

History Colorado
Board of Directors Meeting
January 24, 2018
Minutes

The Board of Directors of History Colorado (a/k/a The Colorado Historical Society) (“HC”) met on January 24, 2018 at 8:00 am at History Colorado Center (Denver). Present were directors Marco Abarca, Cathy Carpenter Dea, Cathey Finlon, Bob Musgraves, Rick Pederson, Ann Pritzlaff and Alan Salazar. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner, Kathi Grummel, Shannon Haltiwanger, Mark Rodman and Michelle Zale. Also attending were volunteers Judy Durzo, Margaret Conable and Mavis Kacena. Dianne Brown served as recording secretary.

Bob Musgraves, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:04am and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Chair:

- The minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting were approved with one minor change.

Executive Director:

- Personnel Updates – Turner introduced the new Community Outreach Coordinator, Marissa Volpe and introduced the new State Historical Fund Director, Tim Stroh. Turner stated that HC is diversifying its staff – we have 5 new Spanish speaking staff. This will help with audio programming plans.

Auditors:

- Briane Brune, reported that HCC FY 17 audit went well and there were zero findings. Musgraves congratulated Turner and expressed gratitude to all staff. Brune then reviewed the scope and timing for the FY 18. No action needed.

Executive Director:

- Strategic Planning - Turner presented a powerpoint on the draft Mission/Vision/Value document formulated with staff input. The board believes this is a good start and Finlon, Dea and Pritzlaff would like to work on refining the document. Turner will email board members to summarize next steps and determine if there are any other members interested in this working group.
- Turner distributed a draft list of Advisory Committee names. He asked members to review the suggestions, indicate people they know and would be willing to reach out to ask if they are interested in serving. Turner also asked for any new names to be added to the list. He would like to finalize the list of suggested committee members

by March 28. Dea asked for a statement of the role and how to present it to people. She provided a copy of the card that National Western distributes.

- Turner asked the board if they would like to increase the Board size and reminded them that it will require legislative approval. Pritzlaff reminded the group that there are 3 terms expiring in July. After further discussion, the board will seek legislation to increase its size by 3 members and request renewal of the 3 expiring terms. Musgraves asked members to send him potential names for consideration. On motion duly made and seconded, request to seek legislation to increase the board size was approved.
- Financials – Turner reviewed the financials. HC remains in a good financial position. Pederson asked why rental and sales are up. Turner replied that we have a stronger partnership with the new KM management staff. Zale noted that the Grant Humphreys is also doing very well.
- SHF Grant Applications – Pritzlaff presented the list of approved and unapproved SHF Grant Applications. As is standard practice, staff has offered to assist the five unapproved applicants with rewriting/elaborating the applications so they can resubmit with an improved chance for future funding. On motion duly made and seconded, the proposed grants recommended for funding were approved (Pritzlaff, Dea and Musgraves abstained with respect to any grants applied for by National Western Complex, and Colorado Preservation, Inc. because of conflict of interest).
- State National Register - Pritzlaff presented the nominations for State Register. She noted that the Byers Peak Ranch nomination was a heartfelt write up by the family. On motion duly made and seconded, the proposed nominations were approved.
- Philanthropy Report - Grummel provided an update on the upcoming exhibit – Play Ball! She asked the Board to help get the word out and to send names to her to add to the invitation list. The VIP reception is April 4 from 5:30-7:30pm. The Philanthropy team is busy working on fundraising. The Board provided lots of great input (Gov. Owens and Gov. Hickenlooper are huge baseball fans; Dea would like kid friendly activities; trivia; and have a Rockies player in person, etc.) Grummel also handed out a list of people Philanthropy would like to connect with and asked members to note any individuals they know. Finally, to increase stewardship she will be preparing personal thank you cards for Board members to sign and mail out.
- Volunteer Report - Judy Durzo provided an overview of the volunteer council report and highlighted the goals and activities over the last 2 years. They are perfectly aligned with what they're trying to do with the Service Enterprise (SE) effort of matching skills and abilities to jobs needed/wanted. The Board would like to

receive copies of the annual report, newsletter and volunteer council report. Durzo indicated that the next steps are to create a marketing tool campaign.

- Lowry Update - Turner reported that DPS may have an interest in the building. Stay tuned.
- Governor's Mansion - Turner reported that HC has been approached by the Governor's Office and the Boettcher Foundation with a request to deaccession much of the material we hold in the Governor's Mansion back to the Boettcher Foundation. Much of the inventory doesn't necessarily fall into our collection guidelines of holding into perpetuity. Boettcher will steward and manage their materials. HC is working with Governor's office and Boettcher on this to avoid a potential public perception that HC is ridding valuable collection items. Turner will email the Board with this summary and seek their approval to move forward.
- SHF - The Governor's office received around \$880K to repair and preserve the mansion. Unfortunately, the repair estimate came in over \$1 million. They approached HC for SHF funding since the state capitol received funds. Turner explained why the mansion isn't eligible for HC SHF funding. However, he did suggest they contact Larry Friedberg, the State Architect to seek \$250K. If Friedberg concurs, they can continue the conversation forward. Turner is concerned this will set precedence on other state buildings. Unfortunately, the mansion is not eligible for SHF monies.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.