

COLORADO CLASSICS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING

9/23/2023, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

CU Boulder

Respectfully submitted by Pierre D. Habel, CCA Secretary (pdhabel@gmail.com)

9:30-10:00 Conversation and reconnection over refreshments took place prior to the formal convening of the meeting

10:00-10:35 CCA business meeting:

- Welcome, introductions of officers and meeting attendees
Elizabeth Bowman CCA Co-president, D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School) and Jackie Elliott (our host and organizer of the visit to the CU Art Museum) most graciously welcomed all attendees to CU Boulder: Richard Buxton (Communications Director, Colorado College) Owen Cramer (Colorado College), Amy Rosevear (Cherry Creek High School), Reina Callier (CU Boulder), Amanda Sherpe (CCA Treasurer, Mullen High School), Bryant Raisch (The Vanguard School), Helen Vickery (Boulder High School), Casey Brengman (CU Boulder), Claire Hook (CU Boulder), Emma Halverson, (CU Boulder), Isabel Köster (CAMWS and SCS liaison, CU Boulder), Andy Cain, (CU Boulder), Ian Oliver (Regis University), Pierre Habel (CCA Secretary, retired).
- Approval of the Spring 2023 Meeting Minutes
Pierre reported that he had received no corrections to the previously circulated draft minutes of the last CCA meeting (4/29/2023). Owen moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Reina seconded. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Final minutes are posted on the [CCA Meetings and Constitution – Colorado Classics Association](#) page of the CCA website.
- Calls for nominations
 - Elizabeth invited all present to consider making a nomination for the 2023-2024 CCA Teacher of the Year Award, noting the deadline of January 1, 2024. Elizabeth reminded attendees of Karen Karpinnen, worthy recipient of the award in April, and encouraged recognition of another outstanding K-12 educator for the coming year's award. Pierre noted that the nomination process may be shared between two or more nominators and include testimonials from the nominee's school community, both to strengthen the nomination and reduce workload. A copy of the nomination packet may be found at the [CCA Teacher of the Year Award – Colorado Classics Association](#) page of the CCA website.

- Elizabeth also noted that the majority of the officer positions will be up for election in the spring and that nominations of peers or self nominations will be welcomed prior to April 1, 2024. Such may be sent to Pierre at pdhabel@gmail.com. All CCA officer positions are for two-year terms; the offices open, as well as any restrictions, are noted here:
 - K-12 Co- President: must teach in a K-12 school; may not serve consecutive terms.
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Communications Director
- Membership and finances report

Amanda reported that CCA currently has 28 members, and over \$2,000 in its account, sufficient for CCA's obligations going forward. Those who have yet to join may do so and pay their dues (annually \$15 for regular members, \$10 for retirees, and free for graduate and undergraduate students with a suggested donation of \$10) at the [Membership and Mailing List – Colorado Classics Association](#) page of the CCA website.
- Directory updates
 - Elizabeth relayed that Barbara Hill has again graciously agreed to undertake updating the Directories (of Latin Programs in Colorado and of Colorado Classicists) for 2023-2024. Elizabeth called for anyone knowing of needed changes to the current directories to send that information on, and Pierre (pdhabel@gmail.com) agreed to collect them and to relay them to Barbara.
 - Discussion ensued about the need for major updates to the directories on a cyclical basis (every three years or so), about devising a future method of updates that relieves the workload for Barbara's successor, and about the potential value of a 'living' format for the directories so that they may be kept current through the year.
- Vote to amend the CCA Constitution

Following Elizabeth's explanation of the rationale for the proposed amendment (previously circulated by email to the membership), Pierre conducted the in-person voting and added those ballots to the tally of members voting in absentia. The amendment received unanimous support. The newly amended CCA Constitution may be viewed on the [CCA Meetings and Constitution – Colorado Classics Association](#) page of the CCA website..
- Working group for Latin program advocacy

- Elizabeth introduced the formation of the group as a result of concerns expressed at the Spring 2023 CCA meeting (and echoed subsequently) from teachers whose programs are experiencing shrinkage or elimination.
 - Pierre indicated that the working group will be coordinated by Elizabeth and himself, but is open to all K-12 teachers and post-secondary allies, noting that their concerns and expertise are essential to developing and sharing tools and strategies, so that both individual teachers and CCA can be maximally effective in supporting programs. Pierre indicated that an email was forthcoming with a) a description of the group's aims, a proposed timeline to create tools and strategies to employ as soon as January, 2024; b) an invitation to join; and c) a link to a Google form to collect availability for the first meeting. (The email was subsequently sent to the CCA email list, as well as to all addresses in the current Directory of Colorado Classicists. Anyone lacking that email and link can contact Pierre to get the needed information.) Responses to the Google form are due on 9/30, and Zoom or Google Meet will be used to hold discussions, beginning the week of 10/2-10/5.
- **Announcement of the Spring Meeting**
Elizabeth announced the likely date of the Spring 2024 meeting as Saturday, April 27, 10:00-11:30 a.m. on the CU Boulder campus. Keeping to the theme of expanding the accessibility of cultural artifacts for teachers, the meeting will include a session discussing and demonstrating the pedagogical value of using works of visual art as a companion piece for examining literary texts.
 - **Other announcements:**
Pierre announced that the upcoming SALVI Biduum (10/6-10/8) still has a few spots open and recommended it as an opportunity to begin or advance one's skills in spoken Latin. Cost and other information may be found at the [Biduum Coloratanum 2023](#) page on the SALVI website.

Conclusion of the CCA business meeting

10:35-11:30 Guided visit to the Classical collection and the Study Room of the CU Art Museum, conducted by Curator Hope Saska

Hope discussed the types of items on display in the museum's gallery as a representation of the museum's larger collection. Hope also discussed the methodologies that Museum staff and teachers use to guide students to meaningful sustained interactions with images and objects. The Museum's partnership with CU's academic departments and with partner institutions (such as DMNS) allows the museum to develop holdings which mesh with most areas and periods of study that are featured in CU's course offerings. Teachers have the opportunity to incorporate museum visits into their courses as self-scheduled assigned visits, group visits to the gallery, or with in-depth visits to the Museum's Study Room.

There groups of ca. 20 students can get up close to items held in the collection but not currently on display. Hope also gave an overview of how teachers can browse and find resources of the Collection tab ([Collection | Art Museum | University of Colorado](#)) of the Museum's website, and encouraged teachers who wished to bring students to the museum to reach out to her. Thereafter, participants had the opportunity to view approximately 20 pieces (coins, glassware, ceramics, and sculpture) which Hope made available to simulate the up-close examination which is available in the Study Room.

Upon conclusion of the visit, participants heartily thanked Hope for her time and efforts in speaking to CCA and making the Museum accessible to Colorado's teachers, and also expressed appreciation to Jackie and Elizabeth for arranging and hosting such an engaging meeting!