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August 1, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Historical Society and to the general public that the Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, on **Friday, August 1, 2025, at Noon.**

*Note: This meeting will be held virtually and is recorded on Zoom. Members of the public interested in participating may register in advance of the meeting.
To register click this link:*

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZAod-2opj4qHNEcUWuowtZ2nJl5HaZEciYX>

Meeting ID: 845 0408 5065

The Committee may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for any statutorily permitted purpose including obtaining legal advice, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

The Committee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda and recess for breaks as needed. The Committee will discuss and may take action on any of the following items.

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes** - Discussion and action, if any, to approve the draft minutes of the [May 30, 2025, State Board meeting](#) and the [June 27, 2025 Special Session](#) of the Board Officers.
4. **Call to the Public** – Those wishing to address the Committee must be recognized by the Chair. Each presentation will be limited to 2 minutes and one person per organization. Committee members may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. At the conclusion of public comment, Committee members may: (1) respond to any criticism, (2) ask staff to study a matter, or (3) ask that the matter be placed on a future Committee meeting agenda.
5. **Collections Review Committee** – Greg Scott, Rebekah Tabah
 - a. See attached.
 - b. **Action Item** to approve recommended deaccessions.
6. **Finance Update** - Jim Snitzer, David Nagelski, Sebastian Alt
 - a. FY25 budget
 - Revenue, Expenditures, YTD (See attached CSB June Report)
 - Revenue: \$3,925,064.30 (planned \$4,347,800)
 - Expenditures: \$4,095,137.83 (planned \$4,557,129)
 - b. FY26 budget
 - [FY26 budget](#) was passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed by Governor Hobbs.
 - Includes full funding (\$359,700) for Pioneer for 3 years
 - Continues the 3% budget cut (\$83,500) from last year.
 - No other changes to AHS funding.
 - Anticipate completing the load out of FY26 appropriation by August 1.
 - c. FY27 budget
 - See attached.
 - Final discussion & review of updated draft budget.
 - **Action Item** to approve FY27 budget for State submission.
7. **Outreach Committee** – Robert Ballard, Jaynie Adams
 - a. See attached.
 - b. **Action item** to approve 2025 AI Merito nominees.
8. **Board Update** - Kelly Corsette
 - a. FY26 Board Officer Elections

- Current: Kelly Corsette (President), DeNise Bauer (Vice President), Jim Snitzer (Treasurer), Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson (Secretary)
- Discussion on the Officer nomination process and slate.

b. Possible Action Item to advance Officer nominations.

9. Annual Meeting Update - Kelly Corsette, David Turpie

- Meeting scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2025, at the AHM in Tucson.
- Theme of "History in Harmony".

10. Director's Update – David Breeckner

a. Pioneer Museum

- AHS is readying the Museum Manager position for posting, to be filled this fall to support on-site readiness preparations & work.
- x2 AA3 (Guest Experience, Education) and Curator positions will be posted in the early spring.
- Intention is mid/late spring reopening.

b. National History Day

- 34 students from Arizona attended nationals in Washington, DC
- 1 first prize for documentaries and several individual awards

c. Development

- Several regional groups have approached AHS about new partnership opportunities (e.g. neon signs, WWII POW huts); AHS is considering each but will not proceed unless the viability of each project is demonstrated. Meetings with these groups continue.

d. Facilities

- FY27 CIP submitted 7/25/25, to be discussed with ADOA in early August.
 - **\$66m** for capital development, **\$1.8m** for essential building renewal
- Waiting to confirm AHC shutdown in December to support HVAC repairs (part 2).
- Historical League expected to approve final expenditures to install an ADA chair lift for the Steele Auditorium at AHC Tempe.

e. EOY review & highlights

- FY25 budget came in under expectations, with a **\$170,073.53** deficit.
 - This will be covered through R&M Reserves, due to the nature of the overage.
- **54% increase** to visitation from admissions, programs, and rentals.
- **49% increase** in JAH downloads (revenue-generating).
- **37% increase** in donations & dues.
- **21% decrease** in annual membership.

11. Announcements and considerations in future board or committee meetings.

12. Adjournment

Arizona Historical Society State Board of Directors

DATE: July 25, 2025

Kelly Corsette

Kelly Corsette, State Board President

State Board Meeting Schedule

Virtual and at Noon unless announced otherwise

March 28, 2025	September 26, 2025
May 30, 2025	December 5, 2025
July 25, 2025	