

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HISTORY COLORADO  
October 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Colorado Historical Society (History Colorado/HC) Board of Directors was held at 8:00 am at the Byers-Evans House Museum on October 19, 2016. Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathy Dea, Cathey Finlon, Bob Musgraves, Rick Pederson, Ann Pritzlaff, Chris Tetzeli and Tamra Ward. History Colorado staff in attendance was Steve Turner. Also attending was Mavis Kacena, Volunteer Council President. Sherry Lestina served as recording secretary.

Bob Musgraves, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am and confirmed the presence of a quorum. He also welcomed new Board member, Cathy Carpenter Dea.

Jillian Allison, Byers-Evans House Museum Director (BEH), welcomed the group and talked a little about the BEH and the Victorian Craft Program that has been started in collaboration with the HC Collections and Library staff.

**Chair:**

- The minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2016 were approved without change. (Attachment A)
- Musgraves is working on a couple of policies that he feels every non-profit should have in place, including a Conflict of Interest policy. These policies will be presented at the next board meeting.

**Finance:**

- Period 2 financial statements – revenue from rentals and alcohol is down due to a slow summer, but the fall is looking very good with lots of rentals. Some of the variances in the statements are due to accounting processes and when certain expenses are entered into CORE. (Attachment B) Musgraves asked for an analysis of costs and attendance for each exhibit after that exhibit is closed.
- 22T budget request – The 22T accounting fund currently holds \$4.9M. This account must maintain a reserve of \$3M. HC is able to spend the excess for expenses at HC and the Community Museums. Also, the excess must be spent within the next 4 years, otherwise the funds will become locked into HC maintenance spending only. Abarca asked if any of the excess funds could be used for some of the renovations suggested by Tryba Architects. Turner indicated he thought that was possible.

Would like to use 22T funds to begin working on several exhibits. Abarca has agreed to underwrite the costs of moving *El Movimiento* into the *Colorado Stories* gallery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Turner reviewed the projects listed (Attachment C). The current large exhibit schedule is: *Backstory 2017* (The DAM art exhibit has been named, *Backstory: Western American Art in Context*. Name was developed by HC staff. The marketing for this exhibit will be done by HC. Dea suggested collaborating with the National Western Stock Show in January 2018 as *Backstory* will still be on exhibit and may be a great way to draw additional visitors. Will also look into collaborating with the Coors Art Show.), *Ute Denver/Ute II 2018*, *Colorado Sound 2019*,

*Horses/Horse Power 2020*. Dea has strong connections to CSU and would like to assist with *Horses*. On motion by Pritzlaff, seconded by Abarca, the Board approved spending \$135,000 from the 22T Fund based upon the Budget Request (Attachment C).

**Make History Colorado! Campaign Funds:**

- Unfortunately, some prior expenses that should have been paid from capital campaign funds were paid for out of the operating budget. On motion by Pederson, seconded by Abarca, the Board requested that the Colorado Historical Foundation, which currently holds the MHC funds, transfer the funds eligible for reimbursement to an unrestricted account so the funds are fully available for any HC usage. (Attachment D)

**NSF Grant:**

- JJ Rutherford, Sheila Goff, Shannon Voirol and Liz Cook joined the meeting. They presented an overview and update on the \$2.2M grant the National Science Foundation recently awarded to HC. The project explores the integration of Native American knowledge with Western science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The Board recognized the efforts of all involved and offered its thanks for their hard work on the grant. (Attachment E)

**First quarter review:**

- Turner reviewed the accomplishments of the first quarter of FY17. (Attachment F) He was asked about the sale of the Lowry warehouse facility. JLL is the broker HC is using to facilitate the sale and the proceeds will be placed into an endowment to be used for exhibits and exhibit R&D. Pederson asked if any of the funds could be used for some of the renovations suggested by Tryba Architects. TBD.

**State Historian:**

- Discussion regarding the role of the State Historian. Turner to define the next steps and this discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.