

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HISTORY COLORADO
September 28, 2016**

Before the meeting officially began, Turner thanked everyone for coming to Ann Pritzlaff's event yesterday. He said that he also thanked the Governor for his assistance in helping select such a good board. On behalf of History Colorado, Turner said thank you to Bob Musgraves and Joan Prusse for their generous donation to the *Kids Free* summer program. (see attachment A for details on this program)

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 September 28, 2016. Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathey Finlon, Bob Musgraves, Rick Pederson, Ann Pritzlaff, Alan Salazar, Chris Tetzeli, Tamra Ward, and Charlie Woolley. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner, Janet Burlile, and Elisa Phelps. Also attending was Mavis Kacena, Volunteer Council President. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Bob Musgraves, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:12 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum. He also welcomed new Board member, Alan Salazar.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2016 were approved without change. (Attachment B)

Financials (Period 1):

- Zale is waiting for CORE to close before the 2015-16 fiscal year financials are completed. They will be sent to board members when finished. She currently projects a loss of approximately \$500K, which is less than initially anticipated. (Attachment C)

Bequest Placement:

- The Board previously approved a policy that would place most bequests with the Colorado Historical Foundation (CHF). Two current bequests need placement into either a specific fund or into the general endowment at CHF. Musgraves asked whether HC needs to use this money now. Turner stated that HC will be coming to the Board at the next meeting with a request to use some of the 22T account for several different projects, but did not need these funds at this time. Woolley asked about the current relationship between CHF and HC. Burlile replied that most of the requests for funds from the endowment accounts move smoothly. The general endowment fund is approximately \$1M and the total of all other endowment funds is approximately \$5M. Musgraves would like to establish a small task force to determine CHF's role with HC. Musgraves and Finlon volunteered to be on the task force. On motion by Abarca, seconded by Ward, the Board approved holding the funds from these two bequests at History Colorado until the questions with CHF have been resolved.
- Turner attended the CHF strategic planning session that was held last week. CHF desires to be a historic preservation organization and is not interested in being a fundraising organization for HC.

Deaccessions:

- Phelps briefly explained why and how HC deaccessions portions of its collection. From the list of items (Attachment D), Abarca asked why it has taken so long to return the scalp lock. Phelps explained that it is due to the time it has taken to research the history and ownership of this particular item. It has been repatriated and re-buried, but still must be formally deaccessioned. There are only two groups of items still remaining to be reburied, which will be done this fall. Funds received from the auction of deaccessioned items are placed into a separate accounting fund and then used for collection care. On motion by Pederson, seconded by Finlon, the Board approved deaccessioning all items listed in Attachment D – Deaccessions for Board Approval 9/28/2016.

State Register nominations:

- Attachment E. On motion by Pritzlaff, seconded by Musgraves, the Board approved the four nominations for State Register designation.

DAM History:

- Exhibit is scheduled to open in March 2017. Attachment F shows the paintings and artifacts that will be included in the exhibit. It includes both Native American and Hispanic art. HC is using the paintings and artifacts to enrich each other. HC is also working to ensure that this exhibit is “very Colorado”. A catalog was considered, but time restraints prevent this. A great deal of programming is also being planned around this exhibit, as well as an opening event.

Executive Director:

- Turner explained why HC is making a Decision Item Request to the State for the Community Museums and asked the Board to speak to the Governor. Background information and talking points were reviewed (Attachment G). Salazar said that he would reach out to Henry Sobanet (OSPB) and the Governor.
- Turner spoke about the NSF grant of \$2.2M that was recently awarded to HC for Ute STEM learning. Musgraves asked that staff members involved in the grant writing process present an update to the Board at the next meeting.
- Turner and Finlon met with the Director of the Colorado Tourism Office. They are very interested in what HC is doing. We will continue to meet.
- Cathy Carpenter Dea has submitted her application to the Boards and Commissions group. We understand that they are preparing the executive order approving her appointment.

Colorado!:

- This will be a new group of members consisting of \$2500 donors. Will start with 30 members and 4 events.

Board Chair:

- Musgraves would like to move to six meetings per year. Abarca is concerned that is not sufficient. Woolley asked about potentially having committees; however, Musgraves feels that with the small size of the board, committees are not necessary. Pederson feels that six meetings per year would work as Turner and Musgraves communicate often and Finlon is in the

HC offices about 20 hours per week. Finlon spoke about the changes that have occurred at HC with leadership, financial reporting, and operations over the past year and how progress is continuing to be made. Abarca and Pritzlaff would like the detail of monthly meetings. Musgraves feels that more meetings keep the board “in the weeds” instead of directing policy. Due to the lack of a consensus, this item will be re-visited.

- Board engagement: Musgraves and Turner would like to engage board member expertise to help in specific areas to forward HC’s mission. (Attachment H) Turner is willing to meet/speak with any board member to provide additional information. A Community Museum board member is still needed; Salazar said that he would help. The engagement list will evolve as needs change.
- Board chair: Musgraves reminded the group of his plan to relocate temporarily to the New York area and his request that they consider whether they would prefer that he step down as Chair or as a director as a result. He indicated that he continues to feel comfortable that he can accomplish most everything necessary while living in New York and commuting back for meetings and special needs. He will continue to communicate frequently with Turner as he has in the past. At this point, Musgraves excused himself from the meeting so that the group could deliberate on the issue without his involvement, and Ward took over as Chair. Pritzlaff feels this will work for HC. Consensus is to try this plan and re-evaluate later if necessary.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.