

CCSA board meeting minutes

November 13, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Executive Director report

Financial Report

About \$6000 in billing is outstanding from fall. Andrew is following up, and he is confident it will all come in (some are waiting on Kaleidoscope to pay).

We received a \$500 gift from a donor based on our early summer fundraising letter.

MACC has not yet put out information about the granting cycle application for this year. A report has been filed for the 2025 grant.

We had one family of four violinists drop out, reducing our teaching hours, but Brian does have a new student starting tomorrow. Brian currently has just enough students—any additional students would need to be able to come during the day (ie. adult or homeschool).

Building updates

Lightbulbs have been replaced. The siding section that had been sagging has been repaired. Andrew will be contacting a furnace technician about an issue with heat in the cello room. He has also been exploring some rearrangement of teaching spaces to reduce heating costs. There are probably some other issues with the large furnace that would require more investment (Andrew will apply for MACC funding for this when grants open). There is also a light fixture to be replaced in the piano room.

Events

- Big Strings went very well (in Marquette).
- Treat Street was successful, good turnout of students and lots of contacts.
- Big attendance at Halloween recital, about 90 people (at capacity for existing pew space).

- This coming Sunday is the next student recital and will include the KSO Cello Gang with Andrew and the CCSA faculty trio.
- KSO community recital 11/20
- Holiday Concert on 12/17 will be on the Rozsa backstage, rehearsal 12/15

Should a board representative speak at the holiday recital and remind people we will be looking for new board members in May? Yes, Tim will do this. We will have spots for 3-4 new board members and, with Tim going off the board, we will be in need of a board president. If someone were interested in being board president, they could join the board in January and/or attend meetings prior to the spring election.

Board business

Fundraising letter to families

Megan has drafted a letter, the board approved it. Tim will send out the message to families via the suzuki-l@mtu.edu listserve.

Tim noted that Michigan Tech is phasing out their listservers. He suggested that we work out an alternative contact mechanism to replace this list, probably working with the CCSA gmail account to create groups in contacts.

Policy Governance: review Executive Limitations

We reviewed the [Executive Limitations](#), leaving off just before “Executive Director Succession,” which we will take up at our next meeting.

Megan moved to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.