

Pioneers' Cemetery Association

Introduction and Guidelines

The objective of "Introduction and Guidelines" of Pioneers' Cemetery Association (PCA) is to publicly provide a consistent and transparent understanding among the membership, the public and visitors, historical agencies and organizations, historians, volunteers and the media about each of the topics listed. Past observations have shown many differing thus confusing interpretations are offered. This document provides a PCA-approved consistency.

- Mission - The Mission of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association, Inc. is to research, preserve and protect the history and physical remains of Arizona pioneers as exemplified in the early, historic-period cemeteries of the state.
- 501(c)(3) – PCA is authorized by IRS as an official 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
- Articles of Incorporation – PCA is incorporated in Arizona under Articles of Incorporation.
- Bylaws – PCA has Bylaws governing its own operations.
- Collaboration - PCA collaborates with other organizations preserving Arizona's historic cemeteries.
- Contact – PCA, P.O. Box 33192, Phoenix, AZ 85067-3192, pioneercem@yahoo.com or 602-534-1262.
- Funding – PCA is self-supporting through memberships and fund-raising. No public monies are provided.
- Historic Register Sites – Pioneer & Military Memorial Park (P&MMP) and Smurthwaite House are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Cementerio Lindo, informally, is considered a historic site.
- History – PCA was founded in 1938, disbanded in 1940's, active and vibrant 1983 to the present.
- Locations – PCA's location and primary beneficiary cemeteries are:
 - P&MMP/Smurthwaite House, 1317 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ, or commonly as 13th Ave. & West Jefferson Street, not 14th or 15th Avenue as seen in various publications,
 - Cementerio Lindo, 15th Ave. & Durango Street, at the northwest corner, Phoenix, AZ.
- Management Plans – PCA has Management Plans covering how PCA and City of Phoenix manage the cemeteries (P&MMP and Cementerio Lindo) and approve additions to them, such as monuments, benches, improvements, plantings, features, etc. The Plans also detail how the cemeteries and historic features are to be protected and preserved.
- Membership – PCA welcomes volunteers although membership (Individual, Family and Organization) provides special benefits. Members volunteer their time, effort and funds in support of the Mission.
- Museum - PCA is certified annually by Arizona Historical Society as an Arizona Certified Museum.
- Names:
 - "Pioneer & Military Memorial Park" is the correct name of these seven pioneer cemeteries of Phoenix. Often the cemeteries are called "Pioneer Cemetery" – this is incorrect; in Phoenix there is no cemetery named Pioneer Cemetery. "P&MMP" is an acceptable acronym.
 - "Cementerio Lindo" is the correct name for this historical cemetery.
- Operating Agreement and Ownership – PCA has an Operating Agreement, as a tenant, with City of Phoenix covering how PCA shares management of P&MMP, Cementerio Lindo and Smurthwaite House with City of Phoenix, the owner of these properties.
- Operating Hours – Though generally open on Thursdays and some Tuesdays year around and most 4th Saturdays monthly September – May, visitors are welcome at other times. Inquiries are encouraged.
- Representation – Activities, communications, literary works, media coverage and publicly disseminated material generated from or supported by PCA shall represent the Mission.
- "Timeline" - A chronological listing of selected cemetery and related historical events for Phoenix and State of Arizona.
 - This document is a primary resource for PCA presentations, publications, website and other references.
 - "Timeline" is distributed to visitors, the media, historical organizations and others interested as a source of factual information and consistency in reporting.
 - "Timeline" is documented by SHPO and provides the chronology and data preferred by PCA although other historians and documents may have differing dates and versions for the historical events listed.
- Website – PCA's website is www.AzHistCemeteries.org. Additional information is available here.

The Board of Directors of Pioneers' Cemetery Association welcomes visitors, inquiries, special requests and supporting activities. Go to pioneercem@yahoo.com or www.AzHistCemeteries.org.