

# RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2026

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I. CALL TO ORDER. RMHUC President C. Horton called the meeting to order at 18:33 MDT.

### II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM.

- **Members Present:** Charlotte Horton (Chair), Paul Chessin (departs 19:13), Rick Walsh, Bill Horton, Alicia Alvero Koski (departs 19:30), and Stacey Fiske.
- **Secretary *Pro Tem*:** Bill Horton was named secretary *Pro Tem*.

III. CONSENT AGENDA. Upon motion M/S/P, the consent agenda was approved.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS. B. Horton announced that Conan O'Brien has been named as the Commencement speaker for Harvard's 2026 Commencement.

### V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. Governance. No new items.

B. Membership. C. Horton will produce a quarterly report for the April meeting.

C. Finance. There was no report from the Treasurer.

D. Schools. An admitted student reception is scheduled; however, no decisions will be made until later in March.

E. Trustees. There has been no Trustees meeting since the last Steering Committee meeting.

F. Bylaws. Alicia Alvero Koski is tasked to review and provide an update.

VI. HAA UPDATE. C. Horton reported that the HAA announced layoffs from their staff to create a leaner team. Rachel Tsavalakoglu will remain the main HAA contact for RMHUC.

## VII. MARKETING & EVENTS

A. Review of Past Events. There were no recent events to report on.

### B. Upcoming/Proposed Events.

1. GNN. As of tonight, 78 names are registered. The marketing plan includes an RMHUC email on March 17, an HAA email on March 18, and a follow-up email on March 24.

2. A. Madama Butterfly with Opera Colorado. This remains an upcoming event proposal with May 7, 2026 as the target date. Feasibility of a pre-performance reception will be explored by B. Horton and A. Alvero Koski.

2.B. Opera Insights. Madeleine Snow AB'20 has been approached to conduct a zoom session similar to the successful 2025 event. Expect a formal request at new meeting for a honorarium. This is not a request from Madeleine but an expression of gratitude from the Club for her contribution to alumni education about opera.

3. Fiske Planetarium. R. Walsh proposed a date of October 11, with a likely start time of 18:30. R. Walsh and Michael Banks are discussing potential speakers. The Committee discussed opening ticket sales to Harvard alumni first, then other groups, and encouraged other groups to use their own PayPal accounts.

4. Denver Chamber Music Festival. C. Horton will connect with Sunhee Juhon Hodges regarding dates between June 5 and June 13.

5. All Ivy Event. Potential dates include June 4, 9, 10, 11, or 17, with a preference for June 17. The likely location is the Denver Press Club.

6. Harvard and Tech Startups. RMHUC Member Nadia Eldeib AB'13 has proposed a co-working day to launch this new Shared Interest Group. The Committee proposed promoting this launch event and discussing future co-hosting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS. \* **Operating Agreement.** The Committee discussed HAA Events Management guidelines regarding book talks. It was determined that the Club should remain neutral, focus on sparking discussion, and evaluate authors on a case-by-case basis.

- **Events Protocol.** A suggestion was made to require at least two steering Committee members to discuss an event before promotion to ensure it does not serve as business advertising or political campaigning.

IX. ADJOURN. President C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:07.