

Minutes of Montana Historical Society Board, November 2, 2005

In the meeting room were Arnie Olsen, Vivian Hamill, Lee Rostad, Bob Morgan, Shirley Groff and Jim Murry. Telephone connections were made at 2:30, with Ed Henrich, Steve Browning, Jim Utterback, Tom Siebel, Mary Murphy, Sharon Lincoln, Judy Cole, Bill Holt and Tom Foor. Jack Lepley and Steve Lozar were absent.

The meeting was called into Executive Session and Vivian Hammill said Arnie Olsen would like to submit his resignation and leave his post at the Historical Society as quietly as possible. She presented for Arnie his resignation and the Agreement for Separation and Release. Jim Murry made the motion to accept Arnie's resignation, Ed Henrich seconded and it was passed. Bob Morgan moved that Mark Baumler be put in as Interim Director, seconded by Sharon Lincoln and was passed. Ed asked if Mark had been contacted and Bob Morgan said he had agreed to step in.

Lee asked for any discussion and Mary Murphy expressed her disapproval of how the resignation had been handled and said she would be sending in her resignation. She also was upset that the appointment of the Interim Director was not discussed by the Executive Committee and suggested that Mike Umphrey should have been considered.

Ed Henrich announced that he would be sending in his resignation.

Mary Murphy, Ed Henrich and Jim Utterback left the meeting.

Lee closed the Executive Session and asked for public comment. A number of staff members entered the meeting room and asked about the future of the Society and how a new director would be chosen. Discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.