**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Colorado American String Teachers Association**  
November 9, 2019 - 10 AM  
Campus Commons room 2300, UNC

1. Call to Order at 10:06 AM
2. [Board Introductions](https://www.colo-asta.org/boardmembers)
   1. Current opening: Northern Area Representative (appointed) present: Alison Mayes (president), Loni Obluda (president-elect), Rebecca Jonas (past president), Rachel Lavadie (Western Slope Rep), John Hermanson (Large Group Chair), Margaret Miller (CCAP Chair), Leanne Griffey (Secretary)
   2. Email Alison if you are interested or have recommendations
3. Upcoming Board Election
   1. President-Elect: email Alison if you are interested or have recommendations
   2. Voting will take place in December/January
4. Approval of [July General Meeting Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HQ7XTrOXZfGSMHT_1QdFZK9cNruzSsKnR10PsOFSLPA/edit?usp=sharing) -Change CCAP Location from Boulder to Lafayatte, Change the spelling of Douglas and Risner, also change the spelling of Stanfill
   1. Cameron Law Motion to Approve, Margaret Miller Seconded
5. Upcoming Conferences
   1. [CMEA](https://cmeaonline.org/) - January 22-25, 2020 in Colorado Springs, CO
      1. [Draft schedule](https://cmeaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CMEA-2020-Draft-Schedule.pdf)
      2. Guest string clinicians: Richard Meyer, Liz Dinwiddie, Kirk Moss
      3. Orchestra performing groups  
          Evergreen High School Chamber Orchestra - Wiley Cruse, Director  
          Grand Junction Central High School Chamber Orchestra - Amber Campbell, Director  
          Prairie Middle School Chamber Orchestra - Chen Wu, Director  
          Denver School of the Arts Middle School Full Orchestra - Enrique Lasansky, Director  
          Rocky Mountain High School Symphony Orchestra - Courtney Dowling, Director
   2. [National ASTA](https://www.astastrings.org/) - March 4-7, 2018 in Orlando, FL
      1. Full schedule available [HERE](https://www.astastrings.org/NationalConference/Schedule/NationalConference/Schedule-At-A-Glance.aspx?hkey=7462e1e6-b9df-4e45-ba5a-88dce34259e2)
      2. Who’s going?! **Early Registration Ends December 4th! Register** [**HERE**](https://www.astastrings.org/NationalConference/Registration/NationalConference/Registration.aspx?EventKey=ORL2020&hkey=9d728cfb-b079-4abd-9569-233a8d029127)**!**
      3. Presenting from Colorado: Lindsay Fulcher (UNC), Gregory Walker(CU Denver),  
         Margaret Berg (CU Boulder), Rebecca Jonas (HRHS)
      4. Colorado groups participating in the 2020 [National Orchestra Festival](https://www.astastrings.org/Web/National_Orchestra_Festival/About_the_National_Orchestra_Festival.aspx)  
          Cherry Creek High School Orchestra - Jennifer Poole, Director  
          Widefield High School Orchestra - Sara Miller, Director
   3. [Colorado ASTA Summer Conference](https://www.colo-asta.org/summer-conference) 2020 (Loni Obluda) -Waiting for confirmations from either DU or Metro State. Stay tuned! Please encourage colleagues to attend and if you have any unique pedagogical aspects that you would like to share with your fellow teachers, please apply to lead a session. Also, encourage your local private instructors to attend and/or present!
      1. Lamont School of Music, University of Denver (tentative)
      2. Continuing to offer free registration for CBA members
      3. Session proposals will be due in mid-spring, upcoming Colorado ASTA President-Elect will send more information after CMEA
6. [Large Group Orchestra Festival](https://www.colo-asta.org/large-group-festival) 2020 (John Hermanson) -National ASTA is wanting to publish details about our event because of its success. Something to mention to the National ASTA is our partnership with CU Boulder as the music department at CU absorbs the cost of venue of Mackey auditorium to keep our registration costs down.
   1. Regional Events
      1. Monday, March 2 at Parker Performing Arts School  
         Tuesday, March 3 at Fort Collins High School  
         Wednesday, March 4 at Longmont High School
   2. State-Level Event (Invitational)
      1. Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14 at CU Boulder
   3. Judges and Clinicians
7. [CCAP](https://www.colo-asta.org/ccap) (Margaret Miller) -A National festival for private students/instructors. Our state festival is now in its 15th year! Modeled after the royal conservatory. Such a great event! The question was asked regarding a Southern site. Margaret confirmed that this discussion is in the works among the CCAP Festival instructors.
   1. 2020 dates and locations  
      Saturday, April 18 at Parker Performing Arts School

Saturday, April 25 in Boulder (actually Lafayatte)  
Saturday, April 25 at Fort Lewis College, Durango

Saturday, May 2 at Front Range Community College, Ft. Collins

* 1. Students in financial need - possible scholarships -The Board will be discussing scholarship opportunities for this event. Cost is dependent on the level of playing (costs for each level of playing are listed on the CO ASTA website).

