

RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes – March 13, 2025

Attending, Alicia Alvero Koski, Stacey Fiske, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, Rick Walsh

Guests: Gustavo Cavalcanti, Fred Ris

Regrets: Paul Chessin, **Not Attending:** Anna Jones

Location: Zoom

President Charlotte Horton, established that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm MDT.

Bill Horton was appointed Secretary *pro tem* in the absence of Paul Chessin.

The agenda was approved as amended MSP

The minutes from the previous meeting were passed as amended MSP

As announcements, it was mentioned that Harvard is in the top 60 of higher education institutions under investigation by the federal government. The speakers have been announced for Alumni Day, Commencement and the Radcliffe Medal.

Invited guest Gus Cavalcante introduced himself to the Steering Committee members present. Steering Committee members each gave a brief introduction of themselves.

A motion was discussed to revise the expense reimbursement process for the Alumni Leadership Conference attendance. This motion now supersedes a similar motion presented in the minutes of the September 2024 meeting.

It was resolved: In order to accommodate increasing costs of travel, the Club will support up to two members of the Steering Committee to attend the HAA Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC) in Cambridge, MA with up to \$1,000 of reimbursement of reasonable and actual travel expenses. After presentation of travel expense receipts, \$750 will be available after travel, and \$250 will be available after a report on the ALC is submitted to the Steering Committee. MSP

Note: this motion supersedes a motion passed in September 2024.

Membership: no update

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Finance: The Financial report was delivered by Treasurer Stacey Fiske. Ms. Fiske reported that a certificate of deposit in the club's account had been re-invested on February 1, 2025 and matures in July, 2025. In recent years over \$1,000 of interest as accrued due to these types of investments of the club's assets. Ms. Fiske reported that the annual corporate report to the Colorado Secretary of State has been filed. Ms. Fiske reported that the annual insurance premiums for Directors and Officers insurance and Liability insurance have been paid for the 2025-2026 year.

The issue of future of 501(c)3-compliant spending and how can we address our mission was tabled to the April 2025 meeting

Governance: There was no update.

Schools committee.

S. Juhon Hodges reports that the regular admission cycle is wrapping up. Decisions by Harvard are expected at the end of March, 2025. A new admits luncheon is planned for April 13, 2025.

It was resolved: That the expenditure of up to \$40 per person to a maximum of \$2,000 be allocated for the new admits luncheon on April 13, 2025. This luncheon is to include students, parents, and guardians of students, interviewers of admits and some new interviewers. MSP

This year's Harvard Admissions Visitas event will take place on April 27th and 28th in Cambridge, MA.

It was resolved: that the Club reimburse reasonable and actual travel expenses of up to \$300 per admitted student for travel to Visitas if requested by the student. Students are to provide expense receipts to the Club. MSP

Ms. John Hodges reported that the recent interviewing session was deemed successful. Interviewers proved to be loyal and conscientious and 5 new interviewers were on-boarded this year. C Horton mentions the sense of enrichment of seeing new interviewers benefiting from working with mentors.

Trustees.

There has been no meeting since the last Steering Committee meeting

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HAA Update

C. Horton reported that The Harvard Key login change effective February 26, 2025 has been implemented by the HAA.

The HAA has communicated by email that a Speakers Bureau match for the RMHUC has been found: Professor Daniel Nocera.

Marketing

Past Events.

Ski Train. This event on January 24, 2025 had net positive revenue, including paying for après ski finger food. Further discussion tabled to next meeting when Paul Chessin is in attendance.

Opera Insights: On February 18th a successful RMHUC Zoom presentation by Madeleine Snow, AB'20 took place. 40 participants had signed up.

It was resolved. That an honorarium of \$200 be paid to Madeleine Snow for her efforts toward the educational benefit of all Colorado and Wyoming alumni through her Opera Insights presentation on February 18, 2025.

Mr. F. Ris will forward a RMHUC check in the amount of \$200 to Ms. Snow.

Opera Night: A. Alvero Koski reported that the Opera Night event on February 27, 2025, featuring Opera Colorado's *La bohème*, was a success. Over 60 people attended the event which showed positive net revenue. Ms. Alvero Koski pointed out some items to consider for the future:

1. Plan to use Will Call as a means to distribute tickets
2. Provide attendees with clear instructions about where to meet in the private room at intermission.
3. Provide more tickets in the \$40 price range in the hope of attracting more first-time Opera goers.

Upcoming Events

Global Networking Night. C. Horton reports that Improper City will be the event location on March 19, 2025. This event is currently at its venue capacity attendance of 45. A wait-list has been established. Expected costs are \$300 for the

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rental of an exclusive-access room, plus up to \$200 to pay for appetizers at this event. It was suggested that upcoming RMHUC events be promoted at GNN.

Join or Die documentary. Chris Miller reports that he has arranged for a presentation of this documentary at the Denver Press Club on April 16, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM MDT. Pete Davis, AB'12, JD'18 will attend virtually for a question-and-answer session at 8:10 PM. MDT. A related marketing email will be sent out via Alumni Magnet on March 14, 2025.

Molly Brown House. Event on May 21, 2025 event to take place between 6:00 and 8:00 PM Mountain time. Chris Miller will finalize a notice in order to post the event on the RMHUC website.

All-Ivy Happy Hour. Rick Walsh reports that the All-Ivy Group is looking to hold a Happy Hour, likely on June 4 or 5, 2025

Proposed events

Wine tasting. C. Miller will let us know when to revisit the planning for this guided tasting, potentially in the fall of 2025.

Chamber Music. S Juhon Hodges will look into a June 9 or June 10, 2025 Chamber Music event. This is to include a performance of Beethoven cello works and the potential for a pre-performance discussion. S. Juhon Hodges will bring forward ideas to the April 2025 meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Next Meetings:

C. Horton will distribute a Doodle pool to determine a date in March for separate meeting to discuss a Speakers Bureau event.

Next Steering Committee meeting scheduled for April 9, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pmMT.