Colorado Classics Association

October 3, 2026 Draft Meeting Notes

REMINDER: please submit Google Form by October 17 if you would like to request a certificate for contact hours (CEUs)

After informal socializing over muffins & coffee, the meeting commenced at 10:15 am.

CCA Co-President Elizabeth Bowman (D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School) welcomed all. Also in attendance were: Richard Buxton, Vice President (Colorado College); Victoria Kalman, Secretary (Fairview High School); Pierre Habel, Communications Director (D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School, retired); Amanda Sherpe, Treasurer (Mullen High School); Helen Vickery (Boulder High School); Mitch Pentzer (CU-Boulder); Zach Herz (CU-Boulder); Bryan Whitchurch (Loveland Classical Schools), Timothy Smith (Loveland Classical Schools)

Meeting Agenda Items

I. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

- Pierre moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2026 meeting. Zach seconded. The motion passed with no objections.

II. TREASURER REPORT (from Amanda)

- 29 current members
- $2550.03 account balance

III. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

- Post-secondary co-president nominations (June 2027-May 2029)
    - Email Victoria (Secretary) with nominations
- 2026-27 teacher-of-the-year nominations reminder
    - Deadline to submit is March 15, 2027 to Elizabeth
    - All K-12 teachers eligible except for co-presidents (Elizabeth)
    - See the nomination form on the CCA website. Pierre volunteers to assist with crafting nominations if anyone would like!

IV. CALL FOR CCA SUBCOMMITTEE

- 3 teachers (current or retired): rotation
    - Start with 1 person for 1 year, 1 person for 2 years, 1 person for 3 years
    - That way each year, 1 person rotates out
    - Amanda volunteered

- Main responsibility: read through nominations
- Pierre noted potential conflict of interest with volunteering on committee and also writing a nomination
- Pierre also added that CCA teacher-of-the-year can lead to wider recognition

V. RECERTIFICATION HOURS FOR CCA MEETINGS

- Pierre walked everyone through the document (Background & Process for Recertification Credits)
    - Justification to earn professional development credit (CDE) for licensure, recertification, etc.
    - CDE requires 90 hours every 7 years
- Google Form where people can request credit/certificate
    - Available on CCA website
- Pierre offered to issue certificate within 2 weeks of CCA meeting
- Pierre noted that CDE cannot understand Latin on certificates (ex. Biduum)!
- Amanda raised the idea about earning hours for subcommittee work
    - Elizabeth suggested keeping track of hours for the whole year (personal log), then submitting total hours to Pierre
- Pierre went over Required Content for Certificates
    - People should submit Google Form for this meeting, regardless
    - As purposeful and specific as possible on the certificate
- Elizabeth raised the idea of a peer-observation program
    - Could teachers get credit for taking a day off to observe a Latin teacher at another school?
    - Pierre suggested talking to administrators
- Richard discussed more collaboration with secondary & post-secondary Latin teachers in close proximity
- Victoria mentioned Mitch's visit to her Latin PIB3/IB4 classroom last spring
    - Mitch & Reina (Callier) brought ancient coins after visit to CU Museum was canceled due to snow

VI. DIRECTORY PROJECT UPDATE & INITIATIVES

- Elizabeth gave overview of history of documents
    - 1 list of current programs that offer Latin in Colorado
    - 1 list of current Classicists in Colorado
        - Name, email address, professional affiliation, city, retired status
    - How to update on a more regular basis?
- Elizabeth noted challenges, including:
    - School websites are often not helpful
    - Reaching out to schools can also provide little/no information

- Pierre discussed importance of document
    - Valuable when we communicate with the media, parents, interested students, etc.
    - Current status of Latin in Colorado
- List of programs that offer Latin in Colorado
    - Victoria projected draft of spreadsheet
    - This will go out first to all emails on listserve and in old directory- everyone will have access
    - Hope is this will weed out emails that are no longer active & people who have multiple emails listed
    - Ideally send a deadline of end of October
- List of Classicists in Colorado
    - Will send out to updated list (after people removed)

VII. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tim discussed Biduum in October
    - Still some spots available (cost: $450 + travel)
    - Events are becoming male-heavy, incl. software engineers who study Latin on the side
    - This year there will be 5 weekend events in the country
    - Building back up after pandemic
    - Scholarships available
    - This year: CO, NYC, WV, MN
        - Phoenix, Cincinnati, Toronto on the horizon
- Helen's trip to Italy June 2028!
    - Bulk are Latin students from Boulder & Fairview
    - Milan, Verona, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Naples, Pompeii (archaeological museum), Capri
    - Richard suggested mention on the website
- Mitch promoted Odyssey Day at CU on October 15
    - Evening slots are open
    - Film panel on September 17: over 90 people, Q&A panel on Christopher Nolan's movie
- Mitch offered to visit secondary classrooms again!
    - Especially if teachers let him know specific topics of interest
- Mitch mentioned Broomfield's marching band had a Classics-themed event
- Tim asked if the CU Classics Department will be replacing people who have left
    - Zach gave an update …

- Mitch gave an update on Colorado adjunct professor rule ("lecturer" → "instructional associate"): 3-year clock to be promoted from adjunct to teaching faculty

VIII. DISCUSSION- CCA Annual Student Video Announcement

- Elizabeth presented proposal to the group
  - How do we continue to support teachers & provide resources to Latin teachers to promote their programs within their communities?
  - Annual competition of student-created videos
  - Parameters designed to keep this as open-ended as possible, to get as many possible submissions
    - Discussion around "shorts" (under a minute) vs. "full-length" (1-5 minutes)
    - Zach advocated making "full-length" up to 10 minutes
  - Accepted submissions would be posted to existing CCA YouTube channel in perpetuum
    - Great resource for Latin teachers to use to promote Classics in Colorado &/or their program
- Zach suggested using CU Boulder classroom for showcase aspect
- Elizabeth proposed a timeline
  - November: Google Meet group to hammer out final details
  - December: publish guidelines
  - April 1: deadline for submissions
- Elizabeth solicited initial thoughts & suggestions from the group
  - Helen expressed concern over competition aspect & how to highlight all Latin programs that submit videos
    - Different financial situations of schools, ex. some with green rooms & more advantages
    - Elizabeth clarified that all appropriate submissions would be shown
  - Zach likes idea of competition & prizes ("goofy film festival")
  - Zach's lawyer take: the vaguer, the better
    - Recognize outstanding submissions
  - Richard suggests not announcing a set number of winners
  - Richard suggests showing some models of the kind of videos we want
  - Helen asked if it would be one video per school?
    - Pierre said that would be up to AdHoc group
- Tim asked if JCL still exists in Colorado
  - Amanda mentioned prohibitive cost of memberships
  - Website & contact information are outdated

- Elizabeth will send out invitation for people who want to be part of AdHoc committee

To be sent out in upcoming email:

- Reminder to complete Google Form for CEU credits
- Call for nominations (post-secondary & teacher-of-the-year)
- Call for CCA subcommittee
- Directory blast to all current CCA listserve members
- Call for student video committee