



History Colorado  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 20, 2019  
Minutes

The Board of Directors of History Colorado (a/k/a The Colorado Historical Society) (“HC”) met on January 23, 2019 at 8:00am, at History Colorado Center (Denver). Present were directors Cathey Finlon, Cathy Carpenter Dea, Donna Lynne, Bob Musgraves, Rick Pederson, Alan Salazar, Stephen Sturm, Ann Walker, and Tamra Ward. History Colorado staff in attendance were Steve Turner, Shannon Haltiwanger, Michelle Zale, Kathi Grummel, Jason Hanson, and Tim Stroh. Also attending was volunteer council member Margaret Conable. Dianne Brown served as recording secretary.

Cathey Finlon called the meeting to order at 8:12am and confirmed a quorum. The January 23, 2019 minutes were approved. The agenda item Archaeology & Historic Preservation Committee Membership Appointment was deferred to a later meeting per the request of Ann Walker, Archaeology & Historic Preservation Committee Chair.

Jessica Salazar, from the Attorney General’s office provided an overview on process and procedures for conducting open meetings according to the Sunshine law. She noted that anytime there are 2 or more members of the board meeting and taking formal action (whether by phone, electronically or in person) they must post notice 24 hours prior to the meeting. She recommended the Board schedule Attorney General training once per year to stay informed on processes and procedures and to meet state requirements.

Strategic Planning Committee Update - Turner reported that the committee met on February 21 and the focus work groups are meeting with outside networks to get thoughts, input and advice. The committee will reconvene on May 30 to review their findings.

Turner reminded the Board that May 16 is the opening reception for Beer Here! Finlon encouraged members to attend, May 16, 6-8 pm at History Colorado.

Turner also reported that effective July 1, Dawn DiPrince will move to Denver and become the Chief Operating Officer. This change will help create one comprehensive institution. Musgraves asked about the org chart reporting structure. Turner stated that Holly Norton, Tim Stroh, Michelle Zale, Kathi Grummel and Dianne Brown will report to him. Jason Hanson, Kelly Williams, Shannon Haltiwanger and Marissa Volpe will report to Dawn DiPrince.

Finance Committee Charter – The Board discussed the Finance Committee Charter. Finlon would like add a finance committee now and asked Musgraves to chair with Dea and Pederson

serving. The goal is to provide a review process, more stability and understanding of financials and financial planning and forecasts in preparation for Board meetings but without reduction in requirement for the Board to be fully versed on our financials. Having quarterly reviews prior to Board meetings will help with finance preparation for Board meetings. Musgraves suggests the group work on reviewing the charter as presented and recommend to the Board. Finlon confirmed Musgraves, Pederson and Dea will work on it and share the proposal with the Board.

Decision Item - The JBC did not approve our request for \$661K this year, but invited History Colorado to approach them next year. Lynne, Salazar and Ward volunteered to meet with Dr. Piccone of Higher Ed to discuss History Colorado's financial situation. Walker believes we need to identify the governor's priorities and History Colorado funding requests should align with those priorities.

Deaccessions - Hanson highlighted the purpose and process that the curatorial team uses for our collection, noting that staff go through an extensive process before recommending deaccessions. With that, the Board approved the deaccessions request.

Financial Report - Zale reported on financial statements and focused on January which reflects 58% of our budget spent. Overall, everything is on target, except education. Revenue is down due to many cancellations during the teacher strike and bad weather. She is confident we can make the revenue up by the end of the fiscal year. In addition, education is over on expenses in Tours and Treks. The program has expanded and required an initial investment, revenue should offset those initial expenses.

Tarryall Rural Historic District - Recipient of the Governor's Preservation Award at the Stephen Hart Award Ceremony. Linda Balough travelled from South Park to present the Tarryall Rural Historic District story and the decade of work she led. History Colorado staff worked alongside Linda and those in her community to preserve this important landscape. The Board congratulated her on her leadership and commitment and gave her a standing ovation.

There being no other business, adjourned at 10:24am.