

Board of Directors Minutes

Jan. 15, 2026 @ 1000 a.m. via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Parliamentarian for the meeting was Sondra Mullins.

Present: Becky Hatchett, Teresa Pena, Nancy Hammond, Julie Gentz, Kathe Crapster, Lana Clark, Sondra Mullins, Alan Trisler, JoAnne Goin, Dan Lowrance, Marion Richardson, Janet O'Connor, Cindy Strasheim

Absent: Monica Macklin, Judy Howard, Susan Lorton

Minutes were approved as distributed.

President Becky Hatchett called for Board reports. Below are some highlights. Full reports are below.

- Alana Trisler, Docent Chair reported on the “Works in Progress” meeting and suggested that others may be interested in finding out what papers and/or research staff and others are working on. She also mentioned that she and Kathe Crapster presented a program at the Sand Springs Assisted Living Center. Alana also emphasized the need for docents to attend the upcoming meetings since they will provide much of our training for the galleries in the new museum.
- JoAnne Goin, Forum Chair, reported that Becky and her co-author will make a presentation about their new book on the history of Route 66. She also talked about the possibilities of co-marketing with other non-profits in Tulsa
- Janet O'Connor, HCAR Chair, reported 55 service hours for archives in November. In December, archives reported 45 hours and Conservation reported 21 hours.
- Lana Clark and her Hospitality Committee served refreshments for 50+ people attending the last docent meeting. She also confirmed that the membership meeting for March 21 will be at Oklahoma Joe's. She will provide Becky with an RSVP deadline date.
- Dan Lowrance, IT Chair – At Becky's request, Dan and his committee will be taking on the project of updating the website.
- Kathe Horne, Librarian, said the Collections Policy Group will be wrapping up its work soon and she may be able to share information about that at our next meeting.
- Nominating Committee: Becky informed us (in Judy's absence) that she has received no nominations for officers yet.

- Marian Richardson reported on SOG work: During December there were 5 presentations given by 4 presenters to 56 attendees, totaling 24 service hours.
- Cindy Strasheim, Travel Chair, reported that the Christmas tea at Harwelden was successful. She continues to research and plan a trip to Shawnee that was announced at the last docent meeting and reported that February 11 will be the date for the trip. Ten people have already signed up.

Kathe Crapster, Past President and Chair of Intern Training sent a letter to people interested in becoming a Gillie. She will be updating the application form that will be posted on the museum's website. She also suggested that the Past Presidents take on the planning of the party for new Gillies, which will take place Nov. 21. She will be conducting interviews for prospective Gillies in September. The classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during October and part of November. Becky noted that the object list for the museum is almost ready and will be shared to a few people for training purposes.

Vice President Nancy Hammond spoke with Jonathan Cox about adding a feature on our website for making dues payments, etc. She will forward the estimate to Becky.

President-elect Teresa Pena reiterated the need for people to make nominations for officers. She and Becky will be speaking to a retired teachers organization about the new museum.

President Becky Hatchett reported on her recent meetings with the Board of Trustees, the Learning and Community Engagement (LCE) staff and with Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt (BLW).

- BOT: Becky gave a calendar-year update to the Board on Gillie activities. She said that Board Chairman Susan Savage had used the standard of \$38.00 an hour that the United Way uses to monetize volunteer time and calculated Gillies volunteer hours to equal 2 -3 staff members. Most of the discussion at the meeting was about financial matters.
- Her meeting with BLW was Jan 7. He will be speaking at the March General Membership Meeting. The facilities staff have been monitoring the temperature and humidity in the new museum and found some humidity issues. It's been fixed. Some Anthropology items have been moved, and additional objects will be moved starting next week.
- Becky and Teresa met with the LCE staff on Jan 14th. Chelsea Herr will be doing an interpretive plan overview about the galleries at the February docent meeting. In April, there will be a comprehensive overview of the America 250 exhibition. Dr. Billy Smith will be providing us an object list that will be useful for training purposes. There will be a need for docents to do tours in HCAR, as well as a short briefing on the Declaration of Independence. All 7 pages of the Declaration will be on display in the Reading Room. Gillie/docent assistance will be needed for a future workshop on calligraphy and this fall

the LCE will need Gillies assistance on developing a curriculum for middle school students.

Becky also reported on several other upcoming events.

Uncrease will happen March 14, and 26; April 11 and 23; and May 9 and 28. The museum will need Gillies for way-finding and help with materials. She also mentioned that Channel 6 did a promo spot on Uncrease the morning of the Jan. 15 Board meeting. In addition, Becky shared a list of activities that will be happening at Uncrease.

Bloomerang, the new software program that the museum – and eventually the Gillies – will be using will be paid for by the City of Tulsa. The installation will be preceded by training to make the transition go smoothly. No firm date yet on when that is happening.

Laurel Benson Wrench, the LCE director mentioned that they hope to recruit community volunteers. The objectives are to get members from the Tulsa community to connect with the museum by volunteering in ways that will not require much training and get more people to learn about the museum. It will not interfere with what the Gillies do.

