

# RMHUC Steering Committee Minutes – August 13, 2025 v2

Steering Committee Meeting of August 13, 2025

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Call to order of meeting at 6:37pm Mountain Time.

President Charlotte Horton establishes that no quorum is present. The meeting will continue with Bill Horton as secretary *pro tem*.

Attending: Charlotte Horton, Bill Horton, Alicia Alvero Koski and Stacey Fiske.

Absent with prior notification: Paul Chessin, Rick Walsh, Chris Miller, Sunhee Juhon Hodges,

Not present, without prior notification: Anna Jones.

Updates to agenda to be addressed at next meeting, including:

- Offer of meeting with HAA executive extended by David Battat and Will Makris with prospective date September 10, 2025.
- Add New event for May 2026 Opera: Madama Butterfly
- Upcoming events: It is unlikely that the Hillel Rabbi Event in August 2025 will take place.

## Governance

For the next meeting a proposal will be put forward to remove Anna Jones retroactively effective upon the expiration of her Trustee term on June 30, 2025. C Horton to send email to this effect to Anna Jones and to Steering Committee explaining this action. A. Jones has not attended a Steering Committee meeting in over 1 year.

Potential Steering Committee member, Lavanya Kondapalli, has been identified. C. Horton will initiate contact with Ms. Kondapalli.

A discussion followed about defining how members are determined to be absent: unnotified versus unexcused. This discussion will be deferred to the bylaws review and then discussed in Steering Committee.

**Treasurer report:** no questions. Stacey Fiske presented a financial update at the Annual Meeting to the group of members assembled on August 3, 2025.

## Schools Committee

Three matriculating students attended the event. That was hosted by Sunhee Juhon Hodges, Charlotte Horton and Josh Allen. One attendee came in from Salida, CO.

The number of attendees has dropped off in the past few years with no apparent rationale.

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No Harvard admissions officer visits will be undertaken this year due to travel budget constraints.

## Events

Welcome to Your City event: C Horton will register RMHUC with the Harvard Alumni Association, with the designated location, as in the past at Punch Bowl Social. C. Horton will reach out to the shared interest groups to encourage them to participate and attend if they are going to co-register.

A Welcome to Your City web page will be introduced to the website by B Horton.

HAA executive event: David Battat, first Vice President of the HAA, has offered to speak with the leadership of the Club about the situation at Harvard. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 has been proposed as a meeting time with Mr. Battat and also joining him is Will Makris, current president of the HAA. Bill Horton will circulate, by email, this proposal to the Steering Committee members.

For the next meeting the consent agenda will contain a fewer number of items in order to facilitate a 30-minute session with Mr Battat and Mr Makris. It is proposed that this part of the meeting start at 6:30pm Mountain Time and end at 7:00 PM Mountain Time. This timing is to help accommodate the Harvard Alumni Association Executive Group who are on the East Coast.

Barbecue event on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Reflections:

Alicia Alvero Koski. Reported that \$640 in revenue was taken in \$587.16 was spent on food and \$97 spent on the park reservation. For a net negative revenue of \$58.54. Ms Alvero Koksi expressed special thanks to Paul Chessin and Bill & Rachelle Horton for helping set up the event. The event was deemed by those at the meeting as very successful especially as a family event. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting incorporated well into the flow of the barbecue, with the exception that it may have been better to start the Annual Meeting earlier than 1:00pm. An estimated 25 members attended the meeting.

It was determined that the price point of \$10 for members was attractive enough to allow for 64 tickets to be sold, with 55 attendees. In the future: it was suggested that a reminder email of the location be sent to all those who have registered for the event.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm Mountain Time.