

Colorado Mountain Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 27th, 2026
5:33PM – 7:06PM

1. **Call to Order** by Board President Peter Hamilton at 5:33PM.
2. **Roll call** of Meeting Attendees:
 - **Board Members Online:** Sarah Riley, Jason Antin, Brian Kelleher, Jerry Mitchell, Robby Vaughn, Rachel Roberts, Phil Lakin, Roger Huang, ChristiAnn Vaughn
 - **Board Members in Person:** Peter Hamilton, Luke Anderson, Dave Sanders, Jen Nelson, Sheryl Lampert, Brian Fletcher
 - **Staff Members:** Madeline Bachner Lane
 - **Not Present:** N/A
3. **Motion to approve November Meeting Minutes** from Dave Sanders, seconded by Sheryl Lampert; passed unanimously.
4. **CMC Board Elevator Pitch** was shared by each board member.
5. **Finance Committee Update** from Rachel Roberts
 - Currently tracking very well on budgets vs actuals.
 - Overage with foundation is covering over some anticipated variances (Outdoor Equity Grant that was designated in January)
 - Recurring budget reviews with each department head continues to help improve accuracy.
 - Audit still in progress.
6. **Capital Campaign Update**
 - Feasibility study interviews and scheduling in progress; interviews will occur in February.
 - Internal & External building quotes came back higher than anticipated, but there is opportunity to adjust our needs based on campaign target.
 - Next steps are to complete feasibility study and use findings to create adjust campaign to align.
7. **Bylaws Check In** from Sheryl Lampert and Brian Fletcher.
 - Full review of bylaws has been completed, and recommendations have been made to update portions of bylaws to reduce potential risk.
8. **CMCF Agreement Update** from Peter Hamtilon.
 - Meeting occurred to discuss trademark and other key topics, including donor-related technology and flow of donor funds.
9. **Nominations Committee** from Robby Vaughn.
 - Call to Action for board to begin searching for ideal board candidates. Targeting 2-3 new board members for September term.
 - Robby to support in building a board of directors profile one pager, including core skill sets & demographics.
10. **State Council Update** from Robby Vaughn
 - State Council met January 5th, Robby was in attendance and updated the State Council on current board activities and focuses.

- Bulk of meeting was dedicated to a discussion and voting on activity standards for 3 core activities to ensure CMC has standardized rules and expectations across groups.
 - Discussion of changes to dues and membership levels.
11. **Meeting Dates Update** from Madeline Bachner Lane.
- March BOD meeting sits during spring break, board confirmed shift to April 7th.
12. **Operations Update** from Madeline Bachner Lane.
- Group income overhead assessment is complete. Denver group putting in 25% beginning this fiscal year. Pikes Peak at 20% beginning in January 2026. Northern Colorado and Boulder plan to run courses, changes to be determined.
 - Membership group support in place to augment member support, which has been highly successful.
 - Building up and running for volunteer use, which is running smoothly.
 - Capital campaign is a primary focus, in the planning phase with feasibility study.
 - Public hearing session for pre op for building is complete.
 - Press is meeting budget in it's new iteration in 2026. Continuing to work with Mountaineers to publish.
 - Continued effort to make RMS successful, searching for the right partners.
 - Snow Rangers was impacted by Federal funding, but thanks to an Outdoor Alliance partner and donor, CMC is able to hire two full time roles.
 - Development focus around major donor list. Large budget target for FY, primarily hinging around corporate donors and Banff Film Festival.
 - Average CMC members has averaged ~7-8% growth in the last ten years.
 - Annual Report will be published in the next two weeks.
 - Backcountry Film Fest this Thursday, 1/29 at the Oriental Theatre.
 - Banff Film Fest March 6, 7, 8.
13. **Board Designated Fund Discussion** from Peter Hamilton and Luke Anderson.
- Discussion of opportunity to put internal governance guardrails against an amount of money under a Board Designated Fund.
 - First step is to establish fund and set aside money. The Board has ability to add or withdraw from the fund.
 - Next step is determining appropriate investment policy for cash that is held and available in the organization.
 - **Motion made** to move to adopt the board resolution to establish a board designated fund by Luke Anderson, seconded by Jen Nelson; vote passed unanimously.
14. **Motion made to adjourn meeting** by Sheryl Lampert, seconded by Jen Nelson; passed unanimously.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:05 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

BOD MEETING DATES	EC MEETING DATES
APRIL 7, 2026	4 th FRIDAYS AT NOON
MAY 26, 2026	
JULY 28, 2026	

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026	
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