



## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum,  
9201 Balloon Museum Drive, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Pugash Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 3 pm

In-Person and on Zoom

Remote option - <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/84260709003>

**Members:** Chair Nancy Abruzzo, Vice Chair Gina Montoya, Ron Behrmann, Nora Tocci, Cindy Hernandez-Wall, Gina Montoya, Jeremy Rutherford, Jonathan Wolfe

**Balloon Museum Staff:** Nan Masland, Eric Wimmer, John Fitzpatrick, Laurie Magovern, Cindy Garcia

1. Call to Order 3:10pm
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes - Jeremy R. motion to adopt minutes, second Jonathan W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval
3. Thank you, Angela Romero for your service on the Board and service to the community with involvement!
4. Museum Update - Nan Masland, Museum Manager – Museum is busy w programming, aerial performers, BFA Pilots Camp. Cyndy Garcia helping with capital projects i.e. new roof and entrance booth, more annex improvements fire and protection, next is temperature control with decent humidity. Current volunteer position still vacant and being reposted with addition of contract help during the Fiesta. Maintenance supervisor and cashier positions still need to be filled. Currently finalizing outdoor exhibit design should be out next week to share with the Board at next meeting. Theater to get a projector upgrade. Reference to special announcements and events upcoming.
5. Discussion: Retreat Style Meeting
  - a. Determine theme and committee – New member onboarding, possible guidelines can be sent out to BOT, look at future projects, Cindy H.W. to help on the committee
  - b. Set date for meeting – tentative Wednesday January 10, 2024. Agenda to follow
6. Collections Update – Eric Wimmer, Curator of Collections
  - a. Action Item: Proposed Donations – met on July 5<sup>th</sup> Ron B. And Jeremy R. –

Motion to accept 1-4 with caveat possible repurpose and salvage of gondola- tabled

Motion to vote individually approved

- b. Dewy Rinehart 1977 Trans-Atlantic attempt gondola. Peter Cueno assisted in assessment. Troy Bradley to assist in transportation. Survival kit rifle possibly kept by family or decommissioned and stored in collections. Family interested in restoring. VOTE Nancy A. motion to accept, Cindy H.W. second, unanimously approved
  - c. Mary Hahn donation of grandfathers documents from 1893-1904 as an Aeronaut from Montana VOTE Nancy A. motion to accept, Gina M. second, unanimously approved
  - d. Bill Glen 1976 Raven and System - discussion of use and need of additional balloon system (size/storage) – with amendments to future donations of large size VOTE Nancy A. motion to accept, with footnote of other options of use of envelope, Jeremy R. second, unanimously approved
  - e. Maurine Mc Millan 1999 Quilt VOTE Nancy A. motion to accept, Gina M. second one vote – no, all others approved.
7. Exhibitions Update – Dr. Lynne Newton- working on updates to exhibits, Tony Tiger in Canopy of Color, updates to sport ballooning, Hall of Fame and Gordon Bennett HQ.
8. Foundation Update – Laurie Magovern, Executive Director of Balloon Museum – June 30 Shoppe Sale, Updating Mission Statement, VIP sales for Fiesta are 50% sold out, Balloon Club in S. Dakota closed and donate 4 balloons to Balloon Museum. Toshiba, Russian Nesting Doll to go to a European purchaser, Uncle Sam and Chickee Boom to the Museum with a committee working on finalization donation. Gala event went well – grossed \$100k (silent auction \$10k, live auction \$21k, appeal \$5k, restaurant raffle \$2600, ticketing \$14k sponsorships \$25k. Thank you to the committee members and trustees! Listed sponsors... most events are 50% net. Post Gala meeting Friday at noon.

Announcements and Events –

- a. ABQ Concert Band Series @ Balloon Museum – 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 7-8 pm
  - b. STEAM Night – Circo Globo Theme, Gallery Reception for *Bryce Risley: Focusing Beyond Balloons* July 22, 4:30-5:30 pm
- Announcement of next meeting – September 20, 2023 full meeting
9. Adjournment – 4:15pm

### **Committees and Members**

Outdoor Exhibition – N. Abruzzo, N. Tocci, J. Rutherford

Collections Committee – R. Behrmann, C. Hernandez-Wall, J. Rutherford

Retreat Committee - Trustee Mentor – C. Hernandez-Wall