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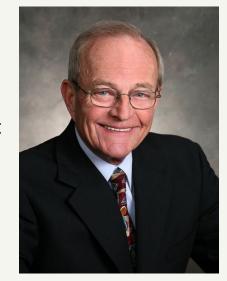
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Alliance Welcomes New Board Members

In early December, the Arizona Heritage Alliance elected Walter W. (Bill) Meek, Dale Wiebusch, Cheyenne Walsh, and Bryan Martyn to each serve a three year term on the Alliance's Board of Directors. These four outstanding individuals will be working in support of the Alliance's mission and goals:

Walter W. (Bill) Meek, a 50-year resident of Arizona, is past president of the <u>Arizona State Parks</u>
<u>Foundation</u>, a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving conditions at State Parks. Bill retired in 2007 after 14 years as the founding president and CEO of the 7,000-member Arizona Utility Investors Association, now known as the Arizona Investment Council. Before that, Bill spent 15 years running marketing communications companies in Phoenix, San Diego, and Tucson and another 15 years working as a



newspaper reporter and editor, including ten years at The Arizona Republic.

Cheyenne Walsh received her bachelor's degree and law degree from University of Arizona. She also holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University. Prior to entering law school, Cheyenne worked as a legislative intern for the Arizona State Senate Government & Transportation Committee, and as a legislative associate at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, where she worked closely with municipalities on issues relating to land use, utilities, development fees, taxes and budgets, and transportation. She also worked as a legal extern in Washington D.C. on the staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator Jon



Kyl. She was admitted to practice law in 2012 and joined the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, where she assisted clients with environmental and state and local government relations issues. Cheyenne became a partner at Isaacson & Walsh, PC in 2015 and specializes in representing clients before the Arizona State Legislature, and state and local agencies. Her clients include governmental entities, nonprofits, trade associations, and Fortune 500 companies. Cheyenne has been nominated by her peers as a Best Lobbyist under 40 each year since 2014, and was honored to be named Best Female Lobbyist under 40 by the readership of the Arizona Capitol Times in 2016 and 2017. She also has been recognized in Southwest Super Lawyers as a Rising Star annually since 2014.

Bryan Martyn grew up in Tempe and attended McClintock High School where he was active in student government and was a varsity athlete in baseball and football. He later earned a baseball scholarship to attend Arizona State University where he majored in Wildlife Biology. Following ASU, Bryan entered the US Army Helicopter Flight Training program where he graduated



at the top of his flight class and was selected to fly the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter. While flying in the Army, Bryan served in Germany, Korea, Texas, and Alabama-completing combat tours in Iraq during Desert Storm and Bosnia. He was later hand-selected for an inter-service transfer from the Army to the United States Air Force to fly Special Operations helicopters. While flying in the USAF, Bryan served in New Mexico, England, and Arizona-completing multiple combat tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa. Bryan retired after more than 20 years of military service. Shortly following his retirement, Bryan was elected as a County Supervisor in Pinal County. While serving as a County Supervisor, he was hired by the Arizona State Parks Board to serve as the Executive Director of Arizona State Parks. Bryan today owns a small consulting company with offices in Phoenix and Washington, DC. His firm focuses on veteran, military, environmental, and government policy issues.

Dale Wiebusch is the Intergovernmental Affairs
Director for the <u>City of Maricopa</u>. Prior to this he was the
Senior Legislative Associate at <u>the League of Arizona</u>
Cities and Towns, where he was closely associated with
the Heritage Alliance. Dale spent many years working in
the social service field and has an avid interest in hiking
and camping. He is a 1979 graduate of Gustavus
Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, with a major in
Psychology, which serves him well at the Capitol.



New Officers Elected at Alliance's Annual Meeting

On December 12, 2017, the Arizona Heritage Alliance Board of Directors' held their Annual Meeting at the <u>Flinn Foundation</u>. Tammy McLeod, President and CEO of the Flinn Foundation, kicked off the meeting with a brief overview of the Flinn Foundation's history, mission, and goals. The Alliance then introduced guest speaker, Kathryn Leonard, Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer. Kathryn discussed her role and the various programs and tools that the <u>State Historic Preservation Office/Arizona State Parks</u> offers across the state. The Alliance then held their annual elections appointing the 2018 Officers as well as re-electing existing Board members for another three years.

2018 Officers and Board of Directors

- Janice Miano, President
- Jim McPherson, Vice President

- Bonnie Bariola, Secretary
- William Thornton, Treasurer
- Elizabeth Woodin, Past President/Director
- Barbra Barnes
- Margaret Bohannan
- Sam Campana
- Pam Jones
- Russ Jones
- Bryan Martyn
- Bill Meek
- Kathleen Roediger
- Kent Taylor
- Cheyenne Walsh
- Dale Wiesbusch
- Bob White

Past Board Member Advisory Committee

- Peter Culp
- Don Farmer
- Jim Holway

Elizabeth Woodin to Be Honored at Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet

Arizona Heritage Alliance's Immediate Past President, Elizabeth Woodin, will be honored on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet at the Point Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix. The purpose of the awards is to recognize Arizonans who have contributed significantly to the conservation of the state's wildlife, its outdoor heritage, and the mission of the <u>Arizona Game and Fish</u>



<u>Department</u>. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission held its first annual awards banquet on Jan.12, 1991. Since then, a total of 374 recipients have been recognized with Commission awards.

Beth will receive the Award of Excellence for her many contributions and accomplishments towards Arizona's wildlife and outdoor heritage. As many of you know, Beth championed across the state in support of the Arizona Heritage Fund, the only voter approved initiative in the 1990 statewide election. She served on the Arizona Nature Conservancy board of directors in the 1980s and

1990s. She was appointed by Governor Rose Mofford to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in 1990 and held the chairmanship in 1995.

Upon leaving the Game and Fish Commission, she joined the Arizona Heritage Alliance board of directors and for the past nine years served as the Alliance's President. Beth's vast knowledge and experience in the natural resources arena has been called upon by other groups, including the <u>Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum</u> (executive committee member), River Run Network (advisory committee member), and Tucson Orchid Society. <u>The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation</u> added Beth to their Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2006.

Upcoming Events

- <u>Environmental Day at the Capitol</u>, Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 1700
 W. Washington St., Phoenix
- <u>Arizona Historic Preservation Conference</u>, June 6-8, 2018, Valley Ho Hotel, Scottsdale

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- Protect the integrity and voter intent of the Arizona Game & Fish Heritage Fund
- Pursue sustainable and dedicated funding sources for Arizona's historic, cultural, and natural initiatives, programs, and activities
- Educate Arizonans on the benefits of our state's wildlife, open space, parks, and historic and cultural resources
- Monitor state legislative and agency activity







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