

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HISTORY COLORADO
June 29, 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 29, 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, Sheila Goff, and Elisa Phelps. Also attending were Mavis Kacena, Volunteer Council President and Ed Ellis, Volunteer. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Ann Pritzlaff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Consent Agenda:

- On motion by Abarca, seconded by Woolley, the Consent Agenda was approved. (Attachment A)

Collections:

- NAGPRA proposal – Sheila Goff is History Colorado’s Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) liaison. HC is very proactive in the repatriation of human remains. Goff will be using the bulk of the remaining grant funds to consult with Puebloan experts to determine the origin of some items, then deaccessioning those items and repatriating them to the Tribes. All unassociated funerary objects will be identified and classified.
- Deaccessions – Elisa Phelps presented and discussed a list of items proposed for deaccession by Staff (see Attachment B). On motion by Finlon, seconded by Pederson, the Board approved the deaccession of those items on the list as recommended by the Collections Department. Any funds received from auction of deaccessioned items goes into a restricted fund that is used in the Collections Department for accession or conservation. HC no longer accepts items for which it has no use (either tells an important story or is needed to fill a gap in the collections). Collections are now focused on post-WWII items. The Collection Plan is under review and revision, as the original was written in 2005 and is a bit out of date. Staff is also working on digital storage issues and challenges. The Board discussed whether or not there should be a Collections Committee and how this committee would be populated.
- North Storage compactor request – Turner proposes using \$86,000 from the 22T account to pay for moving compactor shelving from the Lowry facility to North Storage. This shelving needs to be moved prior to the Lowry facility’s being sold or leased and is needed in North Storage due to lack of space. Currently, the North Storage space is inefficient and the vertical compactor shelving will help to resolve this inefficiency. The collections move from the Pueblo storage space must be completed by summer 2017, prior to the grant expiring and the shelving is needed for this also. On motion by Ward, seconded by Pederson, the Board approved spending \$86,000 from 22T to move compactor shelving from the Lowry facility to the North Storage facility. (Attachment C)
- Bylaw change—Musgraves had previously distributed to the Board proposed by-law changes that would, among other things, (1) eliminate the positions of Secretary and Treasurer as Board officers since those positions are now handled directly by Staff members, (2) create the office of Immediate Past Chair, and (3) provide for elections to

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be held annually in June with annual terms to start in July. (see Attachment D). On motion by Pederson, seconded by Woolley, the proposed bylaw changes, as previously provided to the Board, were approved.

Chair Update:

- Election of new board chair - On a motion by Pritzlaff, seconded by Woolley, the Board elected Bob Musgraves as the Chair and Tamra Ward as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors at History Colorado. Musgraves has been re-appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to a three year term, expiring 7/1/2019. The Board thanked Pritzlaff for her leadership during a very challenging time for all involved with HC. Pritzlaff automatically becomes the Immediate Past Chair under the newly amended bylaws.

Executive Director Update:

- Financials – The losses this year will be between \$500K and \$700K instead of the projected \$800K. (Attachment E)
- Board member recommendation process – HC will continue to look for diversity in its board selection process. Will need to begin internal discussions in February so that recommendations can be submitted to the Governor and the Boards and Commissions committee by May.
- Organizational structure – As HC has completely reorganized, the Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB) has requested that our *Performance Planning and Process Roadmap* be revised as well. (Attachment F) Staff has asked for an extension for submittal as we would like to add measureable goals. The goals are very broad and are to be looked at as a start in the strategic planning process. Upon motion by Musgraves, seconded by Woolley, the Board approved the goals with a caution that the goals can and will be re-visited.
- State historian – Musgraves will be meeting with Limerick to discuss the proposal.
- Variable compensation – This proposal, made by Musgraves, will have to be vetted through various state agencies and is for the benefit of all staff, not just upper management. We need to be very careful of public perception of this proposal. (Attachment G)
- Colorado Music Hall of Fame – A meeting is scheduled for Turner and Musgraves to meet with Chuck Morris, CEO of AEG Live and George Sparks, CEO Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Both Morris and Sparks are on the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame. Will report at next board meeting.
- Finlon would like to know how much space is used by offices, exhibits, collections storage and public space.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.