

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Feb. 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
Sondra Mullins was the Parliamentarian.

Present: Becky Hatchett, Nancy Hammond, Kathy Horne, Kathe Crapster, Dan Lowrance, Janet O' Connor, Cindy Strasheim, Sondra Mullins, Alana Trisler, Julie Gentz

Absent: Monica Macklin, Jo Anne Goin, Lana Clark, Judy Howard, Marion Richardson, Teresa Pena, Nannette Tresner

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Becky gave the Treasurer's report in Nannette's absence:

Current Finances include:

\$15,322.90 in the checking account

- 8,286.00 in designated funds

\$7,036.90 available funds

Becky then called for board reports. Below are highlights; full reports are attached to these minutes.

- Anthropology reported that both the Wednesday and Thursday crews returned to work on Jan. 29. Jordan Naruszewicz took them on a tour of the Anthro spaces in the new museum. The Wed. crew will work on Thursdays from 9:00 to noon. On Jan. 29, 7 Gillies were present for two hours, totaling 14 service hours
- Alana Trisler, Docent Chair, reported that she is continuing communication with curators for information about the new gallery exhibits. She'll work with Dan on posting gallery lists from Alex as they are available. We'll have the list of exhibits for the America 250 exhibition prior to training.
- Janet O'Connor reported the hours for HCAR: Conservation – 21 hours; Archives – 50 hours.
- IT Chair, Dan Lowrance will schedule a meeting this month about updating the website. He will also look into our security certificate.
- Librarian Kathy Horne reported that the meetings on the library collections policy have concluded; Jana Gowan is writing up the policy.

- SOG reported 5 presentations, 4 presenters, 58 attendees and 28 service hours. There were several cancellations due to the bad weather in January. Thanks to Nancy Thomason and Marsha McElroy for presenting at a new location: Covington Living at Inverness.
- Travel Chair Cindy Strasheim reported that 13 people made the trip to Shawnee. Thanks to Carly Amersek for matching up artwork from the Gilcrease collection with the trip. There was some discussion about traveling to Wichita to see the Stephen Towns exhibit.
- Kathe Crapster worked with the Nominating Committee, and all positions now have candidates. She is working on the application form for new interns that will be posted on the Gilcrease website.
- Vice president Nancy Hammond reported that she reactivated the intern category for service hours. She has also posted an update of the Gillies history from 2018 to the present.

President Becky Hatchett then reported on her meetings with the Board of Trustees, the LCE and with BLW.

- There was a financial report at the Board meeting. A discussion followed about some discrepancies between what we think Gilcrease should have and what TU charges Gilcrease. They are working through the issue.
- BLW went over the strategic plan and the landscape plan with the Board. They are looking for donors to fund the landscaping plan. The thought now is to put the education building close to the amphitheater and add extra space to the building.
- The museum has repatriated some items to the Chickasaw and Quapaw Nations.
- Alana requested a list of acquisitions since the museum closure.
- Then Becky talked about the donation to the museum of the Hirschfield Collection, which includes over 300 objects. See attached for the news release.

LCE meeting:

- Uncrease scheduling of Gillies will be handled by staff. They will need 10 – 15 volunteers for each date of Uncrease.
- A walk-through for the America 250 exhibit will be held on June 15 and there will be training for docents. Gillies will also assist in developing the curriculum for middle school students.

BLW meeting:

- At her meeting with BLW, Becky reported that he mentioned a donation for a new monumental, 3-figure sculpture that will be placed at the entrance to the museum grounds.
- During their discussion about the education building, Becky mentioned that it would be great to have a bit of space for the Gillies. BLW said it would go on the list.
- In addition, Becky received an update about Susan Folwell's commitment to create a piece of pottery for the new museum that will honor Susan Neal's service. BLW contacted her gallery owner and the issue has been resolved; Susan is moving forward with the project.

- J.J. Kale will be at the March General Meeting to collect dues for the museum. Becky noted that some people are not getting emails from the museum and she discovered that you have to “opt in” to receive museum communications when you pay your dues.

The Budget Committee decided not to recommend a budget increase and the Gillies Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the budget to be put into Footprints. The proposed budget is attached to this report.

The Board also approved Marsha McElroy as auditor this year.

Change in date: The next board meeting will be March 11 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.

Board of Directors Report

President Becky Hatchett

February 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom

Meetings attended:

1/15	Board of Directors by Zoom
2/3	Board of Trustees meeting
2/3	Meeting with LCE (Laurel Benson-Wrench)
2/4	Meeting with BLW
2/6	Executive Committee meeting
2/6	Gillies/Docent meeting

Service area activities:

- Prepared articles for February *Footprints*
- Sent February *Footprints* to members, BLW, and Maddy Witt for distribution to staff
- Ran Volgistics reports for January and emailed to staff
- Prepared Board of Trustees report (activities and service hours for January)
- Prepared and emailed agendas for EC and BOD
- Sent 5 eblasts (since last BOD meeting)

Board of Directors Report
Vice-President Nancy Hammond
February 12, 2026 at 10:00 am

Meetings attended:

