

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC Co-President C. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:41 MDT.

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Stacey Fiske, Sunhee Johon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Anna Jones, Christie DiNapoli, Fred Ris, and Rick Walsh. Chris Miller joined at 7:00pm. Members Paul Chessin and John Griffin, were absent. Guests in attendance: Alicia Alvero Koski. Leah Porter did not attend.

Co-President C. Horton determined that the meeting was duly called and noticed and that a quorum was present. Bill Horton was appointed Secretary *pro tem* in Paul Chessin's absence.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Upon motion M/S/P, the previously circulated agenda was approved, as amended.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from the prior month's (October) meeting were not available. A. Jones, Secretary *pro tem* for that meeting, will attempt to locate her notes and provide minutes at a later date.

V. Announcements

Fred Ris, later in the meeting, announced that he is to become president of his condo board, and, as a result, not as available as in the past.

VI. MARKETING AND EVENTS.

A. Debrief of Past Events.

1. Denver Press Club – CRISPR event. R. Walsh reported that he attended the event but did not participate as moderator. The speaker expressed to R. Walsh that he wished to manage his own questions. Comments about the speaker included "the talk was marginal."
The issue of an honorarium for the speaker was not raised by R. Dodge in discussions after the event. R. Dodge was originator and organizer of the event. R. Walsh will write to speaker on another issue and determine whether an honorarium is expected.

Learning from the problematic process of lead-up to this event:

1. Use a single point of contact for Club and speaker.
2. Vet the quality of speaker more thoroughly.

R. Walsh was thanked for his efforts in managing the Club's interests in the event with thoughtful adroitness.

B. Upcoming/Proposed Events.

1. THE Game Watch Event: November 19, 2022 at Brooklyn's (the original) – all is on track for this in-person event, led by C. Miller, held in conjunction with the local Yale alumni club. Venue accessibility issues have been raised again. Next year location will be reassessed.
2. Holiday Celebration: A. Jones and B. Horton, with F. Ris, will take the lead on organizing this in-person event. An email will be sent out detailing volunteer roles for this event.
3. Little Women – a production of Theatreworks Colorado Springs involving two Harvard alumna will be promoted on the RMHUC website, with a ticket discount offered to RMHUC members by the theater company.
4. Speakers Bureau – there may be a possibility for an “all HAA SW Region” faculty speaker in the new year. C. Horton will follow up.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Trustees. A. Jones asked that Trustees should watch for an email about the next meeting.

B. Finance. S. Fiske noted that full reports will be made at the December meeting. Financial reports will be presented once per fiscal quarter for approval by the Steering Committee. S. Fiske will provide monthly updates on significant transactions.

C. Governance. B. Horton advised that there was nothing to update regarding the history project.

D. Schools Committee. C. Horton mentioned that she and Sunhee Hodges attended the Cambridge Admissions Conference, October 28, 2022. Joy St. John, appointed in June 2022 as Director of Admissions, spoke about research on intergenerational issues. C. Horton expressed confidence in the leadership of Ms. St. John. S. Hodges mentioned the issue of how to create diverse Harvard classes without legal challenges.

In Colorado to date, there are 76 Early Action applicant. 50 interviewers have completed training and have self-certified on the Harvard Admissions portal. S. Hodges was recognized for her insightful and thoughtful implicit bias training for local interviewers.

E. Nominating Committee. S. Hodges reported that the Nominating Committee will likely convene again in January 2023.

F. HAA and SW Region Update. A. Jones and C. Horton reported on their attendance at the HAA Alumni Leadership Conference October 27/28, 2022. They were able to meet with other SW Region leaders and Jeannie Reeth AB '96, Director for the SW Region. C..Horton mentioned the HAA work on Allyship and Advocacy and asked that the SC consider thinking about this together, including board diversity and whether Club events are appealing to the same groups. The Post.Harvard email forwarding service will not be phased out. The names of the new HAA Executive Director and Harvard President were not announced at the meeting.

VIII. NEWSLETTER. C. Horton stated that no date has been set for the next newsletter. Notice of the Holiday Celebration will be sent to the email list, once a date and location are determined.

IX. ADJOURN. There being no other business, and C. Horton having lost her internet connection at 19:55MDT, co-president A. Jones adjourned the meeting at 20:11 MDT.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Horton, Secretary *pro tem*