

**The Arizona Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 6, 2010
Tempe, Arizona**

Present

Jim Babbitt, Treasurer
Frank Barrios, Secretary
Marsha Bonham
Chris Carroll (joined after annual meeting)
Craig Colvin
Ted Cunningham
Jack Donnelly (arrived after annual meeting)
John Driggs
Art Fox
George Hartz
Hal Herbert (joined after annual meeting)
Axel Holm
John Lacy
Pat Loven
Colleen Mathis - Telephone
Susan Olberding – Telephone
Mary Parker
Don Prior
Jim Ronstadt, President
Oscar Schraml, Vice-president
Cynthia Schroeder
Michael Urman
Michael Wade

Staff

Anne Woosley, Executive Director
Kim Bittrich, AHS Controller
Bruce Dinges, AHS Publications Div. Dir.
Deborah Ortiz, Executive Assistant
Les Roe, AHS Northern Division Director
Peter Welsh, AHS Central Division Director

Absent

Lynn Haak
Julie Larson
Ralph Smith

1 **Call to Order**

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3 President Ronstadt called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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5 **Roll Call**

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7 Roll was taken and Ronstadt declared a quorum present.

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9 **Approval of Minutes**

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11 **Porter moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2010, Board of Directors meeting.**
12 **Lacy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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14 **Introductions**

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16 Woosley introduced staff and guests.

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18 **Call to the Public**

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20 Ronstadt made a call to the public. None were heard.

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22 **President’s Report**

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24 Ronstadt said the Executive committee met to conduct the annual review of the executive
25 director and they determined Woosley’s work to be excellent. He gave the board members a
26 copy of his grandfather’s memoirs and said he was honored to serve as president.

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28 **Executive Director’s Report**

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30 Woosley thanked Ronstadt for his service on the board and as president.

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32 AHS Yuma – Woosley said Ponder, Ortiz, Colvin, Schraml and Carol Brooks recently met with
33 Bruce Gwynn, President of the Yuma County Historical Society and board member of the
34 National Heritage Area, along with representatives from the City of Yuma to discuss an
35 interpretive museum within the Molina Block. She said the people in Yuma are enthusiastic but
36 understand the magnitude of a project such as this. They will contact AHS if they want to take
37 the discussion further.

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39 Woosley said staff is developing an online directory of history museums throughout the state.

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41 She announced that Christine Ewing was hired by the Centennial Commission as fundraiser for
42 the Centennial. Ewing and Karen Churchard will make a presentation to the board at the January
43 meeting and provide an update on the Arizona Centennial Museum.

Committee Reports

Awards and Recognition – No report.

Collections – Olberding stated the committee supports the revised loan form that was approved by Risk Management. Action Item A was moved forward in the agenda.

Urman moved to approve the newly revised incoming loan form as presented (see attached). Holm seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Development – Wade distributed the Development Working Paper and included a quiz about western and history television shows from 1949-1970. He said when you look at television during that time there were always shows about history. Today there are no primetime shows about history. He believes this affects attitudes that need to be considered when marketing AHS. Wade reported the joint committee meeting with Development, Membership and Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning discussed: the need for chapter boards and volunteers to participate at public events in their regions with information about AHS membership; rotating exhibits, such Geronimo, to the other AHS museums; utilizing events such as the Barrett Jackson car auction to promote membership; an AHS newsletter; board retreat; and a meeting on meetings. Wade asked that Shaw and Lacy provide a report for membership incentives and said a newsletter prototype would be available after the first of the year.

Holm shared the plaque the Pimeria Alta Historical Society received from chief Jeffrey Kirkham and the men and women of the Nogales Police Department commemorative badge for the 120th anniversary of Nogales, Arizona, which was incorporated as a city on July 21, 1893.

Executive/Personnel – Ronstadt said the committee met to conduct the annual review of the executive director. He said Woosley and staff have done an excellent job with limited resources, adding new exhibits and adjusting time to meet the new demands of the Arizona Centennial Museum.

Exhibits & Education – Woosley announced the Centennial exhibit at the museum in Tucson that will display 100 quilts. The exhibit will feature a virtual component on the website. Parts of the exhibit could travel to other museums beginning in 2013. Woosley remarked that the advisory committee for content development for Arizona Centennial Museum has not yet been determined but that meetings are being held with the Arizona Department of Administration representatives and the stakeholders.

