



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

West Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 3 pm

In-Person and on Zoom

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

Members: Chair Nancy Abruzzo, Vice Chair Gina Montoya, Michael Anderson, Ron Behrmann, Jessie Hunt, Nora Tocci, Cindy Hernandez-Wall, Gina Montoya, Jeremy Rutherford, Victor Segura

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

1. Call to Order 3:03pm
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes - Victor S. motion to accept approve and adopt agenda, second Nori T., unanimous approval.
3. Museum Update - Nan Masland, Museum Manager – New roof and cladding with insulation! 3rd try with volunteer coordinator interviews. BM needs volunteers for Fiesta. New projector with temporary seating in the theater.
4. Foundation Update – Laurie Magovern, Executive Director of Balloon Museum – Sept 29th event for Donor Wall unveiling at entry of BM. Observation deck sells over 2000 tickets over the 9 days, only 200 left. With Shoppe stocked with merchandise. 65% of operating budget comes from those events and Shoppe sales. Fiesta drive for annual membership sales. Oct 14th Annular Eclipse sold out in 3 hours with 300 people on waiting list.
5. Collections Update – Eric Wimmer, Curator of Collections – 1. Will Robinson collection of Gordon Bennett and archives committee request to accept items of most importance for BM and offered to bring items to Abq. 2. Collection of Ballooning T-shirts with focus on other than Fiesta items. 3. John Davis collection of jackets for him and Carrol. Motion to accept items 1-3 Ron B. motion to accept, Cindy H.W. second, unanimously approved. The 14 new collection cabinets have arrived.
6. Exhibitions Update –Dr. Lynne Newton – New exhibits - Ed Yost Pushing the Envelope with produced video of archives, Gordon Bennett expansion focusing on women participation. Hennery Home Clay meteorology study during flight. Canopy of Color updated with 50 Fiestas. New Fiesta posters in hallway.

Announcements and Events –

Friday, October 6th Hall of Fame (5-6 pm) – East Tent (Invitation Only – Board of Trustees Invited)

Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race: Mission Command & TV Station dates TBD in BM

Artist Talk: Bryce Risley (9 – 10 am) – Sky Lounge (Included with admission)

PNC Mobile Learning Center (9 am – 3 pm) – Open Lawn (Included with admission)

Monday October 9th Boards and Commissions – (7 a.m.-9a.m.) West Meeting Room (Invitation Only – Board of Trustees Invited)

Balloon Museum STEAM Night (5:30 – 8 pm) – Sky Lounge, Open Lawn, East Tent (Tickets available cabq.gov/balloon)

NASA, NOAA, NSF, etc. Eclipse Activities (activities and talks) – Outdoor Lawn Saturday 14th

- a. See handout during meeting
 - b. Retreat Meeting followed by Joint Meeting with Foundation and Dinner, January 24, 3-6 pm tabled for now waiting for further board discussion.
7. Hand out parking passes
 8. Announcement of next meeting – November 8, 2023
 9. Adjournment 3:53pm

Committees and Members

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

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

Trustee Mentor for new members - C. Hernandez-Wall