

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC Co-President C. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:36 MDT.

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Paul Chessin, Stacey Fiske (joined at 18:50), John Griffin (left at 19:02), Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Anna Jones, Chris Miller (left at 19:22), Fred Ris, and Rick Walsh. Members John Griffin, Fred Ris, and Jeff Wheeler were absent. President B. Horton determined that the meeting was duly called and noticed and that a quorum was present.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Upon motion M/S/P, the previously circulated minutes of the Steering Committee's June 8, 2022, meeting were approved, as amended.

V. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS. Steering Committee member F. Ris introduced himself with a brief biography.

VI. MARKETING AND EVENTS.

A. Debrief of Past Events.

1. RMHUC Annual Meeting. B. Horton reported on the June 23, 2022, Annual Meeting. The comments on the CiviCo venue were favorable and the support staff were very solicitous and helpful. One consideration for using the venue for future events/meetings is the cost to have the HVAC turned on after normal business hours.

B. Upcoming/Proposed Events.

1. Red Rocks Hike. A. Jones reported that she thought 4 people had signed up for this event, scheduled for July 16, 2022, although B. Horton thought that number might be 9.

2. R. Dodge Speaker Suggestion. The Steering Committee discussed the previously circulated suggestion from RMHUC member Robert Dodge to have Dr. Chang Hee Kim speak on his work in gene editing. R. Walsh thought the idea was fabulous, and volunteered to take the initial lead in

planning the event. R. Walsh also suggested an event on the **Walter Isaacson book, *The Code Breaker***, which also concerns gene editing and CRISPR.

3. 2022-2023 Annual Plan. C. Horton stated that she is working on an events strategic plan for this fiscal year.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Trustees. A. Jones stated that there was nothing to report.

B. Finance. Other than working with F. Ris to close the books for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, S. Fiske stated that there was nothing of note to report. F. Ris explained how monies are disbursed from the Colorado Scholarship Fund.

C. Governance. B. Horton advised that there was nothing to update regarding the history project. He also stated that the presidents' transition successfully concluded in a bloodless coup.

D. Schools Committee. C. Horton reported that the new admittees' send-off event will be on July 31, 2022, at Barnum Park, the same venue as last year's event. In addition to matriculating students, the students' families and volunteer interviewers are also invited to the event.

E. Nominating Committee. As S. Hodges could not attend the meeting, there was no report.

F. HAA and SW Region Update. B. Horton stated that the SW Region's fall meeting will be sometime in September, but no firm date has been set. He also reported that the date for the Alumni Leadership Conference also has not been set, but speculated that it likely would be in October, possibly October 28, 2022. B. Horton also noted that current HAA Executive Director Philip Lovejoy is retiring, effective December 31, 2022, and the RMHUC's own **Allyson Mendenhall will be assuming the HAA's presidency**. Future HAA/SW Region reports will be the responsibility of co-presidents C. Horton and A. Jones

VIII. NEWSLETTER. C. Horton stated that no date has been set for the next newsletter.

IX. ADJOURN. There being no other business, co-president C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:03 MDT.