

MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC President C. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:39 MDT.

II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM. The following members were present: Alicia Alvero Koski, Paul Chessin, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, Chris Miller, and Rick Walsh (joined at 19:45). Member Stacey Fiske was excused due to the imminent birth of her daughter. Members Sunhee Juhon Hodges and Anna Jones were absent. President C. 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.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Upon motion M/S/P, the April 2025 Steering Committee's meeting minutes were approved.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS. A. Koski mentioned her 10th reunion gathering in Boulder. B. Horton announced the announcement of Harvard College's new dean, David Deming.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Finance. Due to S. Fiske's excused absence, there was no finance report.

B. Schools. C. Horton reported on the May 11, 2025, matriculant "tea" over Zoom, at which there were two attendees.

VII. HAA UPDATE.

A. Both C. Horton and P. Chessin attended the HAA's April 29, 2025, Club Leadership Connections conference call. Ms. Horton reported that the call was a good idea, but needed better execution. Among other things, she thought there were too many people on the call and the discussion was not very focused. Mr. Chessin felt that what discussion there was was dominated by just a few large-market clubs, who seemed mainly interested in talking about certain of their events, such as annual dinners, and how successful they were; he didn't think those types of events would translate well into RMHUC's smaller, less urban, and geographically diverse market.

B. SW Regional Call. C. Horton reported that the call's discussion centered on local Alumni Day events. However, it was not clear exactly what HAA had in mind with regard to such events.

VIII. MARKETING & EVENTS

A. Review of Past Events

1. Join or Die. C. Miller stated that this April 16, 2025, joint event with the Denver Press Club was quite successful, with the Q&A one of the event's highlights. Ever modest, he observed that there were opportunities for improvement, as he explained in more detail in his previously-circulated May 14, 2025, email. In particular, he noted that the DPC didn't sell enough tickets to meet its share of the upfront costs total costs, which it agreed were to be split 50/50 with the RMHUC (total costs were \$790.00, making each party's share \$395.00), and thus had a shortfall of some \$245.00. Mr. Miller moved that the RMHUC pay the DPC's shortfall. The motion failed for lack of a second.

B. Upcoming Events.

1. Speaker's Bureau. C. Horton reported that Prof. Nocera ended up not being available. The HAA suggested that instead the RMHUC try Prof. Cohen. Due to lack of capacity, Ms. Horton recommended that the RMHUC not have a Speaker's Bureau event this fiscal year; the Steering Committee concurred.

2. Molly Brown House. C. Miller updated that planning for this May 21, 2025, event was going well, but he could use a volunteer to assist and help staff the event. Mr. Miller then raised the subject of whether the RMHUC should pay for or subsidize the attendance at events of those who organize, staff, or otherwise volunteer to help with the event. Discussion ensued, with no decision made.

3. Happy Hour. A. Koski reported that so far 50+ RSVP's had been received for this May 15, 2025, event at the Lowry Beer Garden.

4. Annual Meeting. C. Horton suggested that the Annual Meeting be pushed to next fiscal year so that there would be adequate lead time to set a date and get an appropriate venue.

5. Aspen Art Collector's House Tour. C. Miller reported on the progress for this event, but questioned whether it was worth pursuing.

6. Summer BBQ. A. Koski suggested some possible dates for this event, including July 27, August 10, or August 17, 2025. She also stated that Denver Parks requires payment to reserve a park space venue. All agreed that last year's Great Lawn Park in Lowry venue was excellent. Upon motion M/S/P, \$100.00 was allocated to reserve the park space.

IX. NEXT MEETINGS. The next Steering Committee meetings are scheduled for June 11 and July 9, 2025, whether in person or virtual to be determined.

X. ADJOURN. There being no other business, president C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:11 MDT.