

Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends!

As I conclude my term as AHS President and also on the AHS Board of Directors, I would like to thank all the AHS staff and AHS Board members for all their hard work during this past year! The AHS staff and AHS Board have worked closely together to continue to support and pursue the AHS mission to *collect, preserve, interpret, and disseminate the history of Arizona and the West.*



It has been a very eventful year with the retirement of our AHS Executive Director Dr. Anne Woosley in June of this year after serving as Executive Director since 2001. We thank Anne for her professionalism and her guidance of the AHS museums during a rapidly changing and challenging time in the history of the state of Arizona and we wish her well in her new adventures. The AHS Board voted to give Dr. Woosley the title of *AHS Director Emeritus* in recognition of her many positive contributions to AHS and the state of Arizona.

I also would like to thank Mr. William Ponder for agreeing to serve as Interim AHS Executive Director while a nationwide search for the new AHS Executive Director gets underway. Mr. Ponder will work with the AHS staff to continue moving the work of AHS forward while this nationwide Executive Director search is in progress.

I would like to conclude by noting that the next several years will be very critical to the future of AHS. It is my belief that AHS is at a significant point in its history in which it needs to focus on growing membership, growing income and searching for the next generation of AHS Board members to continue to carry on our mission.

It is also my belief that the next AHS Executive Director must focus on friend raising, fund raising, membership growth, forging strategic partnerships and leading the AHS family of museums into the 21st century while taking the strategic actions required to bring our populace back to our museums. The next AHS Executive Director needs to provide the leadership to make the AHS museums as attractive as all the other cultural experiences that the AHS museums compete with in the state of Arizona. Without this being achieved I am afraid our museums may become not much more than historical archives.

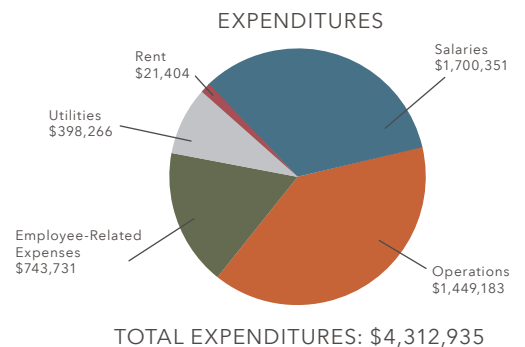
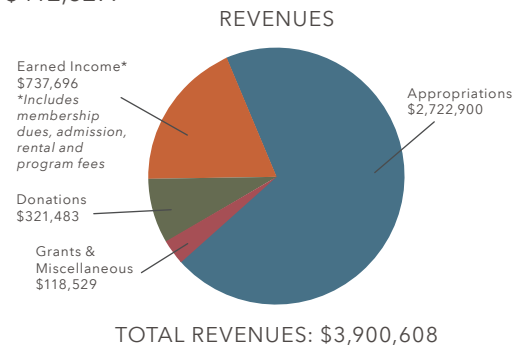
It has been my pleasure to serve as your 2017 AHS President!

George Flores
President, AHS Board of Directors

Financial Overview

While the adjusted income over expenditures for AHS was flat, the cause of the adjustments had a significant impact on AHS. The 2016 Arizona legislature transferred all the assets of the former Mining and Mineral Museum from the Arizona Historical Society to the Arizona State Geological Services and the University of Arizona. Accordingly, AHS revenues were impacted. We no longer received the \$428,300 in appropriations for Natural History or the \$182,502 in sales from Natural History related merchandise that was received in prior years.

From an expenditure perspective, there were also significant impacts. While there was no expenditure for rent of the Mining and Mineral facility, there was the one time transfer to the University of Arizona of all unexpended funds (\$384,886). These factors led to expenditures exceeding revenues by \$412,327.



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