



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Membership  
of the Colorado Chautauqua Association  
Thursday, July 16, 2009  
The Grand Assembly, Chautauqua Community House

**Board of Directors Present:** Steve Brett, Richard Foy, Mike Franson, Ben Gilbert  
George Karakehian, John Meyer, Ed Sanders, Molly Tayer, Kathleen Woodberry,  
**Absent:** Dennis Ahlburg, Conrad Lattes, Lara Ramsey, Josh Taxman,

**CCA Staff present:** Executive Director Susan Connelly, Director of Operations Jim  
Turner, Director of Finance and Administration Sue Brophy, Facilities and Preservation  
Manager Jeff Medanich, Lodging Manager Bert Farin, Executive Assistant and  
Membership Coordinator Molly MacGregor

**CCA Members Present:** 30 - 35 attendees, many of whom did not sign in

**Call to Order** - CCA Board president George Karakehian called the Annual Meeting  
to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. At his request, all those present introduced  
themselves and stated their affiliations with Chautauqua and CCA.

**State of Chautauqua** - President of the CCA Board of Directors George Karakehian  
spoke enthusiastically of his experiences staying in cottages for a true Chautauqua  
“immersion” and thanked many in attendance for their hospitality during his overnight  
stays and at other times. He said he was happy to report no problems, just more ideas  
and opportunities than time and dollars allow to be acted upon. He asked CCA  
Executive Director Susan Connelly to report on some highlights of the last year.

Ms. Connelly noted that this was her sixth time addressing the Annual Meeting. She  
referred to a hand-out that was available to all attendees, “Highlights of CCA  
Accomplishments Over the Last 12 Months (August 2008 - July 2009)” [copy attached]  
and emphasized CCA’s strong financial footing and noted that the National Historic  
Landmark bronze plaques were presented on July 4<sup>th</sup> and are being installed  
tomorrow, and that CCA just received news of two grants from the National Park  
Service to complete implementation of the interpretive signage and a bus pullout near  
the park entrance (which grants are pending federal FY 2010 budget approval). She  
introduced CCA’s Facilities and Preservation Manager Jeff Medanich, who delivered a  
PowerPoint presentation entitled “Higher Performance Preservation” re: the gut

rehabilitation of Cottages 510 and 512 to create improved guest comfort in cold and hot weather while reducing energy and water usage.

Mr. Karakehian concluded that the Board looks forward to sharing more about 2020 Planning to create a sustainable future for Chautauqua as it develops.

**Member Input and Public Comment** - Long-time cottage renter David Carlson thanked the CCA staff for creating a great guest experience. Long-time cottage owner Jan Meyer complimented the website and encouraged all to view the video on Chautauqua developed by Rocky Mountain PBS that they have allowed to stream on our website. Lodging Manager Bert Farin informed the assemblage that reprints of the 1998 (Chautauqua Centennial) group photograph that hangs in the Academic Hall lobby are now available for purchase from the photographer, Wayne Dozier, who can be contacted at (720) 494-1433.

**Announcement of Election Results** - Ms. Tayer, as chair of the Nominations Committee, confirmed that the required minimum quorum of members voting to constitute a quorum had been met and exceeded (11.71% of eligible voters voting). She announced that the three incumbents running for the three seats had, in fact, been re-elected (Richard Foy, Mike Franson, and Ed Sanders) and that the Board-recommended amendments to the CCA Bylaws to require a minimum of eight regular Board meetings each year vs. the current requirement of monthly meetings passed with 83% of the vote, exceeding the 75% requirement in the Bylaws.

**Acknowledgement of Retiring Board Member Molly Tayer** - Mr. Karakehian noted that Molly Tayer will be retiring from the Board after five and a half years and thanked her for her service to Chautauqua, including serving on the Governance and Nominating committees.

**Adjournment** - Ms. Karakehian adjourned the Annual Meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Molly Tayer, Board Secretary