



## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum,  
Balloon Museum Annex, Address Available Upon Request

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 3 pm

In-Person and on

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

**Members:** Chair Nancy Abruzzo, Vice Chair Gina Montoya, Ron Behrman, Jessie Hunt, Nora Tocci, Cindy Hernandez-Wall, Gina Montoya, Jeremy Rutherford, Victor Segura, Jonathan Wolfe

**Balloon Museum Staff:** Nan Masland, Eric Wimmer, Dr. Lynne Newton, John Fitzpatrick, Laurie Magovern, Elsa Menendez

1. Call to Order 3:10pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Museum Update - Nan Masland, Museum Manager
  - a. Temporary Closure for Roof Repairs extended – 3/20/23-5/29/23
  - b. Steve Stucker May 30 5-7am farewell weather broadcast, soft reopening 2:30-4:30pm
  - c. Summer Programs – Circo Globo, BFA balloon camp, Explora balloon camp, be greater than average obtained 100 scholarships
  - d. Balloon Fiesta 2023, Annular Eclipse, Gordon Bennett, Temporary Public Art - Ron Behrman on selection committee.
  - e. Staffing Update- Maintenance Supervisor position open, Volunteer and Education outreach position open.
  - f. Upcoming Projects
    - i. Youth Outdoor Exhibition – Rough draft development now, September phasing and budget Nancy Abruzzo and Nora Tocci have been part of the planning, asking for funding from legislature
    - ii. Entrance- enhancing visitor experience
    - iii. Theater – phased approach to update technology – new projector, removing current seating, using informal seating for current programing, fundraising item for retractable seating.
4. Foundation Gala – Laurie Magovern, Executive Director of Balloon Museum Foundation & Gina Montoya- Foundation submitted a grant request to help with outdoor exhibit to promote overnight stays in Albuquerque.  
Observation Deck ticket sale 1/3 sold with some sell outs on specific dates.  
Gala – sponsorships, table participation, auction donations w Steve Stucker as MC

5. Collections Update – Eric Wimmer, Curator of Collections – security upgrade, card access, cameras new led outdoor lighting, smoke detection, fire alarms with new security cameras. Serviced swamp coolers.
6. Exhibitions Update – Dr. Lynne Newton - two new exhibits - photography exhibit from *Bryce Risely: Focusing Beyond Balloons* and *Dirigible Dreams*. Updating canopy of color with Denis Logan first hot air balloon championship winner and Ed Yost 1960 flight with modern balloon systems, Expanding Gordon Bennett exhibit.
7. Announcements and Events –
  - a. Balloon Museum Foundation Gala – Touch the Sky June 2, 5 pm-10 \$150 ticket
  - b. ABQ Concert Band Series @ Balloon Museum – 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 7-8 pm
  - c. STEAM Night – Circo Globo Theme, with gallery reception for *Bryce Risely: Focusing Beyond Balloons* July 22, 5:30-7:30 pm
8. Announcement of next meeting – July 12, 2023 Special Meeting – Goals & Roles... pushing time towards music event – 6pm w food truck & concert at 7pm
9. Approval Minutes - Cindy Hernandez-Wall motion to approve and Nora Tocci 2<sup>nd</sup>
10. Adjournment 4:10pm

Tour of Balloon Museum Collection Storage

### **Committees and Members**

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

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