

**The Arizona Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2010  
Cottonwood, Arizona**

Present

Wayne Anderson  
Jim Babbitt, Treasurer  
Frank Barrios, Secretary  
Marsha Bonham  
Ted Cunningham  
Art Fox  
Lynn Haak  
George Hartz  
Mark Haynes  
Julie Larson  
Susan Olberding  
Mary Parker  
Don Prior  
Oscar Schraml, Vice-president  
Cindy Schroeder (via telephone)  
Richard Shaw  
Michael Urman

Staff

Anne Woosley, Executive Director  
Kim Bittrich, Controller  
Carol Brooks, AHS-Rio Colorado Curator  
Kasia Campbell, AHS-Southern Admin.  
Assist.  
Kyle McKoy, Education/Outreach Div. Dir.

Absent

Jack Donnelly  
John Driggs  
Axel Holm  
John Lacy  
Colleen Mathis  
Pat Loven  
Jim Ronstadt, President  
Ralph Smith  
Michael Wade

1 **Call to Order**

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3 Vice-President Schraml called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

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5 **Roll Call**

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7 Roll was taken and Schraml declared a quorum present.

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9 **Approval of Minutes**

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11 **Prior moved to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2010 meeting as presented. Barrios**  
12 **seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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14 **Introductions**

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16 Schraml introduced Jim McMeekin and Helen Killebrew from the Verde Historical Society and  
17 the guests. He thanked the Verde Historical Society for hosting the board meeting. Woosley  
18 introduced AHS staff.

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20 **Call to the Public**

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22 Schraml made a call to the public. None were heard.

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24 **Vice-President’s Report**

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26 Schraml said there had been a joint meeting of the Membership, Development, and Ad Hoc  
27 Strategic Planning committees.

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29 **Executive Director’s Report**

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31 **Intergovernmental Agreement for Riordan Mansion State Historic Park with AHS and**  
32 **Arizona State Parks** - Woosley reported that Kim Bittrich, AHS Controller, and Bill Ponder had  
33 been meeting in Flagstaff with representatives of the Riordan Mansion State Historic Park.  
34 Bittrich commented that staff from AHS and the State Parks are positive about the merger.

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36 Status Report

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38 **Arizona Centennial Museum** - Woosley stated that the legislation would go into effect 29 July.  
39 She said exhibit design work is on hold until the legislation is signed. Woosley has been meeting  
40 with the Governor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting to discuss what needs to be done  
41 to transfer the current Mining and Mineral Museum from the Arizona Department of Mines and  
42 Minerals to AHS. She said the revenue streams from the museum store would be included in the  
43 AHS budget. The Arizona Department of Mines and Minerals will vacate the museum. She  
44 remarked there could be no Arizona Centennial Museum until the funds are raised. Woosley  
45 said the currently appropriated funds available cover the curator position. She said the museum  
46 store revenue supports museum operations but not its transformation to the Arizona Centennial  
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**Arizona Centennial Historical Markers Program** – Woosley said the Arizona Centennial Commission has a committee designated to work on the historical markers program. Communities throughout the state are encouraged to participate and applications are ongoing, leading up the Centennial. Barrios said funding for the markers is available.

**Caborca Mission Artifacts** - Woosley said AHS has a copper baptismal font in its collections in Tucson from the Caborca Mission in Mexico. The font was donated to the AHS collections by the Murphy Family and now Caborca requests its return, possibly as a long-term loan. AHS has the legal right to the font in its collections. Woosley informed the Southern Arizona Chapter Board and would like further discussion at the Board of Directors level, perhaps starting with the Collections Committee. There was discussion. Woosley said the subject requires additional research and will report back to the Board.

**Division Updates**

**Rio Colorado Division** - Woosley announced that Mark Haynes was recently presented with the *Bent Spittoon* award in recognition for his volunteer service.

**Southern Division** - Woosley said the Southern Chapter Board is working with a designer on a new membership brochure. The Southern Chapter Board will share their ideas with the other chapter boards and work together to develop a new brochure. When the initial ideas are available, the chapter board presidents will be asked for their input.

**Northern Division** – Woosley reported there are sewer problems at the Pioneer Museum possibly due to construction on a nearby property that may have compromised the sewer line. Portable restrooms have been rented and placed on the museum property. Les Roe is working with Risk Management and Coconino County to resolve the situation. She noted that AHS is not responsible for the problem but would be helpful to work toward a resolution.

**Committee Reports**

**Awards and Recognition** – no report.

**Collections** – Olberding reported the committee met today to review items for deaccessioning that will be brought to the Board for their consideration at the next meeting.

