. Less informed the committee that revenue is up 25% due to admission and facility rental.

Jeff Horwitz inquired about the use of technology to draw in a younger audience.

The meeting was adjourned at time: 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Wong

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