1. Membership Drive
   1. Colorado membership rising, though decreasing Nationally -Look for information from Alison and Loni regarding “round table” discussions and meetings to help strengthen our Colorado chapter and the work we can do to help each other in string education.



* 1. “Member-Get-A-Member Campaign” still in place
  2. [Benefits and opportunities with an ASTA membership](https://www.colo-asta.org/about-us)
  3. Membership gatherings - area representatives

1. Treasurer’s Report (Chen Wu) -Motion to accept the budget reports made by Dr. Lindsay Fulcher, seconded by Amanda Hessel
   1. [September 2019](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UhbMYCEvegIKPyDYKfeYBSUvNN19YOWt/view?usp=sharing)
   2. [October 2019](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TLxhBY5L3SmjIn5OE8mfPYrhMKh9r7Q1/view?usp=sharing)
2. Monthly E-Newsletter Stories, Highlights, etc. -You can also send photos to Alison, Loni, or Joel (CU Boulder)
   1. Please send any items you'd like included in the newsletter or on the website to [leannarutka@gmail.com](mailto:leannarutka@gmail.com)
3. Advertising with Colorado ASTA (Website and newsletter)
   1. Business or organization must be an [institutional member of ASTA](https://www.astastrings.org/Web/Membership/Institutional_School_Membership.aspx)
4. [Exemplary Teacher Awards](https://www.colo-asta.org/stateawards) (Alison Mayes) -Please nominate colleagues and string teachers in your community for these awards!
   1. Ongoing awards, nominate your colleagues, send the link to your administrator
5. [State Awards](https://www.colo-asta.org/stateawards) (Alison Mayes) -Again, please nominate colleagues for these awards!
   1. 2019 Lifetime Service Award - make your nominations [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerIwi9R86Il9h7uhvBwWpB28PVgwuThbwlGqqaUeXTIJPV4w/viewform?usp=sf_link)
   2. 2019 Outstanding String Teacher - make your nominations [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfU_Ba4TWesNjjCuSlOmlquvRsE7lWFIMOtldEfHFi6ZRRJ6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)
   3. Voting will take place online in December
6. Upcoming Events -Piano audition music will be sent out soon and auditions will be due in December. In all cases, make sure that directors register first, then students can register/pay.
   1. [Colorado All State Orchestra](https://www.coloradoallstateorchestra.org/) (John Hermanson)
      1. February 6-8, 2020 at CSU Fort Collins
      2. Audition deadline November 12, 2019 at 5 PM
      3. Philharmonic Orchestra will be conducted by [Thomas Wilson](https://csphilharmonic.org/about/musicians/thomas-wilson/)
      4. Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by [Apo Hsu](https://www.revolvy.com/page/Apo-Hsu)
   2. [Camp Con Brio](https://www.campconbrio.com/) (Alison Mayes) -Great Camp with great instructors! Students can register for scholarships through Colorado ASTA.
      1. Middle School and High School, June 29-July 3 (Monday through Friday)
7. Looking to revitalize your string program? Or know someone who is?
   1. Complete [THIS survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH_NTpta2IoYDwJSBGaAzo63xySY42rtb6AbyhT9pnNV9sNQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) or send it to a colleague
8. String guest clinician ideas needed!
   1. Complete [THIS online form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVAIrAJObOHdqHoXsQZYShjQ9Ae2D6a2WE1-GEZYda01VgBQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)
9. CMEA Performance Group Selection Survey
   1. The CMEA Instrumental Council is seeking feedback on the annual conference performance group selection process. Complete [THIS online feedback form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1yBruOaxBE1w4NgN3obuKTCpjUVPjkKa1jymQWfsGaeyMgg/viewform?usp=sf_link)
10. Job openings (current or anticipated)
11. Additional Announcements -Please plug our Summer conference with (Suzuki conference is scheduled Jul 13-17)
12. Adjourn -Motion to adjourn made by Courtney Strauss, Motion Seconded John Hermanson

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM