

1 **ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
2 **Annual Plenary Membership Meeting Minutes**  
3 **Saturday, November 6, 2010**  
4 **Tempe, Arizona**

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6 **Call to Order**  
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8 President Jim Ronstadt called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.  
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10 **Approval of Minutes**  
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12 **Bill Porter moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2009, annual meeting as**  
13 **presented. John Lacy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**  
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15 **Call to the Public**  
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17 President Ronstadt made a call to the public. Pat Faur announced that the Historical League's  
18 Centennial Gala would be held on Friday, February 11, 2011, at the Camelback Inn in  
19 Scottsdale. The Gala is an officially sanctioned Centennial event and will honor all of the  
20 Historymakers selected throughout the years. Faur said the Historical League's Centennial book  
21 and video also received Centennial Legacy sanctioning.  
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23 **President's Remarks**  
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25 President Ronstadt said it was a pleasure to have served as president the past two years. He  
26 commented that because of the staff, the AHS museums are held in high esteem. Ronstadt noted  
27 that Executive Director Anne Woosley and staff have begun work on the new Arizona  
28 Centennial Museum. He said the agreement with the State Parks Board for AHS to manage the  
29 Riordan Mansion State Historic Park has been successful. The Sandra Day O'Connor exhibit  
30 opening and house was a highlight in Tempe. The *Geronimo!* and *Civilian Conservation Corp*  
31 exhibits brought many visitors to the museum in Tucson. Ronstadt said his only regret was that  
32 the planning for the new Arizona History Museum in Tucson did not move forward and he hopes  
33 someday the project will be resurrected. He looks forward to continued growth of the  
34 organization under Woosley's leadership.  
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36 **Executive Director's Remarks**  
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38 Anne Woosley thanked Ronstadt, the Board of Directors, the Historical League, and the  
39 membership for their support of AHS.  
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41 Arizona Centennial Museum – Woosley expressed her thoughts on what the new museum means  
42 for AHS. She asked the membership to watch the website for updates on the new museum as  
43 well as the exhibits that are being planned at the AHS museums throughout the state. She also  
44 noted that the upcoming Cactus League exhibit in Tempe would be great fun. Woosley  
45 commented that the Arizona Republic articles have shown in dollars and cents exactly what  
46 Arizona is faced with in terms of revenue and lack of state support for agencies.

47 Woosley announced that Frank Barrios was recently recognized as an Arizona Culturekeeper.  
48 Barrios currently serves on the AHS Board of Directors, has served on the Central Chapter  
49 Board, is the author of *Mexicans in Phoenix*, and is documenting pioneer cemeteries throughout  
50 the state. He has received many accolades for his contributions to Arizona history. Woosley  
51 recognized Reba Wells Grandrud, a wonderful historian and past-director of the AHS-Tempe  
52 museum. Woosley also recognized friends of AHS who have passed: Aaron Cohen, who was a  
53 supporter of the Arizona History Convention, owner of Gideon Books, and historian of the  
54 American Civil War; Tom Fleming, a long-time supporter of AHS and who served on the Board  
55 of Directors. Woosley fondly recalled taking a tour of Flagstaff with Fleming, who was from a  
56 Flagstaff pioneer family, as he pointed out every historic site that was important to him; and Don  
57 Garate, Tumacacori National Historic Park ranger and long time historian and expert on DeAnza.  
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59 In preparation for the Arizona Centennial, Woosley presented the membership with a pop quiz to  
60 get everyone into the spirit of the upcoming Centennial.

### 61 **Financial Report**

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63 Kim Bittrich, AHS Comptroller, provided an overview of fiscal year 2009-10.

### 64 **Membership**

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66 Roy Goodman, Membership Coordinator, with the assistance of Les Roe, AHS-Northern  
67 Division Director, performed a skit to encourage membership and gifting memberships.  
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### 70 **Friends of the Journal of Arizona History**

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72 John Lacy provided the report of the *Friends of the Journal of Arizona History*. He explained  
73 that the 501 (c) (3) was organized about ten years ago to raise funds for the *Journal*. To date, the  
74 *Friends* have not needed to spend any of the \$22,000 to support the *Journal*. Lacy said there is a  
75 close connection with the *Friends of the Journal of Arizona History*, the AHS Publications  
76 Committee, and the Arizona History Convention. Lacy announced that the 2011 Arizona  
77 History Convention would be held in Yuma on April 28 – May 1. He asked the membership to  
78 remember AHS in their year-end giving.  
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### 81 **Arizona State Board of Geographic Historic Names Report**

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83 Phil Hanson described the honor it is to represent AHS on the Geographic Historic Names  
84 Board. He reported that Jim Babbitt recently submitted a name for a point on the Colorado  
85 River. Hanson noted the board is very thorough in their deliberations and they try not to deal  
86 with naming areas like town sites. They had problems with the electronic testing site used by Ft.  
87 Huachuca, which covers tens of thousands of acres, organizations, and cities. The board was  
88 supportive of calling it Buffalo Soldiers. He said there is a peak in Scottsdale that received three  
89 submissions but it has been tabled. During the last legislative session, the Joint Legislative  
90 Budget Committee voted unanimously to extend the board's sunset for ten years. House Bill  
91 2046 was submitted to the legislature to change the functions of the board in the state statutes.  
92 Hanson commented that the board does not designate a feature with the name of a person, until

93 that person has been deceased for five years.

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### Report of the Nominating Committee

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97 Jim Babbitt, Chair of the AHS Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees for the  
98 Board of Directors. He noted that the nominees have been informed of their responsibilities and  
99 duties of board members.

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101 **Jim Babbitt moved to approve the Board of Directors slate of nominees for 2010-11 as**  
102 **follows:**

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104 Eligible for first-year term

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106 Chris Carroll	Pima	Southern
107 Art Fox	La Paz	Rio Colorado
108 Hal Herbert	Graham	Non-chapter

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110 Eligible for first, three-year term

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112 Colleen Mathis	Pima	Southern
113 Mary Parker	Maricopa	Central
114 Cynthia Schroeder	Pima	Southern
115 Michael Wade	Maricopa	Central

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117 Eligible for second, three-year term

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119 Ted Cunningham	Maricopa	Central
120 Axel Holm	Santa Cruz	Southern
121 Don Prior	Maricopa	Central
122 Michael Urman	Pima	Southern

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124 **Barrios seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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### Swearing in of the Newly Elected Board Members

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127 Oath of Office forms were signed by the newly seated members.

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### Awards and Recognitions

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131 Anne Woosley presented the following recognition awards:

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133 Oscar Schraml - In grateful recognition for unstinting enthusiasm and generous contribution of  
134 time and resources to the Arizona Historical Society.

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136 Jim Ronstadt - With deep appreciation for his service as board president and in recognition of his  
137 commitment to furthering the ideals of the Arizona Historical Society.

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**Announcements**

The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at the Arizona History Museum, Tucson.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Wade, President