

**Arizona Historical Society
Central Arizona Chapter Meeting
January 15, 2009**

Members Present:

Melissa Baffert
Jacqueline Berkowitz
Janice Bryson
Malcolm Comeaux
Princess Crump
Jack Donnelly
Phil Hanson
George Hartz
Joseph Lane
Millicent Jones
Ruth Ann Marston
James McBride
Anna Dean Millett
Jeannine Moyle
Tim Norton
Emma Lou Philabaum

Richard Shaw
C.J. Smith
Michael Wade
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Members Not Present:

Sharon Ronstadt
Sarah Whitmore

Staff Members Present:

Candice Orona, Administration
Peter Welsh, Director
Seth Willey, Events Manager

Guests Present:

Ruth Ann Hogan

- 1 **Call to Order/Introduction of the Board and Guests/Declaration of Quorum**
- 2 The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Mr. Wade
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- 4 **Call to the Public for Comments**
- 5 None heard
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- 7 **History Moment**
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- 10 **Appointments/Resignations/Oath of Office**
- 11 Ms. G. G. George submitted her resignation. Mr. Wade expressed the Board's thanks for her
- 12 long service.
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- 14 Mr. Wade announced the memorial service for former Board member Noel Stowe.
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- 16 Mr. Norton mentioned the names of several possible new members, including Travis Junion.
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- 18 **Approval or Modification of December 18, 2008 Board Minutes**
- 19 Mr. Norton noted some small corrections. Mr. Wade called for approval of the minutes with
- 20 corrections. Moved and Seconded. Motion carried.
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- 22 **Treasurer's Report - George Hartz**
- 23 None Heard.
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- 25 **Discussion and Action, if any, Regarding the Use of CAC 1107 funds - Michael Wade**
- 26 Mr. Wade reported that the Executive Committee considered using 1107 funds for a number of
- 27 publicity purposes, and Mr. Hartz is preparing a report on that. Taking it a step at a time.

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Discussion Regarding Exploration of a Possible Merger with the Phoenix Museum of History - Michael Wade

Mr. Wade reported that it has been approached methodically. Mr. Frank Barrios, the president of the Phoenix Museum of History (PMH), originally discussed the possibility of a merger with Dr. Marston. Mr. Wade and Dr. Woosley have sent Mr. Barrios a letter indicating AHS's formal interest in having a discussion of a possible merger with the Phoenix Museum of History. The AHS has submitted a list of questions to the PMH to become better informed about their operations. Upon receipt of this information a proposal will be prepared which will be brought to the CAC Board as well as to the State Board, which has final authority to decide to merge or not. Mr. Donnelly asked what happens at the Museum at Papago Park? Mr. Wade answered that these questions need to be answered. We might be able to lease out a portion of the Museum at Papago Park as a way to provide funds for the move. Mr. Wade noted that the Arizona Science Center is also expressing interest in a merger with the PMH. Mr. Wade noted that the AHS has the advantage of a compatible mission with the PMH, as compared to the ASC. Mr. Donnelly asked how the merger might affect our relationship with the O'Connor house. Mr. Wade did not foresee anything in the merger that would damage the relationship with the O'Connor House; AHS would not be abandoning the building and would be able to continue the partnership in an active way. Dr. Marston noted that many museums have a research site and a public contact site. If the AHS presence at the Museum at Papago Park took on more of a research nature, that would still be compatible with the mission and intent of the O'Connor House. Welsh noted that the O'Connor House will have limited public accessibility, so the AHS is hoping to serve as the public gateway to the house. AHS has agreed to produce an exhibit that would interpret the O'Connor House and its purpose and offer biographical information about Justice O'Connor. We are attempting to have the exhibit open when the O'Connor House opens in October. Mr. Donnelly asked what the PMH pays as rent to the city. Welsh responded that it is \$1 a year. Dr. Marston provided a concise history of the establishment of the PMH. Welsh also noted that the PMH has a collection of about 40,000 items which is very close to ours. The PMH square footage is approximately 20,000sf, where the Museum at Papago Park is close to 80,000sf. Mr. Donnelly asked about how the source of PMH revenue. Mr. Wade replied that that is what our due diligence is meant to uncover. Mr. Shaw noted that the Barry Goldwater Center for the Southwest was interested in leasing space at the Museum at Papago Park. Mr. Wade noted that we needed to be cautious about going forward.

Mr. John Driggs made a presentation reflecting on the possibilities of the merger and its relation to the restoration of the state capitol and the Capitol Museum as well as the State Centennial. Mr. Wade noted that the CAC Board would look forward to revisiting these topics at a later date.

Discussion And Action, If Any, Regarding The January 24, 2009 Arizona Historical Photographs Fair - Millicent Jones

Ms. Jones gave a report on the preparations for the upcoming fair. She called the Board's attention to the advertisement that appeared in the Calendar section of the *Arizona Republic* and which will appear twice. She also noted the advertisements that were appearing on the radio, as well as television coverage from Channel 12. It was noted that there were entries from 27 individuals and over 130 pictures. Ms. Jones recommended that next year the event should take place in March, rather than January. Mr. Wade noted that having a large turnout from the Board was an important goal, and hoped many of the board members would make an effort to attend.

77 **Discussion Regarding Revision of the CAC Board of Directors Handbook - Tim Norton**
78 Mr. Norton reported that the notebooks would be distributed next month. Mr. Norton noted
79 that he was manually retyping much of the handbook so it would be in digital form, as it did
80 not seem to be available otherwise. He requested that everyone review the notebooks when
81 they get them and try to catch typos and mistakes so they can be corrected. There will be policy
82 changes and bylaw changes that will need to be made.

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84 **Historical League Report - Jeannine Moyle**

85 Mrs. Moyle reported that the Historical League had a very successful Children's Holiday Party.
86 Although the attendance was about 100 fewer than the previous year, the preliminary
87 accounting indicates that the event raised between \$17 - \$20 thousand, net. In addition, Mrs.
88 Moyle reported that the Historical League agreed to put on the Historic Ball that will benefit the
89 PMH. The Board expressed its gratitude, and Mrs. Moyle hoped that the CAC Board would
90 attend and support the event.

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92 **Brief Progress Reports - The President, Director, Committee Chairs, and Project Leaders.**

93 Mr. Wade reported that he put together a written summary of activities, such as tours. He noted
94 that the Antique Appraisal Day was postponed until a later date.

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96 Director Peter Welsh highlighted several items from his written report. Welsh reported that
97 David Tatum resigned in early December. Welsh and Registrar Ashley Smith will take over as
98 many of the duties as possible. Welsh displayed a box of cards produced by the Porter Saddle
99 Company of Phoenix that document each saddle that they made. He noted that this is a
100 potential gift and asked for guidance and assistance from the board. The museum needs to
101 assure the family that the collection will be put to good use if it is donated to the museum and
102 will be made available to researchers and the public.

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104 **Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings.**

105 Mrs. Berkowitz reported that the husband of former board member Kathy Wood had donated
106 \$500 in Mrs. Wood's memory. The Board decided that the donation should go to the Fund for
107 Arizona History.

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109 Mr. Wade announced that he will try to arrange a tour at the Phoenix Museum of History. The
110 board expressed interest in touring behind the scenes at the Museum at Papago Park.

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112 **Next CAC Board Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m., February 19, 2009 at the Arizona Historical**
113 **Society Museum at Papago Park.**

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115 **Adjournment.**

116 Ms. Jones moved, Mr. Hanson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

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118 Recorder: Peter Welsh

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