**Community Outreach** – Cunningham reported the committee met today to consider three new museums for certification.

Action Item 10 B was moved forward in the agenda. **Cunningham moved to approve the certification applications from the Fort Tuthill Military History Museum, Pioneers' Cemetery Association, and the Tubac Historical Society. Prior seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

94 Cunningham stated that recommendations for the 2010-11 small grants for the certified museums  
95 would be brought to the Board for their consideration at the August meeting.

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97 **Development** – Barrios reported there was a joint meeting with the Membership, Development,  
98 and Ad Hoc Strategic Planning committees. There was discussion about a tag line that Wade  
99 suggested. Barrios said the committee welcomes ideas from the Board.

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101 **Executive/Personnel** – No report.

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103 **Exhibits & Education** – No report.

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105 **Finance** – Babbitt reported the committee met today to review the budget for FY 2010-11, which  
106 was distributed earlier to the Board. He noted that the \$3 million line item is the final payment  
107 on the Museum at Papago Park and that there is nothing in the budget for the Centennial  
108 Museum or the Riordan Mansion State Historical Park.

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110 Action Item 10 C was moved forward in the agenda. **Babbitt moved to approve the budget for**  
111 **FY 2010-11 as presented. Larson seconded.** There was discussion. **Motion passed**  
112 **unanimously.**

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114 **Governance & Policy** – No report

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116 **International Affairs** – No report.

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118 **Legislative Affairs** – No report.

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120 **Membership** – Barrios said the joint committee meeting discussed having the board do a  
121 newsletter using no state funding and no AHS staff. He said Holm had been designated as chair  
122 of a new newsletter committee; Barrios invited other board members to join. He said the  
123 committee discussed the feasibility of funding a newsletter and agreed to go forward with the  
124 first step being to secure the funds. Barrios asked Holm to bring a copy of the newsletter he did  
125 for the Pimeria Alta Historical Society for the board to see. He commented that AHS continues  
126 to lose members and that something needs to be done, perhaps in conjunction with the  
127 Centennial. Barrios noted that memberships cannot be given away. There was discussion.

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129 **Nominating** – Babbitt asked the Board to be sure to submit their recommendations for 2010-11  
130 board officers.

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132 Action Item 10 A was moved forward in the agenda. **Schraml moved to ratify the**  
133 **appointment of Michael Wade, to complete the term vacated by George Hartz that expires**  
134 **November 2010. Babbitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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136 **Property & Building Management** – Urman reported the committee met last month to discuss  
137 the Oro Belle property and the leases for the Charles O. Brown House and Downtown Museum  
138 at Wells Fargo. The Wells Fargo lease agreement expired but continues on a month-to-month  
139 basis and the committee wants staff to extend the lease. The Oro Belle property, 3.85 acres with

140 mineral rights, was donated to AHS in 1974 giving AHS 2/3 ownership. The Mormon Church  
141 has 1/3 ownership. The property is located south of Crown King. Urman said Shaw has had  
142 talks with a representative of the Mormon Church who is agreeable to exchange their interest in  
143 the title to the surface estate for the AHS interest in the mineral estate. The committee  
144 recommends this exchange as it will give AHS 100% ownership in the surface estate which can  
145 be sold.

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147 **Action Item 10 D was moved forward in the agenda. Urman moved to approve the exchange**  
148 **of AHS rights to the mineral estate for the Mormon Church rights to the surface estate for**  
149 **the 3.85 acre Oro Belle parcel. Babbitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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151 **Action Item 10 E was moved forward in the agenda. Urman moved to authorize staff to**  
152 **extend the museum lease with Wells Fargo. Shaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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154 **Publications – No report.**

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156 **Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning – No report.**

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158 **Items Scheduled for Board Discussion and/or Action**

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160 A. Discussion and action to ratify the appointment of Michael Wade, to complete the term  
161 vacated by George Hartz that expires November 2010 was considered under the Nominating  
162 Committee report.

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164 B. Discussion and action regarding certification applications from the Fort Tuthill Military  
165 History Museum, Pioneers' Cemetery Association, and the Tubac Historical Society was  
166 considered under the Community Outreach Committee report.

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168 C. Discussion and action regarding the budget for FY 2010-11 was considered under the  
169 Finance Committee report.

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171 D. Discussion and action regarding the disposition of the Oro Belle property was considered  
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174 E. Discussion and action regarding the extension of the Wells Fargo museum lease was  
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177 **Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings**

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179 The next meeting will be held on Friday, August 27, in Flagstaff.

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181 **Adjournment**

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183 The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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187 Oscar Schraml, Vice-President  
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