

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HISTORY COLORADO  
June 15, 2016**

A meeting of the Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado/HC) Board of Directors was held at 8:00 am at the History Colorado Center on June 15, 2016. Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathey Finlon, Bob Musgraves, Ann Pritzlaff, Chris Tetzeli, Tamra Ward and Charlie Woolley. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner, Michelle Zale and Jim Parone. Also attending was Mavis Kacena, Volunteer Council President. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Ann Pritzlaff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**Executive Director Vote:** On motion duly made and seconded, Steve W. Turner was unanimously elected as Executive Director of History Colorado.

**Chair Update:**

- Corporate resolution – On a motion by Finlon, seconded by Ward, the Board approved the Corporate Resolution for signing authority. (Attachment A)
- FY17 Board meeting dates – it was recommended that the meeting schedule be changed to once-a-month meetings to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The meetings will continue to be held from 8:00 to 10:00 am.
- Board succession planning – On June 30, 2016, Ken Lund, Bob Musgraves and Charlie Woolley will have completed their terms on the Board. Musgraves has submitted an application for re-appointment. Woolley suggested that a governance committee be formed to provide names to the governor for his appointments and possibly a once-a-year meeting with the Governor to discuss Board prospects. Turner reviewed the process used in the National Register Committee, which is also a Governor-appointed Board. In the past the NR Committee has suggested names to the Governor and he has chosen from that list. It would be desirable for any new HC Board members to have a propensity for fundraising and museum knowledge also. The process should begin at the Board meeting in January, and names submitted to the governor in March. It was questioned about the expiration of terms, do you serve until you are replaced? Turner will ask the Attorney General's office about this.
- Board Officers – Musgraves stated that he felt that in terms of Board officers, the only positions really needed are Chair and Vice Chair, along with Immediate Past Chair to help provide some continuity. He recommended that the Board consider amending the bylaws to eliminate the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, since those roles are effectively filled by staff today. He also recommended that the Board vote on officers each June, to take office in July, consistent with the regular Board terms. It would also be made clear that the terms of officers would be one year. Questions were raised about what would happen if the Chair-elect's term was due to expire and he or she was not reappointed for some reason. Musgraves indicated that there would be nothing to preclude a second election in that case and that could be made clear in the bylaws. On a motion by Pritzlaff, seconded by Abarca, the Board elected Bob Musgraves as the next Chair and Tamra Ward as the Vice Chair. Musgraves will provide draft by-law amendments reflecting these changes to be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**Executive Director Update:**

- Budget – History Colorado had zero budget findings in the last audit. All division directors have worked on the FY17 budget with finance and have signed the budget documents indicating that they have seen the numbers. Admission numbers are best estimates. The gaming revenue may be a little greater than shown on the budget statement; however, the Board has capped the revenue available for HC operations at \$10M. Any excess gaming revenue will go into reserves. The Federal funds received could be increased dramatically if HC is awarded the IMLS grant. Potential budget upsides: increased federal funds and gaming revenues. Potential downsides: admission revenue and development. On motion by Musgraves, seconded by Woolley, the Board approved the FY17 budget. (Attachment B)
- Time machines – See Attachment C for details. May be able to use general operations funds to pay for the time machine changes. Board action must be taken if funds are used from 22T fund. Upon motion by Ward, seconded by Finlon, the Board approved using \$13,500 from 22T to add three new videos to the time machines.
- State lobbyist – Turner noted that our lobbyist, Debbie Wagner, provides very good service to HC. Musgraves asked whether or not HC would need Wagner as much this year. Turner replied that we would, especially for the request to the JBC for additional funding for the Community Museums. On motion by Ward, seconded by Abarca, the Board approved renewing Wagner's contract for FY17.
- National and State Register – The proposed nominations to the National and State Registers of Historic Places were reviewed. Turner talked about the fact that quite a bit of PR is done on each of the NR and SR properties. See Attachment D for property details. On motion by Abarca, seconded by Finlon, the Board approved the State Register Review Board's recommendations (approval of National Register listings is handled by a separate State board).
- State Historian proposal – Musgraves reviewed the current status of discussions with Dr. Limerick and the Center of the American West. The current plan is that Dr. Limerick will withdraw from involvement with exhibits for the time being and will be more focused on outreach, lectures and publications on behalf of History Colorado. There was also agreement around History Colorado's hiring the current Deputy State Historian, Jason Hanson. There was general consensus from the Board on the proposed approach.
- A very positive meeting was held with key members of the Joint Budget Committee in Georgetown at the Georgetown Loop Railroad®.
- Turner attended the Colorado Council for Indian Affairs meeting in Towaoc, hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. New Lt. Governor, Donna Lynne, also attended and offered to help with some of the issues HC is having with OIT.
- The member preview for *Awkward Family Photos* exhibit will be Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Colorado Music Hall of Fame is considering moving out of its current location at the Red Rocks Trading Post. Turner and Musgraves will be meeting with representatives from the Hall of Fame in August.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.