1/9/26 Executive Committee meeting, Docent meeting

1/15/26 Board of Directors meeting

Service Area Activities:

Memo to IT Chair (Dan) regarding IT information that will be needed to submit to the Budget Committee: Aqua Vita - hourly rate for updating the website, GoDaddy – any upcoming expenses, Volgistics – monthly fee

Volgistics:

- Posted service hours for Executive Committee members, Docent meeting attendees, and Board of Directors members
- Made list of current Docents for Alana
- Re-activated the Intern Education assignment

Website:

- Added the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting for November 2025
- Memo to Treasurer (Nannette) for the Budget Committee regarding cost of the project to add a dues payment option to the website
- Wrote an updated version of the History of the Gillies (2018-present) using Cathy Luccock's review of the Footprints newsletters; sent to Becky for approval
- Wrote draft of Deanna Storm's service on the National Docent Symposium Council (revised by Deanna); sent to Becky for approval
- Added both Deanna's NDSC information and my updated version to the History of the Gillies page

Board of Directors Report
Past President, Kathe Crapster
February 8, (8:30 a.m. in Jackson in HCAR)

Meetings

- 1/7 Zoom meeting w/ Becky
- 1/9 Exec Meeting
- 1/9 Docent Meeting
- 1/15 BOD meeting
- 2/6 Exec Meeting
- 2/6 Nominating Committee Meeting

Other

- Published the January *Footprints* newsletter on the website and updated Bulletin Board on website.
- Sent out an email to future Gillies about the finalized dates for training, etc.
- Had phone conversations with Gillies on the Nominating Committee to make sure they knew about the meeting on Feb. 9th following the Docent meeting in HCAR.
- Coordinated with Dana Yarborough to secure the Jackson room for Nominating Committee meeting.
- Sent several emails to Nominating Committee.
- Gathered lettered of recommendation and printed them out for the NM to review when they meet.
- Continue to add new names to the potential Gillies list. Sent another prospective Gillie the initial email on Jan 4th.
- Worked on the future Gillies application forms and content for 10 classes.

Board of Directors Report
Julie Gentz, Secretary
Feb. 12, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Meetings:

Jan 9	Executive Committee
Jan 9	Docent Meeting
Jan 15	Board of Directors Meeting

Service Area Activities:

Wrote and distributed minutes for EC and BOD
Sent a sympathy card and a get well card
Put Benita Adams back on the membership roster

Other:

Worked in the library

Board of Director Report
Anthropology Chair, Monica Macklin
Feb. 12, 2026 Via Zoom

Meetings Attended: None

Service Area: Both the Wednesday and Thursday Anthropology crews returned to work on Jan. 29, 2026. Jordan Naruszewicz took us on a tour of the Anthropology working spaces, explained where to park and how to enter through the loading dock. The Wednesday crew will now work on Thursdays from 9:00 to noon. One Jan. 29 seven Gillies were present for two hours each for a total of 14 hours,

Board of Directors Report

Docent Chair, Alana Trisler

February 12, 2026 via Zoom

Meetings attended:

January 15: Gillies Board of Directors' meeting via Zoom

February 3: Learning and Community Engagement Meeting with Laurel Benson,
Becky Hatchett, and Teresa Pena

Service area activities:

- Worked in Digi: 1-30, 2-5, and 1-8-2026
- Presided over the February 6 Gillies/Docents' monthly meeting in HCAR
- Wrote Docent Corner article for Footprints newsletter

Board of Directors Report

HCAR Chair, Janet O'Connor

Feb. 12, 2025 @ 1000 a.m. via Zoom

Meetings Attended:

Docent meeting 1/9

BOD meeting 1/15

Service Area Activities:

Hours for HCAR

HCAR Archives	50 hours	7 Gillies
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Conservation	21 hours	2 Gillies
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Worked in Archives: 9 hours

Board of Directors Report

Marion Richardson, Speaking of Gilcrease Chair

Feb. 12, 2026 via Zoom

5 presentations

4 presenters

58 attendees

28 service hours

Presentations in January

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Frances Whisman	Bee Hive #1	74033	1/7	10	National Parks
Frances Whisman	Bee Hive #2.	74137	1/7.	12	National Parks
Frances Whisman	Forest Hills	74012	1/8	4	National Parks
Nancy Thomason Marsha McElory	Inverness	74132	1/7	20	Western Landscapes
Bob McCullough	Bellarosa.	74134	1/15	12	National Parks

We welcomed a new location on 1/7 with the presentation at Covington Living at Inverness. Thanks go out to Gilcrease presenters Nancy Thomason and Marsha McElroy.

Cancellation due to inclement weather (snow and ice) were received from Legends, Sand Springs and The Parke. Alan Jarvis showed up at Trinity Woods on 1/7 to hold a presentation, but the location had forgotten that he was scheduled. He did receive service hours for his attendance.

