

CSA board meeting minutes

May 14, 2026

Attending: Andrew Shaud, Tim Eisele, Maria Bergstrom, Jon Ensminger, Megan Bradley, Leyre Alegre, Sean Lonnecker, Traci Yu, ~~Micah Erickson~~, Megan Brueggeman, Traci Yu, Yixin Liu, Kat Rhodes

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

Board members introduced themselves and we welcomed our new board members elected at the recent annual meeting.

Election of officers:

Megan Bradley was unanimously elected as president.

Leyre Alegre was unanimously elected as secretary

Kat Rhodes was unanimously elected as treasurer

New board members should submit photos and a short bio for the website. Jon will update the website. Andrew will inform Michigan Tech of our new officers.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved as read.

Maria moved and Megan Bradley seconded that we add Megan Bradley (president) and Kat Rhodes (treasurer) as signatories on our bank account and remove Tim Eisele. Motion carried.

Executive Director report

Financial Report

Banking: A second payment has been made to Michigan Tech. We still owe around \$26,000. Andrew has set aside money from our MACC grant for professional development and furnace repairs. We still owe Michigan Tech more than we will have at the end of the year, but we are closing the gap, closer than we were last year.

Andrew gave the new members some background on our relationship with Michigan Tech, particularly that we pay our director and violin instructor through Michigan Tech so that they can receive benefits at a cost we can afford. Michigan Tech has allowed us to use their facilities for concerts, etc. at no charge.

Megan Bradley talked with Mary Jo Stimek about presenting to the 100 Women Who Care group to see if we could be their designated beneficiary for this upcoming cycle. Mary Jo has presented before but wasn't chosen; she was encouraged to present again. Megan is looking

for someone who can present. Megan Brueggeman is part of the group and will see if she is able to present on our behalf.

Budget for 26-27

In order to cover the costs of a planned 3% raise for instructors, Andrew has increased tuition by 5%. We will be charging an hourly rate of \$70 next year.

Calendar

Last fall we had an open house combined with a yard sale. No one really came for both. Andrew would like to have just an open house this year, targeting Saturday, August 29 (not Labor Day weekend). It is the weekend just before Michigan Tech classes begin.

Otherwise the schedule is much the same. It worked out with Michigan Tech to have the Holiday Concert on December 16. The Donors Dessert Concert is the end of spring break week for Michigan Tech. That would mean we are not competing with a Michigan Tech event.

Two summer events:

- Fourth of July Event–Friday, July 3 Dollar Bay Days with booths on the ballfield. KYSO camp will lead up to that event and students will prepare to play for the 4th.
- CCSA has been invited to perform before the Bergonzi Trio concert as part of Pine Mountain

A suggestion was made to have a QR code to our Donate Now page posted whenever we have public performances. Meggan Brueggeman suggested Zeffy as an alternative platform—it is “free” but adds a tip option.

Spring concert attendance was excellent

- Baroque Concert, May 2, over 50 attended
- Star Wars Day Recital May 3, 2:00- 65 attended
- Spring Concert and Membership Meeting May 9, 2:00-157 attended

Yardwork

Megan Brueggeman suggested that local scouts need community service hours and might be able to help with yard work or small building projects. Megan Bradley is also involved in scouting and could reach out to the Scoutmaster about opportunities and work with Andrew to identify appropriate jobs.

Executive Session

The board met in executive session to discuss staff salaries and employment.

Board business

New board members orientation to policy governance. There are documents in the board drive that you can explore. Maria will email links for new board members to review, including the schedule for review.

The next board meeting will be August 13 at 7 pm.

Jon moved and Leyre seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bergstrom
CCSA board secretary