

## **MINUTES - RMHUC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 17, 2024

**I. CALL TO ORDER.** RMHUC President C. Horton called the meeting, which was held via Zoom, to order at 18:37 MDT.

**II. MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF QUORUM.** The following members were present: Alicia Alvero Koski, Paul Chessin, Stacey Fiske, Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Bill Horton, Charlotte Horton, and Rick Walsh (joined at 18:42). Members Chris Miller and Fred Ris were absent, having previously sent their regrets. Members John Griffin, Anna Jones, and Leah Porter were absent. There were no guests in attendance. 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 March 2024 Steering Committee's meeting minutes were approved.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS.** B. Horton reminded Committee members to put both the May 23, 2024, Commencement Day and the May 31, 2024, Alumni Day on their calendars.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS.**

A. C. Horton summarized highlights of the Alumni Leadership Conference, as follows:

- A relaunch of Alumni Magnet will occur soon.
- Just about all Clubs are dealing with the same problems; the issues facing RMHUC are also faced by other Clubs.
- Among these issues include how to increase membership and revenues.
- Another issue was board member succession and refreshment, including attracting new board members.
- During a Step Back Consulting session, the Harvard University Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) Community Expectations guidelines were reviewed and discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding whether RMHUC wanted to employ membership auto renewal, and if so, how; instead, the consensus was to send out reminders of membership expiration/renewal more often prior to the expiration date.

B. AA&D Community Expectations. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC accepts and abides by the AA&D Community Expectations, to wit: “AA&D programs and volunteer opportunities respect the rights, differences, and dignity of others. Those taking part in AA&D activities are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and civility in those activities, and are accountable for their conduct with University alumni, students, parents, volunteers, employees, and invitees.”

C. AA&D Inclusion Guidelines. Upon motion M/S/P, the RMHUC adopts the AA&D Inclusion Guidelines, to wit: “AA&D reserves the right to suspend services to and to exclude from participation in AA&D programs any person whose inappropriate behavior adversely affects the safety, well-being, or inclusion of community members.”

## **VII. MARKETING AND EVENTS.**

### **A. Review of Past Events**

1. Clyfford Still Museum Tour. B. Horton reported that the April 6, 2024, Clyfford Still Museum Tour was very successful, with 31 attendees. He especially complimented C. Freed on Dr. Freed’s outstanding 45-minute presentation. B. Horton recommended that the Club continue to offer this event.

### **B. Upcoming/Proposed Events.**

1. Pink Martini/Colorado Symphony Orchestra. C. Horton noted that all 60 tickets allotted to the Club sold out.

2. Denver Chamber Music Festival/Cello Quartet. S. Hodges stated that this event is posted on the venue’s website and ticket sales went live.

3. RMHUC Annual Meeting. C. Miller previously circulated some possible venues for this event. C. Horton said that she will circulate potential dates.

4. Potential Happy Hour. A. Alvero Koski proposed a June 2024 Happy Hour, and suggested as dates either June 5 or 26, 2024, both of which are Wednesdays. Further details will be forthcoming. A suggestion was made to theme the Happy Hour around Reunion year classes.

5. University-Wide Admitted Student Reception. C. Horton stated that there was nothing new to report on this event.

6. Fiske Planetarium. R. Walsh advised that he is looking at October 20 or 27, 2024, with preference for the 20th, as the most likely dates for this event. He is waiting to hear back from Planetarium staff for their input and additional details.

## **VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

A. Trustees. C. Horton reported that the Trustees met on April 2, 2024, at which meeting the Trustees approved the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of Trustees to be presented at the Annual Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2024, to wit, A. Alvero Koski, P. Chessin, and S. Fiske. C. Horton further stated that the Trustees plan to meet next on May 2, 2024.

B. Finance. S. Fiske referred the Steering Committee to her previously circulated report.

C. Schools Committee. S. Hodges reported that the College granted admission to 15 Colorado students and two Wyoming students. Five admittees attended the April 6, 2024, new admittee reception. Students must decide by May 1, 2024, whether to matriculate. A matriculant tea is scheduled for May 5, 2024. The Steering Committee expressed its sincere thanks and gratitude to the Schools Committee's four members - S. Hodges, C. Horton, S. Fiske, and F. Ris - for their hard work and contributions.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS.** A. Alvero Koski suggested that, at its next meeting, the Committee explore possible volunteer opportunities in which the Club could participate, as it has done in the past.

**X. NEXT MEETINGS.** The next Steering Committee meetings are scheduled for May 8, 2024, June 12, 2024, and July 10, 2024, whether in person or virtual to be determined.

**XI. ADJOURN.** There being no other business, president C. Horton adjourned the meeting at 20:07 MDT.