Board of Directors Meeting
Travel Chair, Cindy Strasheim
February 12, 2026

January 13	3	Research & Connecting to venues and individuals in Shawnee/eblast
January 14	1	Eblast and return emails answering questions
January 15	1.5	BOD
January 16	1	Communication with Carli Amersek to create backstory for the trip. Potawatomi, Absentee Shawnee, and the art and artifacts in Gilcrease from each of these tribals entitles
February 6	1	Docent Meeting
	1	Nominating Meeting
February 7	1	Nominating Committee calls
February 9	1	Confirmation of Nominating Committee; Judy Howard, nominees, Emails
February 9	3	Calls to Shawnee Venues; emails to travelers and Tribal Officials. carpool arrangements
February 11	7	Driving, touring, driving
February 12	1	reports
February 12		BOD

GILLIES 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

Receipts

(projected income)

Capital Reserves Allocation. \$ 550.00

(money from bank account to be used in 2026 – 2027)

Member Dues \$ 4,650.00*

Interest from Bank \$ 15.00

Total Receipts \$5,215.00

Disbursements

(projected expenses)

Hospitality \$1,500.00

Postage 75.00

Forums 600.00

Supplies 570.00

Intern/Docent Training 700.00

Travel Educ Conference fund 100.00

Memorial & President Book 150.00

Tech Support

Zoom Annual Account 160.00

Volgistics 660.00

Aqua Vita 150.00

Website dues payment option 550.00

Total Disbursements \$5,215.00

*Dues based on current membership of 100 Active Members @ \$30 per member, 30 Associate Members @ \$35 per member, and s0 projected new Gillies at \$30 per member

Gilcrease welcomes the Alan J. Hirschfield Family Foundation Collection in April 2026

TULSA, Oklahoma (Feb. 3, 2026) – Gilcrease Museum is pleased to announce the acquisition of a very important collection of Indigenous materials from the Alan J. Hirschfield Family Foundation. Alan and Berte Hirschfield were leading collectors of Indigenous art and advocates for Native communities. The collection contains nearly 300 items of 19th- and 20th-century Indigenous artistry from across the United States and Canada.

In 2024, John Linehan, a friend of Gilcrease who passed away later that same year, connected Berte Hirschfield with Brian Lee Whisenhunt, executive director and chief executive officer of Gilcrease. “As Gilcrease sits on tribal land, this gift from the Hirschfield family allows us to respectfully observe the history of both Native peoples and our own museum,” said Whisenhunt. “We are thankful to the family for their trust in Gilcrease to steward the collection the Hirschfields assembled with love and respect and in solidarity with the Native communities of North America.”

Alan J. Hirschfield, an executive who ran Columbia Pictures and Twentieth Century Fox, was known as a forward thinker who brought legendary movies to the big screen including “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” and “Kramer vs. Kramer,” among others. Noteworthy figures such as Frank Sinatra benefited from the counsel of Alan Hirschfield, who supervised the sale of a stake in Sinatra’s record company to Warner Records. Born in New York, Alan’s family moved to Oklahoma City in 1938 when he was 3. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma and received an MBA from Harvard Business School before marrying Berte Schindelheim in 1962. Berte earned a bachelor’s degree from Bennington College in 1960 and a master’s degree in education and counseling at Bank Street College in

1972. She worked in many roles and fields in New York, including counseling, product development, marketing and licensing.

After settling in Wyoming, Alan became co-chief executive of Data Broadcasting Corp., a sought-after provider of financial information and advice. Berte founded and served on the boards of numerous organizations, including Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free, Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust and Teton Literacy Foundation.

After Alan's passing in January 2015 at his home in Wilson, Wyoming, Berte aspired to find an appropriate institution to steward their exquisite collection. Their children continued conversations with Whisenhunt after their mother passed away in January 2025. "By gifting the Hirschfield Collection to an Oklahoma institution, we're honoring our father's roots as well as the region's cultural heritage that inspired him," said the couple's children: Marc, Laura and Scott. "This state shaped who he became, and this contribution is our way of giving back to the people who helped form our family's story. We are certain we have found the right home to care for this precious collection."

The items in the collection – including basketry, pottery, beadwork, quillwork, works on paper and more – exhibit Indigenous peoples' adaptability during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chelsea Herr, Gilcrease's curator of Indigenous art and culture, commented on how the collection will benefit the museum: "The Hirschfield family's gift is both an ideal complement and a vital expansion of the collections already stewarded at Gilcrease. It represents a number of Indigenous communities with whom we already have relationships, and it also allows us to build new relationships, such as with First Nations communities in Canada."

In addition to collecting Native art, the Hirschfields' philanthropic efforts included advocating for Native people of Wyoming. Upon Berte's death, the family established The Berte Hirschfield Legacy Endowment for education and cultural preservation to benefit the Chief Washakie Foundation on the Wind River Reservation. Years earlier, Berte and Alan

were pivotal in funding the Inter-Tribal Center at Central Wyoming Community College, also on the Wind River Reservation.

“I want to thank the Hirschfield family for this incredible gift, which will continue to enhance the cultural life of our city and region,” said Tulsa Mayor Monroe Nichols. “This collection of Indigenous artistry and history will strengthen our museum’s partnerships within the community and advance our mission to work with our tribal partners to preserve and share the heritage of Native American culture here in Tulsa.”