Gillies may be needed to supervise people/students who need service hours.

Becky then reported that Susan Lorton has officially resigned as Treasurer. Nannette Tresner has agreed to fill in the rest of the year. A motion was made to install Nannette as Treasurer, and it was seconded. The Board then voted unanimously to install Nannette as Treasurer for the remainder of the Gillie year – which ends in May. Nannette, Teresa Pena, Sondra Mullins, Sharon Patch and Tom Duncan will be on the Budget Committee.

Upcoming events/meetings

The next Executive Committee and Docent meetings will be Feb. 6. The next Board of Directors meeting will be Feb. 12. Uncrease will begin on March 13. The General Membership Meeting will be March 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m

Board of Directors Report
President Becky Hatchett
January 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom

Meetings attended:

11/13

Board of Directors by Zoom

12/5	FaceTime with Kathe Crapster & Alana Trisler
12/9	Board of Trustees meeting
12/10	Past Presidents' Luncheon
1/6	Board of Trustees meeting
1/7	Meeting with BLW
1/9	Executive Committee meeting
1/9	Gillies/Docent meeting

Service area activities:

- Prepared articles for December and January *Footprints*
- Sent December and January *Footprints* to members, BLW, and Maddy Witt for distribution to staff
- Ran Volgistics reports for November, January, and calendar year 2025 and emailed to staff
- Prepared Board of Trustees reports for December (month of November activities and hours) and January (month of December activities and both December 2025 and 2025 annual hours)
- Prepared and emailed agendas for EC and BOD
- Sent 9 eblasts (November); 1 eblast (December); 2 (so far) for January

Board of Directors Report

Vice-President Nancy Hammond
January 15, 2026 10:00 am

Meetings attended:

11/13/25 Board of Directors meeting

Service Area Activities:

Volgistics:

- Posted service hours for Executive Committee members and Board of Directors members
- Inactivated two assignments: OKPOP Outreach and Route 66 Outreach

Website:

- Added the Board of Directors meeting minutes for October, 2025

Board of Directors Report
Past President, Kathe Crapster
January 15, 2026 @10 am via Zoom

Meetings

11/5 Stephen Townes event
11/6 Exec Meeting
11/6 Docent Meeting
11/13 BOD meeting
11/14 Works in progress
12/2 Gillies Tea
12/3 Met with BLW w/ Becky
1/7 Zoom call w/ Teresa & Becky
1/9 Exec Meeting
1/9 Docent Meeting
1/14 Landscape meeting
1/15 BOD meeting via zoom

Other

- Published the November and December *Footprints* newsletter on the website and updated Bulletin Board on website.
- Gave potential list of dates for Intern and Docent Training as well as a potential email I'd like to send o BLW . Those final dates were approved as well as approval obtained for the email to send out!
- Worked on the list of potential Gillies and spoke w/ Nancy Hammond re refreshing an assignment on Volgistics for us to begin logging time spent on the project.
- Sent out an email to future Gillies about the finalized dates for training, etc.

Board of Directors
Julie Gentz, Secretary
Jan. 15, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Meetings

- EC Meeting 10/3
- EC Meeting 11/7
- Docent Meeting 11/7

Service Area Activities

- Wrote and distributed EC and BOD minutes
- Sent Becky Secretary report for Footprints for Dec. and Jan.
- Sent one sympathy card and two ‘get well’ cards

Other

Worked in library on Nov. 20 and 27; Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

Board of Director Report
Anthropology Chair, Monica Macklin
Jan. 15, 2026 Via Zoom

Meetings: Nov 13, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, via Zoom.

Service Area: Both the Wednesday and Thursday Anthropology crews were on hiatus for all of November and December. Happily, both groups will return to work on Jan. 29 and both groups will be working on Thursdays for the future.

Board of Directors Report
IT Committee, Dan Lowrance Chair
January 15th, 10:00 a.m, via Zoom

Communications: Nancy Hammond, Kathe Craptser

Activities: No reported service issues in December.

Board of Directors Report
HCAR Chair Janet O'Connor
Jan. 15, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

November

Archives	55 hours	8 Gillies
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December

Archives	45 hours	8 Gillies
Conservation	21 hours	2 Gillies

Board of Directors Report
Marion Richardson, SOG Chair
Jan. 15 @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

December Activity:

5 presentations
4 presenters
56 attendees
24 service hours

Presenter	Location	Zip	Date	Attendees	Topic
Alan Jarvis	Trinity Woods	74135	12/1	12	Rivers
Frances Whisman	Bee Hive	74033	12/3	10	Nat'l Parks
Frances Whisman	Bee Hive 2	74137	12/3	10	Nat'l Parks
Frances Whisman	Legends	74132	12/17	10	Nat'l Parks
Kathe Crapster	Sand Springs	74063	12/16	14	Forest Scene
Alana Trisler					

Forest Hills, Bellarose and The Parke presentations were cancelled due to conflicts with Christmas programming.