

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HISTORY COLORADO

February 22, 2016

A meeting of the Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado/HC) Board of Directors was held at 8:30 am at the History Colorado Center (HCC) on February 22, 2016. Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathey Finlon, Bob Musgraves, Ann Pritzlaff, Chris Tetzeli, and Charlie Woolley. Rick Pederson called into the meeting. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner and Michelle Zale. Also attending was Ed Ellis, Volunteer, and David Tryba and several staff members of Tryba Architects. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Ann Pritzlaff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**Chair update:** Pritzlaff told the Board that Steve Turner has been designated as Deputy Executive Director based on the approval of a majority of directors following the last meeting. She reminded the Board that 100% giving participation is needed as that is a question on many grant applications.

### **Transition team:**

- Turner and most of the Division Directors will be going to Fort Garland and Trinidad to begin some strategic planning for those museums.
- Turner also met with Tetzeli to begin exploring some ideas to potentially bring a music series to HC, maybe on a quarterly basis with a 30 minute interview with the artist and a 60 minute concert. How will this be underwritten? Will explore the idea of some type of sponsorship, work with development and Tetzeli's firm, 7S Management, could possibly assist.
- Turner is also working with a small group from programming and exhibits to develop new ideas for changes to the physical space in HC and to supplement some programming with some preservation ideas.

**Financial reports:** Reports will be emailed on the Friday before board meetings. At this time, both revenues and expenditures are down, but we are still substantially favorable to budget. (Attachments B) Gambling revenue is up; however, we are capped at an increase of 3.5% per year. Would like to add a development report to the financials.

Legislative tracking reports will be attached to board packets during the legislative session.

**Tryba architectural update:** (Attachment C) David Tryba and his team made a presentation regarding certain aspects of the original vision for the History Colorado Center that were lost during the planning and construction process for one reason or another. Abarca noted that while he was intrigued by some of the possibilities, as a practical matter any physical changes would have to be done in stages because of money concerns. Woolley suggested that as exhibits are changed, some structural changes could be done at the same time. Tryba noted that some changes could be done relatively inexpensively and easily. Finlon stated that the board would need to evaluate the desired direction and then help determine the priorities, since it simply isn't realistic to think that all of the desired changes could be accomplished.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.