

**Approved- Meeting Minutes of the
Outreach Committee of the Board of
Directors of the Arizona Historical
Society**

April 12, 2023

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** –Committee Chair Tom Foster called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.
2. **Roll Call** – Tom Foster
 - a. Present- Tom Foster, Kerri Rumsower, Sherry Rampy, Robert Ballard, Amy Hartman-Gordan
 - b. Absent- Diane Drobka, Lorna Brooks, Janice Bryson Ryan
 - c. Staff- Shelley Coriell, Jason Mihalic, David Breeckner, Kaydi Forgia
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action to approve the draft Minutes of the March 8, 2023, Outreach Committee meeting as written.
 - a. Motion- Sherry Rampy
 - b. Second- Kerri Rumsower
 - c. Unanimously Approved
4. **Call to the Public** – Tom Foster
 - a. No members of public present
5. **Committee Update** – Tom Foster
 - a. **General Update**- Tom Foster attended the History Convention in New Mexico. Reports that there were several interesting presentations and that he met a former AHS board member while in attendance. Diane Drobka gave Tom a tour of Main Street in Safford, the restoration processes is progressing. Tom also visited the Q Ranch Pueblo, childhood home to the 1st First Lady of Arizona. The overall visit has left Tom invigorated by the positive impact of the Outreach Committees efforts.
 - b. **Action Item**- Nominations and possible vote on new Committee Chair. Robert Ballard was nominated by Sherry Rampy. Robert respectfully declined the nomination. Sherry Rampy was nominated by Amy Hartman-Gordan. Sherry accepted the nomination. Tom called for more nominations. No additional nominations were put forth. Nominations declared closed.

- c. Tom called for a motion to approve the nomination of Sherry Rampy and accept the declaration of Sherry Rampy as the Chairman of the Outreach Committee.
 - i. Motion- Amy Hartman-Gordan
 - ii. Second- Robert Ballard
 - iii. Unanimously Approve and Accepted

6. **Certified Historic Institutions (CHI)** – David Breeckner

- a. **General Update**-David Breeckner- Ajo Historical Society and Tombstone Historical Society are interested in applying for CHI status during the next application cycle. Ajo was a referral and Tombstone expressed interest after the deaccession of a portrait from AHS to THS, after a lengthy loan period at THC.
- b. **Tabled Item**- Discuss and determine the meeting dates, schedule, and focus of meetings/mixers/workshops of CHI members for the rest of 2023. --First proposed meeting should be before the opening of the summer grant period and should introduce the grant process with a Q&A to Jason and Outreach Committee on the process.
 - i. The committee discussed proposed dates and topics. June 8th at Noon was selected for the first virtual mixer. This mixer will be for current Certified Historical Institutions and will be informational in nature. Covering the grant process and introducing the CHIs to the extended network of resources established through the Outreach Committee and AHS.

7. **Al Merito**- Shelley C

- a. Al Merito 50th Anniversary
 - i. The committee participate in a lively open discussion to “brainstorm” and delegate tasks amongst the committee for the upcoming Al Merito 50th Anniversary.

8. **Announcements**- Tom Foster

- a. No announcements

9. **Adjournment**- 10:2 AM by Tom Foster

Dated this 14th day of April 2023

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Tom Foster, Outreach Committee Chair

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Outreach Committee Schedule: 10am and Virtual unless announced otherwise

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