

Committee Members present: Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, Rick Walsh,

Regrets: Paul Chessin, Alicia Alvero Koski, Stacey Fiske, Guests: Fred Ris, Gustavo Cavalcanti

Not attending: Anna Jones

Location: Zoom

A quorum being determined, the meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm MT.

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

President Charlotte Horton established that a quorum was present.

The agenda was approved as amended MSP

- *Amendment: Item 7.1 changed “GNN” to “ALC”*)

The minutes from the previous meeting were passed as amended MSP

- *Amendment to VII.A.3 Holiday Party: add text “Tickets cost \$10 less than 2023 and the event achieved a small positive net revenue.”*

Finance: Financial report is tabled to the March 2025 meeting due to absence of Treasurer Stacey Fiske.

Governance: Discussion of Correction to September 2024 Minutes – Alumni Leadership Conference reimbursement – tabled to March 2025 meeting.

Schools committee.

S. Juhon Hodges reports that the regular admission cycle is in the home stretch. Looks like a strong group of students. It was noted that the admissions portal now includes a report due date and this has improved response times from interviewers. Recent success in onboarding some recent grad interviewers. An *in-camera* discussion followed.

Trustees.

There has been no meeting since the last Steering Committee meeting

HAA Update

Charlotte Horton reports that the HAA is in its strategic review phase and she was asked to participate in this strategic discussion. Specifically, on “how to engage those who are not engaged”. C Horton offered to the review group that it helps to meet people where

they are and in Colorado that means outdoors. She recommended that the HAA reinstitute the Global Series that was canceled prior to the 2008 financial crisis.

The HAA notes that the Harvard Key login will change effective February 26, 2025. This has been communicated to alums.

A new Vice President of development and Alumni Affairs has been appointed. Jim Husson will take over from Brian Lee.

Marketing

Past Events.

Ski Train. This event on January 24, 2025 had net positive revenue, including paying for après ski finger food. There were 20 participants and tickets were offered at half the price of those offered in 2024, due to a lowering of Amtrak's ticket prices.

Upcoming Events

Opera. Two related events are upcoming: on February 18, 2025, Madeleine Snow, AB'20 will deliver a Zoom presentation on opera insights, to be offered to all Colorado based alumni. It was suggested that Ms. Snow be provided with an honorarium from the Club for this effort directed at alumni education.

The event on February 27, 2025, the RMHUC Opera Night at Opera Colorado, is well subscribed. With the 55 \$40 tickets sold out and only eight \$150 tickets remaining for the performance of *La bohème*.

Global Networking Night. C. Horton reports that Improper City will be the event location on March 19, 2025. The motion was made to allocate \$300 for the rental of an exclusive access room, plus up to \$200 to pay for appetizers at this event. M/S/P.

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. The cost of renting the film is \$500 and there will be a \$250 honorarium for Pete Davis for participating in the Q & A. The cost per ticket is projected to be \$15. At 50 attendees the event will break even. If there is any loss on the event, this liability will be shared 50%-50% between RMHUC and Denver Press club. A motion was made to allocate up to \$350 towards staging the event of the screening of the documentary, *Join or Die* and that the club will agree to share net revenue 50%-50%, whether positive or negative, with the Denver Press Club. M/S/P.

The local Harvard Kennedy School Group was offered the opportunity to participate in the organization but did not respond to Chris Miller's entreaties.

5. Molly Brown House. C. Miller proposes a May 21, 2025 event to take place between 6:00 and 8:00 PM Mountain time. The plan for the event would expect 40 to 60 guests. The ticket cost would include museum entrance, after hours use, and presence of Molly Brown House staff. The cost is estimated at \$30 per attendee. RMHUC member and Molly Brown House docent Sadie Sanchez is the museum contact. The proposed ticket price is \$45 for adults and \$35 for children, to allow \$15 for appetizers and drinks. After a 20-minute presentation attendees will be offered the chance to conduct a self-guided tour. Guest numbers and payment finalization due May 7, 2025. A motion was made to agree to the event date, time of May 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM and ticket prices of \$45 for adults and \$35 for children. M/S/P

6. All Ivy Happy Hour. Rick Walsh reports that the All-Ivy Group is looking at different dates in May and June to hold a Happy Hour.

Proposed events

Wine tasting. C. Miller proposed the idea of a wine tasting of Portuguese wine, likely at the Denver Press Club. 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. Performance of Beethoven cello works and the potential for a pre-performance discussion. S. Juhon Hodges will bring forward ideas to the March 2025 meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Next Meeting: C. Horton will distribute a Doodle pool to determine a date in March for the next Steering Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pmMT.