

Arizona Historical Society  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 28, 2017  
Telephone Conference

**Committee Members Present**

George Flores, President, At-Large  
Voie Coy, Vice-President, Northern Chapter  
Gregory Scott, Secretary, Santa Cruz County

Bruce Gwynn, Rio Colorado Chapter  
Thomas Foster, Eastern Chapter  
Bill Ponder, Interim Executive Director, ex-officio

**Committee Member Absent**

Kelly Corsette, Treasurer, Central Chapter

**Staff Members Present**

Valerie Shanahan, Executive Assistant

**Actions taken at this meeting:**

Scott moved, seconded by Gwynn, to authorize William Ponder, as Interim Executive Director of the Arizona Historical Society, to execute the collaborative loan agreements between the Arizona Historical Society and the *Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia* authorizing the loan of the font and aspersory to INAH for display in Caborca as set forth in the collaborative loan agreement

**Call to Order**

President Flores called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken; Flores declared a quorum.

**Discussion Regarding Personnel Matters**

By consensus it was determined that personnel matters to be discussed at this meeting did not need to occur in executive session.

President Flores provided an explanation regarding the Executive Committee members' evaluations of executive director search firm candidates. Discussion then ensued regarding how to proceed with selection of consultant with a goal of entering into a contract with the selected consultant by the end of October 2017.

It was decided that committee members will submit interview questions to Flores who will then compose a questionnaire for committee member use during interviews, and to interview the top three committee member rated consulting firms.

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By acclamation Ponder is authorized to contact the three highest ranked consulting firms and schedule Executive Committee telephone interviews with them for October 12, 2017. The Committee desires to interview the consultant representative who will primarily interact with AHS, not the company CEO, sales team or other representative who will not be the AHS primary contact.

The interviews will be conducted by Executive Committee telephone conference call in compliance with open meeting laws.

**Authorization to Sign Documents Regarding  
Loan of the Caborca Baptismal Font and Aspersory**

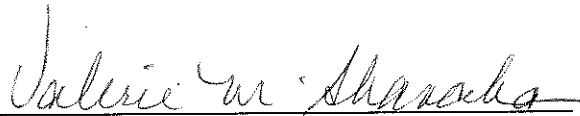
Ponder provided condensed background information regarding the Caborca Baptismal Font and Aspersory. To summarize: A bishop in Caborca, Mexico, sold the font and aspersory to a collector, the collector then gifted the items to AHS, the church now desires the return of the items. The AHS Board has continually supported the loan of the font and aspersory to INAH. In 2014 the AHS board approved the then executive director to execute the loan documents.

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**Adjourn**

Coy moved, seconded by Gwynn, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, Flores adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

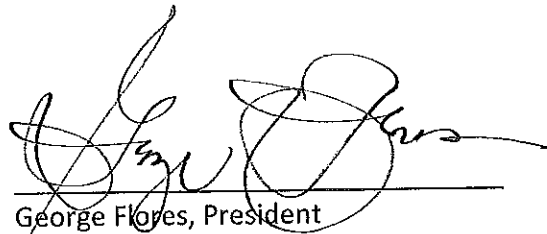
  
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CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDENT

**George Flores**, the President of the Arizona Historical Society hereby certifies that the following action was taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee on Thursday, September 28, 2017, as agenda item 4 on Notice of Public Meeting published as part of the applicable Open Meeting Law requirements:


Agenda Item 4 was moved forward. William Ponder, Interim Executive Director, reported AHS received the Caborca baptismal font and aspersory from the Murphey Family who legally acquired it in the 1930s when these items were sold by the Catholic Church. Helen Murphey, with permission from the local Bishop, purchased the font and later gifted it to AHS. There has been some pressure for AHS to return the font to Caborca. Working with the *Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia* (INAH) and the assistance of the Mexican Consulate in Tucson, collaborative agreements have been drafted with INAH to establish the framework for AHS to enter into a loan agreement between our two institutions to loan these objects to Caborca. Ponder said the committee has reviewed the collaborative loan agreements between AHS and the INAH and recommends the Committee authorize the Interim Executive Director to sign the agreements, authorizing the loan of the font and aspersory to Caborca. **Upon motion by Greg Scott, seconded by Bruce Gwynn, the Executive Committee of the Arizona Historical Society unanimously authorized William Ponder, as Interim Executive Director of the Arizona Historical Society, to execute the collaborative loan agreements between the Arizona Historical Society and the *Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia* authorizing the loan of the font and aspersory to INAH for display in Caborca as set forth in the collaborative loan agreements.**

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



George Flores, President

ATTEST:



Valerie Shanahan, Executive Assistant