Hartz said a new exhibit recently opened in Tempe that exhibits a variety of interesting things from the collections. The baseball exhibit will open February 19, 2011.

Community Outreach – No report.

Finance – Babbitt reviewed the September report and Bittrich explained some income/expenditure details from the report.

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Governance & Policy – No report.

International Affairs – Holm thanked the Board for welcoming the young men who were his guests at the October board meeting. He said they are interested in what the Board expects the history of the world to look like in 50 years. Holm will provide the board with an address so they can submit their thoughts.

Legislative Affairs – Prior reminded the Board that there would be a newly seated legislature in January and that staff is developing a plan for the new session. He noted that every time a board member encounters a legislator they should promote AHS.

Membership – Barrios reviewed the monthly membership report that shows the numbers continue to decline. He said the Centennial is a great opportunity for AHS to increase membership and the chapter boards should be utilized to help. This Friday, the Centennial Commission Outreach Committee will be in Yuma.

Nominating – Babbitt said the committee met and reviewed candidates for election to the board. They recommended Chris Carroll, Pima County, Hal Herbert, Graham County; and Colleen Mathis, Pima County. Action item B was moved forward in the agenda. **Porter moved to approve the addition of Chris Carroll, Hal Herbert, and Colleen Mathis to the Board of Directors Slate of Nominees. Schroeder seconded . There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Action item C was moved forward in the agenda. **Porter moved to extend the otherwise expiring term of Oscar Schraml for up to two (2) one (1) year terms to permit him to serve as president of the Board of Directors should he be elected. Lacy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Property & Building Management – No report.

Publications – Dinges said he would ask the committee to meet in January. He reported that Kristie Miller’s book *A Volume of Friendship* went into a second printing in April; the Autumn issue of the journal contains an article by William Stoutamire, "From North to South, Out West: Civil War Memory in Arizona," which is a kick off for the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial; the *Geronimo Surrenders* booklet needs a 4th printing; and the Arizona History Convention will be in Yuma, April 28-30.

Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning – No report.

Items Scheduled for Board Discussion and/or Action

A. Discussion and action, if any, to approve the newly revised incoming loan form was considered under the Collections Committee report.

B. Discussion and action to approve the Board of Directors Slate of Nominees was considered

137 under the Nominating Committee report.

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139 C. Discussion and action to extend the otherwise expiring term of Oscar Schraml for up to two
140 (2) one (1) year terms to permit him to serve as president of the Board of Directors should he be
141 elected was considered under the Nominating committee report.

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143 *The board recessed at 10:40 a.m. to attend the annual meeting*

144 *The board reconvened at 12:00 p.m. following the annual meeting.*

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146 Jack Donnelly, Chris Carroll, and Hal Herbert joined the board meeting.

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148 Discussion regarding the election of board officers for 2010-2011:

149 Babbitt said it has been the tradition of the Nominating committee to develop the board slate of
150 nominees and make officer recommendations. The committee developed the following
151 recommendation for officers: Schraml, President; Barrios, Vice-president; Larson, Secretary;
152 and Schroeder, Treasurer. Ronstadt opened the floor for nominations.

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154 **Hartz nominated Wade for president. Holm seconded. Porter moved nominations closed.**
155 **Lacy seconded.**

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157 **Lacy moved the acceptance of the uncontested nominations: Barrios, Vice-president;**
158 **Larson, Secretary; and Schroeder, Treasurer. Schraml seconded. Motion passed**
159 **unanimously.**

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161 Hartz requested that each candidate for president have the opportunity to express why they are
162 interested in serving as president. Schraml and Wade each addressed the Board.

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164 A private ballot was taken and counted. **Wade was elected president.**

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166 **Comments by the President and Introduction of the Newly seated Board Members**

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168 Wade thanked Schraml for his many years of service on the board and welcomed the new
169 members. He asked the Board to begin thinking of what it is they would like to accomplish in
170 the upcoming year.

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172 **Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings**

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174 Lacy announced that the Rose Eisendrath House received designation by the Arizona Historic
175 Sites Board and would be recommended for the National Historic Register.

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177 **Adjournment**

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179 The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Date: _____

183 Michael Wade, President