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ARIZONA HUMANITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREATS TO MIAMI, AZ *Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum Hosts Annual Board Retreat*

PHOENIX, AZ – On Friday, June 17th, 2016, the Arizona Humanities Board of Directors held its annual board retreat at the historic Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum in Miami, AZ. Built in 1923 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum is a grand building with vaulted ceilings and wonderful displays of minerals and gems. The board received a guided tour with Executive Director Tom Foster, and several board members recalled special events and programs held there over the years.

The board gathered to review Arizona Humanities' mission, vision and strategic goals for the future. The board, with the guidance of facilitator Anne White, focused on leadership, and also on fundraising and advocacy. "The retreat is always an opportunity to think about how to improve on what we do; we want to reach more Arizonans with excellent cultural programs, especially children and teens." observed Executive Director Brenda Thomson.

The day concluded with a spoken word performance by poet Libby Rooney. Thomson added, "Special thanks to the gracious staff of the museum, the wonderful people of Miami, and to our hostess Libby Rooney at the Chrysacolla Inn Bed and Breakfast in Globe, a hidden gem."

The following members of the Arizona Humanities Board of Directors were present at the meeting. For a full list of board members, visit www.azhumanities.org.

Reginald Adams, *Chandler*
Andrea Ahmed, *Sells*
Dr. Barbara A. Baderman, Chairman, *Phoenix*
Gail Bradley, *Phoenix*
Ryan Bruce, *Bisbee*
Tina Clark, *Yuma*
Anne Catherine Doyle, Secretary, *Flagstaff*
Rita Hamilton, *Phoenix*
Randall Rodman Holdridge, *Tucson*
Dr. Laurel Kimball, *Phoenix*
Mary Lu Nunley, *Phoenix*
Edgar R. Olivo, Vice Chairman, *Phoenix*
Eshé Pickett, *Chandler*
Albert Monreal Quihuis, *Chandler*
Dr. Christine Szuter, *Dragoon*

The next Arizona Humanities board meeting takes place August 19th at the Phippen Museum in Prescott. For more information about Arizona Humanities and the board, visit www.azhumanities.org or call 602-257-0335.

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