## Arizona Historical Society Board Member

## **GENE KUNDE**

At-Large Member, Appointed 2022

Arizona's wide variety of beautiful and unique landscapes including its Ponderosa Pines, desert grasslands and the Sky Islands have been pulling Gene to our state for most of his life. Since making it his permanent home he has become an avid student of our rich cultural heritage and the diversity

that continues to shape Arizona.

A life long learner, he has a bachelor's degree from the
University of Wisconsin, an MBA from the University of
Minnesota and Executive Leadership Certifications from the
Peter Drucker School of Business. He started his professional work
career as a college graduate trainee at the Ford Motor Company in

Detroit and has worked in several different industries, owned his own business and has served as the senior executive of global brand leaders including Epson and Birkenstock.

Along the way he has given back through involvement in numerous community development, health, and educational non profit organizations as a board member and executive director. He has also been an instructor at the University of California Berkeley.

Gene joined the Arizona Historical Society as a member shortly after moving to the state and has been active in a number of history preservation and educational groups working to recognize and tell the stories of the original inhabitants of the Borderlands. He became a member of the AHS Finance Committee early in 2022.

